

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee (5/14/09)

Attendees:

EBRPD Board Members – Ayn Wieskamp

LARPD Board Members – David Furst, Maryalice Faltings

EBRPD Staff: Dave Collins, AGM; John Escobar, AGM; Warren Schultz, Anne Rockwell

LARPD Staff: Tim Barry, General Manager; John Lawrence, AGM; Brian Tibbetts, Operations Manager; Mike Nicholson, Ranger/Naturalist Supervisor

I. **Bobba Property**

The Committee discussed the Bobba property, which is the intervening property between the Veteran's Hospital and Camp Arroyo. Both Districts have been working cooperatively to acquire this property with the assistance of the Tri Valley Conservancy. Grant funding has been identified and both agencies have committed to assist and match the grant funding as required to obtain the property. EBRPD will be seeking a trail easement for continuation of the Arroyo Trail, and LARPD will be holding the balance of the property as an open space park adjacent to their Sycamore Grove Park.

2. **Iron Horse Trail through Livermore**

The Committee discussed our understanding of Livermore's plan to complete the design of the trail extension from Shadow Cliffs through the city of Livermore and connecting, ultimately, eastward to the County line. The understanding is that this process is intended to formally adopt a design that, as adjacent property owners move towards development, can be used to condition trail construction under a consistent set of standards. Future operations are still under discussion. The committee also discussed the different models of operating regional trails. The EBRPD has many agreements where they maintain the paving, and any enhanced landscaping outside of that is typically taken care of by the local agency. There are also a variety of options for sharing policing and/or operating expenses for these trails.

3. Update on the Holdner Park CEQA

This was a local project of interest to LARPD. EBRPD has agreed to provide funding for CEQA planning for this park, and LARPD is in the process of selecting a consultant to perform that CEQA. Once that plan is in place, there will likely be a discussion on how to accomplish the construction of a trail in this park.

4. Regional Trail from Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Reservoir

The up-stream end of this trail involves the Bobba property, discussed above. The lower extension of the Arroyo Trail will connect Shadow Cliffs to Sycamore Grove. This trail passes along the old quarry pits in the area. There is one problematic intersection, known as Trail Segment N in the old LARPD Master Plan. In the area from Sycamore to Vineyard, there is a road crossing that LARPD has been attempting to resolve for a number of years. The prior plan of accomplishing an under crossing required acquisition of property that was not attainable. The current plan is for a signalized crosswalk in association with roadway improvements on the old Highway 84. LARPD has asked if EBRPD would assume primary responsibility for pursuit and acquisition of this right of way as well as trail construction. EBRPD will discuss this matter further, but did note that there are a number of high priority trail items, including the earlier discussed Bobba property, that will be competing for scarce resources. This item will be taken under advisement.

5. LARPD Annual Funding Request Discussion

LARPD conveyed to the Committee a request for consideration of funding of several items. They are as follows:

1. CEQA study/permitting for Holdner Park and Trail: This has been funded by EBRPD and is in progress.
2. Contribution to the Bobba property acquisition: Anticipated at \$150,000, this project is in progress and staff believes that adequate funding will be provided.
3. Trail construction from Bobba property to Camp Arroyo: This is, following acquisition, the construction of a bridge and trail. This is clearly an EBRPD priority; however, the design has not yet been accomplished, and the project is expected to be very expensive to construct; therefore the anticipated date of construction is still not determined.
4. Single track trail along the backside of Brushy Peak: The committee discussed this briefly. EBRPD is continuing to clarify the permitting requirements under the trail construction permit for Brushy Peak. LARPD has met, and believe they have resolved with the Native American community, the viability of the trail route. EBRPD staff will check on the availability of a possible volunteer project to be undertaken at such time as the permitting is confirmed. There is a concern that the permit may have a short shelf life, which makes this a matter that needs to be resolved fairly soon.
5. Fire Management Plan for Sycamore Grove: LARPD removed this item from the list.

6. LARPD requests an increased operating contribution for Sycamore Grove Park from the current \$200,000 per year to \$300,000 per year. This matter will be conveyed into EBRPD's budget process consideration for 2010.
7. Reconstruct/Repave the asphalt trails within Sycamore Grove Park. The Trails in Sycamore Grove Park are deteriorating and LARPD is looking for any available funding source to be able to assist in the renovation.

All of the above items were conveyed to the EBRPD for their consideration; there was no recommendation from the committee on these items.

6. Shadow Cliffs/LUP

- EBRPD is updating the LUP for Shadow Cliffs Park and is undertaking several different issues, one of the first being revising the LUP to accommodate the withdrawal of the waterslide project by the concessionaire. There will be some discussion of the current waterslide and the future park improvements related to it.
- A hydrologic study is being conducted to determine the water source and groundwater availability for sustaining the Shadow Cliffs Lake at a usable level throughout the summer. EBRPD has used ad hoc water sources for a number of years to provide water into the Arroyo. Some has come from Zone 7, and some from neighboring quarry pits. However, the stability of that water table is a source of concern and needs to be established for the long-term viability of the park.
- Stanley Boulevard is being improved by Alameda County (landscaped, etc). There is also a new roadway planned to come into Stanley from the north, at the Shadow Cliffs entrance, that would require a grade-separated crossing from the railroad tracks. This is an opportunity to plan and create a new and improved entry into Shadow Cliffs Park. It's anticipated that the draft LUP should be forthcoming later this year.

7. Other Items:

- LARPD brought to the EBRPD's attention the proposal for a Western Area power administration project to install new high tension power lines from the Central Valley, through the Livermore Valley, to Santa Clara County. The proposed alternatives would traverse vineyard, open space lands and some Regional Park lands, and are of grave concern to both agencies.
- LARPD took the opportunity to convey to the EBRPD a copy of their 2008 Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plan that has been published. A full set of both documents and CD's were given to EBRPD to allow coordination between EBRPD and LARPD plans. EBRPD plans to move forward with an update of their Master Plan Policy document beginning in late 2009 and 2010.

Future Dates

The next meeting will be in 2-3 months (July/August 2009).