

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF BOARD MEMBERS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

November 8, 2011

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Alameda County/EBRPD Liaison Committee (07/25/11) (Sutter)

Attendees:

Contra Costa County:

Supervisors: none

Staff:

Chris Gray, Chief of Staff, Supervisor Haggerty's Office; Seth Kaplan, Chief of Staff, Supervisor Miley's Office; Eileen Ng, Policy Assistant, Supervisor Miley's Office; Art Carrera, Principal Civil Engineer, ACPWA; Bill Lepere, Deputy Director, ACPWA; Albert Lopez, Planning Director, CDA; Louie Martirez, Administrative Analyst, County Administrators Office

East Bay Regional
Park District

Board members: John Sutter, Doug Siden

Staff:

Erich Pfuehler, Legislative Affairs; John Escobar, AGM, Operations; Carol Johnson, AGM Public Affairs; Sue Rogers, Confidential Secretary, General Manager's Office

Guests:

None

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's Chief of Staff Chris Gray called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

I. County Flood Control Plans for Flood Management along the Hayward Union City Shoreline

No one from County Public Works staff was available to speak about this topic therefore Mr. Gray stated this item would be heard at the next meeting. EBRPD Director John Sutter commented the Park District had received a significant grant that would have, in part, funded

the trail in Union City, but funds were reallocated due to the County not having committed to the restructuring of the levees along the Hayward to Union City shoreline.

2. Geary Road Closure near Sunol

EBRPD AGM of Operations John Escobar reported the two counsels have not been able to determine how to complete the closure of Geary Road and whether or not it can be justified by the closure of the Calaveras Dam Road.

The Calaveras Dam Replacement Project is expected to commence this fall. During the weekday construction period Calaveras Road will be closed 24 hours a day for approximately two and half years during rock hauling operations. Calaveras Road will be open on weekends and holidays. Geary Road intersects Calaveras Road right before the proposed closure of Calaveras Road which will result in Geary Road dead ending into the entrance of Sunol Regional Park. Mr. Escobar stated the ranger station and resident will be relocated, from the park to the town of Sunol, due to the air quality during the dam construction.

The Park District is requesting permission from the County to close Geary Road at night when Calaveras Road is also closed. Road closures are easiest when they are related to construction and the two counsels have not found a way to accomplish the closure of Geary Road at this point.

The County is worried about the liability if they close Geary Road without a legal justification.

The Park District is proposing installation of tiger teeth and a gate near the end of Geary Road. The Park District would be responsible for opening the gate in the morning at approximately 7:00 a.m. and closing it at night at sunset. There are four private residences along Geary Road, only one of which is a full-time residence.

The residents are supportive of the temporary closure of the road during construction and will be provided keys for the gate if they desire to exit at night. The Park District is also willing to comply with any of the County's reasonable restrictions on the closure. The Park District will also remove the gate and tiger teeth, as well as restoring the road, at the conclusion of construction.

Mr. Gray asked if there needed to be a board action for the Geary Road closure. Alameda County Deputy Director Bill Lepere confirmed board action was needed and would come to the board after a negative declaration is complete.

3. Community Transformation Grant

EBRPD Legislative Manager Erich Pfuehler provided a background on the \$500 million federal grant program which will be given to 75 awardees throughout the country.

The idea behind the Transformation Grant is three-fold: Demonstrate reduced use of tobacco, show improvement in chronic diseases and increase opportunities for outdoor activities. The

Park District fills the “outdoor activity” component of the grant. Because the Park District only filled one component of the grant, the District did not apply separately but is mentioned in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties’ applications. EBRPD is pleased to be a partner with Alameda County Department of Health in its recent grant submission to the Centers for Disease Control, Community Transformation Grant. The application was submitted on July 15th.

Mr. Pfuehler asked if the County would have any interest in the Park District assisting in any way including working with the region’s Congressional delegation. Chief of Staff for Supervisor Miley Seth Kaplan responded Alameda County Public Health was the lead on this grant application. He and EBRPD AGM Public Affairs Carol Johnson became aware of the grant late in the process.

Mr. Kaplan added the County welcomes whatever support the Park District can offer.

Ms. Johnson stated the Park District’s “Teen Eco Action” program was submitted under the “Youth Park Stewardship” portion of the County’s grant application. Additional partnerships between EBRPD Healthy Parks, Healthy People initiative and the Department of Public Health will be considered in the near future.

One example is the introduction of the District’s “Kids Challenge” throughout all 3rd grade public school classrooms.

Ms. Johnson added the Park District would like the opportunity to sit at the table with Alameda County Department of Health Director Anita Siegel to discuss ways the Park District can be involved with the various programs that currently exist within clinics and hospitals.

Mr. Kaplan suggested the Park District get involved with the “Youth Initiatives” portion of the County Health programs, which has a grant through the California Endowment, to look at health at schools throughout the County.

Mr. Kaplan recommended a meeting be set with the two branches of health care and the Supervisor’s offices so that everyone is looking collaboratively for future funding opportunities. He added the County wants to take every opportunity to work with the Park District on projects like this.

Next Meeting: One suggested topic for the next meeting was Greenways and Urban Trails which will include item one, County Flood Control Plans for Flood Management along the Hayward Union City Shoreline, which was not addressed today.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. by Chris Gray

Respectfully submitted:

Susan J. Rogers