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## BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Thursday, July 22, 2010**  
**12:45 p.m., Board Room**

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website ([www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)), the Headquarters reception desk, and at the meeting.

### AGENDA

<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
R	12:45 pm	1. Naming Recommendation in Memory of John Waters	Rivoire
I	1:15 pm	2. Master Plan Update Process	M. Anderson
		3. Public Comments	

- (R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
- (I) Information
- (D) Discussion

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 Carol Severin, Alternate  
 Pat O'Brien, Staff Coordinator

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**DATE:** July 15, 2010

**TO:** Board Executive Committee

**FROM:** Pat O'Brien, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Background Information for the July 22, 2010  
Board Executive Committee Meeting

**ITEM I: Naming Recommendation in Memory of John Waters**

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Brian Wiese, Chief of Planning and Stewardship, and Anne Rivoire, Park Planner, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

**BACKGROUND**

Staff at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, including those associated with the Hazel-Atlas Mine, recommend that a room in the mine be named the "John Waters Auditorium" to honor the life of John Waters, the previous Mine Manager. He is credited with conceiving and establishing the underground Mining Museum including significant contributions to make the mine safe for educational purposes.

Testaments

*"John was a true renaissance man. He not only managed Black Diamond mines, he recreated the essence of the mining experience, and even saved the mines from certain closure during the early days of our attempt to have a mine park." – Pat O'Brien*

*"We probably wouldn't have that park if it wasn't for him." – Ted Radke*

John Waters Biography

John worked for the District for 38 years before retiring in 2006. He died on January 13, 2009 after a long illness. He was 68 years old.

John's achievements include:

- Compiled the District's first sign manual to standardize signage and graphics.
- Designed the parking lot, picnic areas and water system for Black Diamond.

- Established Hazel-Atlas Mining Museum and Greathouse Visitor Center.
- Acquired approximately 4 million dollars in funding through the Office of Surface Mining for mine closure work.
- Developed the underground special use program, allowing use of the mines for scientific research and academic study.
- Maintained a safe facility: no injuries or death in abandoned mines on District lands.

John was born in Seattle, Washington. He attended the University of Colorado and majored in Geology. Although he did not graduate, his professional accomplishments eventually enabled him to become a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and also a federally certified Mine Safety Instructor.

John joined the District in 1968 as a park ranger at Tilden. He went on to work at Wildcat and Redwood Parks, and also became the first Resource Analyst in the District's Planning and Design Department. While in that position, John developed a manual that standardized the District's signage and graphics, an accomplishment that he saw as one of his major career achievements.

In the 1970's, the District began acquiring the land that would make up Black Diamond Mines. The abandoned mines, with shafts open to the surface, were a serious liability issue. There was a high potential that unauthorized entry by park visitors could lead to injury and even death. As the park's first supervisor from 1981 to 1986, John made securing the mines and creating a safe environment his top priority. He also worked on improving public access; designing the main parking lot, picnic areas, and water systems. Eventually, the concept emerged to make the mines accessible for educational purposes. This concept became the heart of John's work for the rest of his career with the District. His efforts to make the mines safe continued until 1995 when he was appointed to the position of Mine Manager until his retirement in 2006.

John's most notable contribution to the District was his work to fulfill the goal of making the Hazel-Atlas Mine into a representation of an underground silica sand mine from the 1930s. The project was very complex and required great attention to detail to ensure historical accuracy and the mine's safety. Under John's direction, the mine was renovated and reconstructed with support timbers, work stations, ore car tracks, stairways, and bridges. In addition, under John's watchful eye, the park acquired many authentic pieces of equipment typical of a 1930s sand mining operation. The Hazel-Atlas Underground Mining Museum was opened to the public in 1985. It currently averages 17,000 visitors annually.

In addition to overseeing the development of the underground museum, John also worked to develop a relationship with the Federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM). Through John's efforts, the OSM spent an estimated \$4 million to close dangerous mine entries at Black Diamond. The techniques used to close the openings were often developed by John himself. He also developed the underground special use program,

allowing the use of the mines for scientific research and academic study, a practice which continues today.

The background information and proposal to name this room in honor of John Waters was provided by staff at Black Diamond Mines, including Supervising Naturalist Traci Parent and the present Mine Supervisor Gary Righettini. The naming was initiated under recommendation from Boardmember Ted Radke.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board Executive Committee consider the proposed naming of an underground room in the Hazel-Atlas Mine at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve as the “John Waters Auditorium.” The Board Executive Committee is requested to forward a recommendation of the proposed name to the Board of Directors for consideration under the District’s Naming Policy (See Exhibit A- Naming Policy and Guidelines).

In light of John Waters’ significant contributions to the Park District, Planning Department staff has determined that naming a room in the Hazel-Atlas mine the “John Waters Auditorium” is appropriate under the District’s Naming Policy. (Picture of John Waters is attached as Exhibit B).

Attachments: Exhibit A - Naming Policy and Guidelines  
Exhibit B – Photo of John Waters

## **East Bay Regional Park District Naming Policy and Guidelines**

**Adopted by EBRPD Board of Directors on April 20, 2004  
Resolution No. 2004-04-73**

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors is responsible for the naming and renaming of Regional Parks<sup>1</sup>, trails, features, areas, and facilities. Proposals for naming and/or renaming may come from any source including Board members, staff, volunteers, organizations and individuals.

The procedure for the naming of a Regional Parks, trails, features, areas and facilities began with the District's establishment in 1934. Naming is a way to remember shared history, to identify local natural resources and to honor individuals. Naming is also a useful way to help park users interpret parkland resources and to orient themselves while visiting the Regional Parks.

Recognition naming after persons living or deceased may be allowed in special cases. The District's preference is to express appreciation for contributions through awards, events, tributes, publicity, commemorative items, mementos and letters of appreciation. The number of features and facilities within EBRPD that may be named is finite. The decision not to accept a naming proposal does not diminish the significance of public service or the gratitude of the District to those who have contributed service or monetary donations.

### **Naming Policy**

**Regional Parks, trails, features, areas and facilities will be named after natural features such as plant and animal life, geographic, topographic or paleontological features, or for cultural features such as archaeological and historic artifacts, historic persons, families or events. Existing historically related names shall be respected.**

**Naming in recognition of persons living or deceased may be allowed only in special cases, and will be considered for substantial or outstanding contributions of service, property or funds to the public good of the East Bay Regional Park District, East Bay Region, Bay Area, State, or Nation. The East Bay Regional Park District is not a venue for corporate or personal advertising. Corporate names will not be considered for Regional Parks or significant geographic features, but in special cases, may be considered for facility or area names.**

**Staff will maintain guidelines which will include more specific criteria for eligibility and procedure. The EBRPD Board of Directors always maintains flexibility interpreting the policy, and shall have final authority to name parkland features and facilities as it deems appropriate.**

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<sup>1</sup> All parkland classifications including Regional Trails

## Administrative Naming Guidelines

Staff will administer the Board's Naming Policy according to the following guidelines. These guidelines may be changed by the General Manager from time to time.

### Naming Criteria

Naming of geographic or natural features, Regional Parks and Regional Trails after individuals will be an exception, reserved for those nominations meeting the highest threshold criteria. Recognition naming will more typically be applied to structures, facilities, in-park trails and areas.

Naming is a special recognition that is considered for persons deserving exceptional recognition for their unique, "substantial or outstanding" contributions, which will be evaluated as follows:

- Did the individual's contribution provide a major benefit to the District, or on a local, regional, state or national scale?
- Is the benefit sufficiently enduring so as to be apparent to future generations?
- Has the nominee already been substantially honored with recognition naming in other places, particularly in the East Bay, which would make a proposal redundant?

The District endeavors not to duplicate names within its system.

### Naming Process

The name of a new Regional Park will be established in the District Master Plan, although the name may be temporary in nature. Parkland naming will be finalized in an appropriate planning document for the parkland unit or by separate Board Resolution.

The Planning/Stewardship Department will coordinate naming as a part of the preparation and review of planning documents or on a case-by-case basis as requested by the General Manager or Board of Directors. Naming requests will be evaluated as follows:

- Staff will submit naming recommendations for review by the Board Executive Committee.
- The Park Advisory Committee (PAC) will make naming recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- The Board Executive Committee will review staff and PAC recommendations and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- The full Board will consider the naming proposal.

Minor naming or renaming for facilities and features will be established by a team led by the Planning/Stewardship Department when requested by the Operations or Public Safety Departments. Any names designated in this manner are temporary and will be reviewed as a part of the next formal planning process for the Regional Park.

## Recognition Naming Process

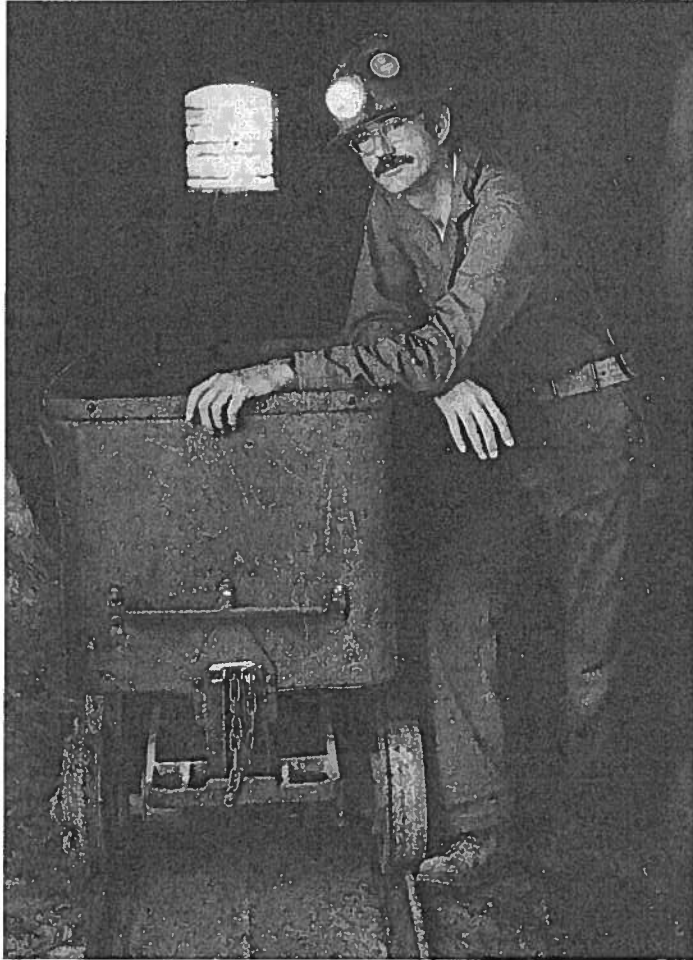
Naming after persons who have contributed significantly in service, property or monetary donations to the East Bay Regional Park District, East Bay Region, Bay Area, State, or Nation, or naming after elected officials and persons associated directly with the East Bay Regional Park District will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Recognition naming will be indicated on park brochure maps and may be further described within a parkland at a facility such as a Visitors Center, both to recognize the individual and to further public understanding of his/her contribution. The Planning/Stewardship Department will maintain a database of facilities designated with recognition names.

Recognition for significant monetary or land donations may arise because of an individual gift or as a part of a coordinated fund-raising effort for the facility or area. The individual gift will be reviewed for naming at the time that the gift is received by the Board. The Land Acquisition Department will administer land donations and the Public Affairs Department will administer monetary donations.

Specific fund-raising efforts for new park facilities or structures may contain a naming element in recognition of donors who may fund major costs. "Facilities," in these circumstances, do not include trails. In such instances, the Public Affairs Department will develop a Donor Naming Plan which will include both the specific naming opportunities and the manner of recognition. Review of recognition naming for Donor Naming Plans will follow the same review process as outlined in the "Naming Process" above, although the PAC will provide comments rather than recommendations. If there is a timing constraint with the gift or other impediment that precludes the PAC review, the PAC will be informed of the staff's recommendation.

Exhibit B: Photo of John Waters at the Hazel-Atlas Mine





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**FROM:** Pat O'Brien, General Manager

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**ITEM 2: Master Plan Update Process**

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Mike Anderson, AGM for Planning/Stewardship and Development, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

**BACKGROUND**

Staff last provided an update of the Master Plan process to the Board Executive Committee in October 2009. Since that time, staff has presented the Master Plan "process steps" to management staff for review and comment; identified issues to be addressed in the Master Plan update; and posted notification of the District's Master Plan update process. Below is a summary of the Master Plan "process steps." The 2010 Master Plan Process Schedule is also attached for reference.

**Process Step**

**1. Present Update Process Proposal for Review**

- Present proposed process "preview" to **PAC** for review and comment. (9/28/09)
- Present proposed process "preview" to **Executive Committee** for review and comment. (10/22/09)
- Present proposed process "preview" to **Management Staff** for review and comment. (12/14/09)

**2. Identify Issues for Update or Revision**

- Discuss Draft Update Process and interests at the 2010 **Board Workshop** for review and comment. (2/23/10)
- Provide revised Update Process schedule at **Board Workshop**. (3/26/10)
- Review available user survey data to identify policy issues to be addressed in the update process. (In process)

- Posting of public notification in RIN and website. (4/15/10)
- Initiate reformatting of existing Master Plan text for improved use and distribution through web based forums. (In process)
- Review, confirm and solicit issues through an internal **executive** and **staff** survey processes. (In process)
- Make a preliminary determination of the high priority issues.
- Test ranking and priority of issues through a **community** survey.
- Revise priority issues based upon **community** survey results to develop a "top ten" list of priority policy updates of new policy additions.
- Present identified priorities to **Executive Committee** for review and comment.
- Present identified priorities to **PAC** for review and comment.
- Present identified **PAC** priorities to **Executive Committee** for consideration.

### 3. Develop Draft Plan Language

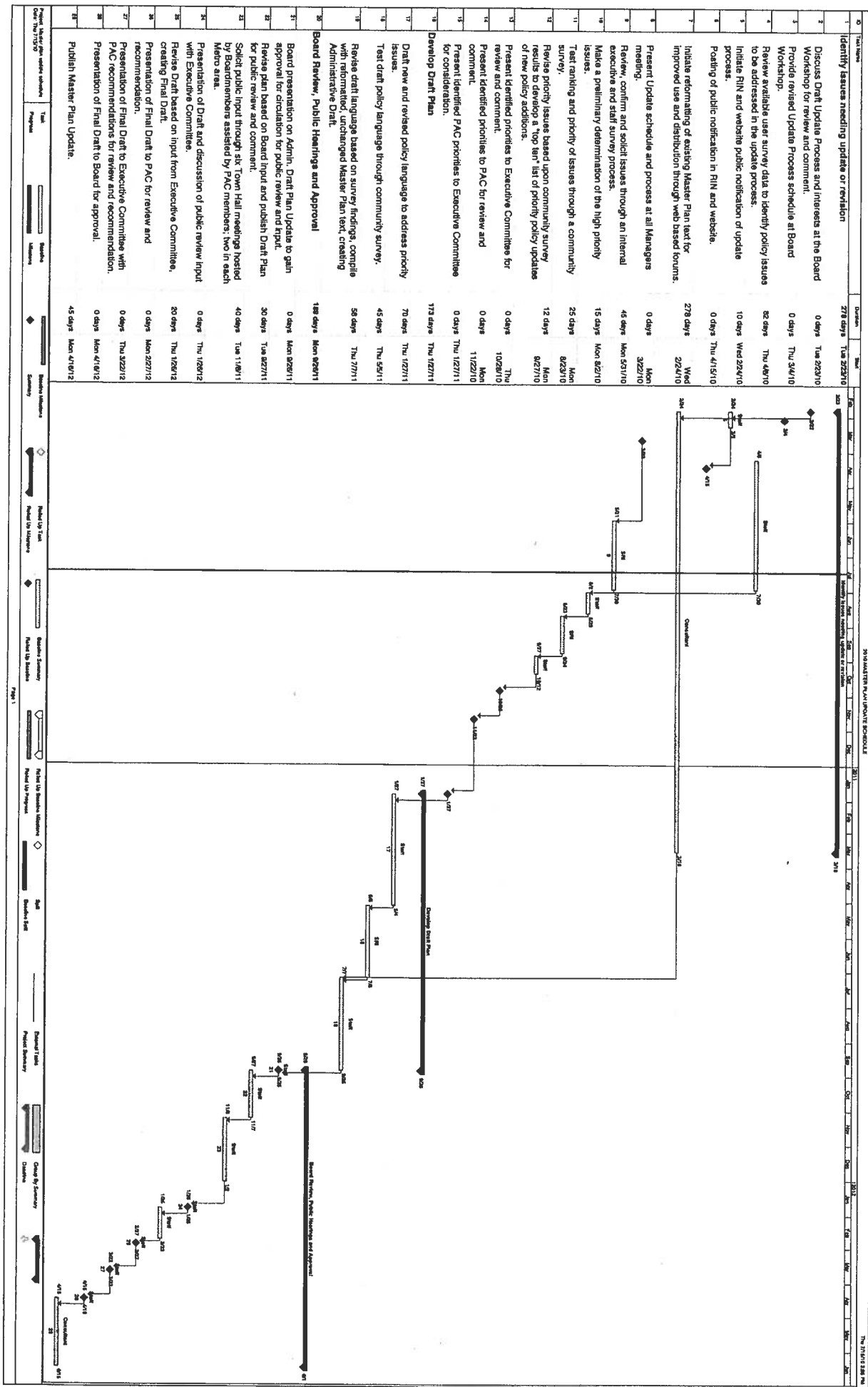
- Draft new and revised policy language to address priority issues.
- Test draft policy language through **community** survey.
- Revise draft language based on survey findings, compile with reformatted, unchanged Master Plan text, creating Administrative Draft.

### 4. Board Review, Public Hearings and Approval

- **Board** presentation on Admin. Draft Plan Update to gain approval for circulation for **public** review and input.
- Revise plan based on **Board** input and publish Draft Plan for **public** review and comment.
- Solicit **public** input through six Town Hall meetings hosted by **Board** members assisted by **PAC** members; two in each Metro area.
- Presentation of Draft and discussion of **public** review input with **Executive Committee**.
- "Revise Draft based on input from **Executive Committee**, creating Final Draft."
- Presentation of Final Draft to **PAC** for review and recommendation.
- Presentation of Final Draft to **Executive Committee** with **PAC** recommendations for review and recommendation.
- Presentation of Final Draft to **Board** for approval.
- Publish Master Plan Update.
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## RECOMMENDATION

None. This agenda item is informational only.



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