

The Board Meeting, which was held on March 3, 2015 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Board President Whitney Dotson.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, President  
Doug Siden, Vice President  
Beverly Lane, Treasurer  
John Sutter  
Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: Dennis Waespi, Secretary  
Diane Burgis

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Dotson.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Kristina Kelchner, Mimi Waluch, Kelly Barrington, Chris Barton, Quynh Truong, Liz Musbach, Jeff Rasmussen, Larry tong, Matt Graul, Steve Bobzien, Doug Bell, Anne Kassebaum, Carolyn Jones, Mona Koh, Renee Patterson, Noah Dort, Brian Holt, Anne Riviore-Thomsen.

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Director Siden, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.  
Directors Absent: Diane Burgis, Dennis Waespi.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Kent Duke handed the Board a compilation of photos taken at Mission Peak that highlighted the views of the area. He stated that these were taken mostly early in the in the morning. Mr. Duke reiterated that the new park hours at Mission Peak severely restricts the opportunity to see these views again.

## **C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Calendar**:

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.  
Directors Absent: Diane Burgis, Dennis Waespi.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of January 19, 2014 to February 1, 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 052 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of December 2, 2014
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 053 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with TASER International for Phase One Replacement of TASER Devices: Public Safety Division  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 054 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Lane, Police Chief Tim Anderson stated that District officers receive 16 hours of training per year, adding that there was only one instance of deployment (use) in 2014.

- e. Authorization to Accept and Appropriate Federal Funds from the National Park Service for Interpretive Panels for the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial: Concord Hills Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 055 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Siden, Brian Holt, Senior Planner, stated that the land use plan process will determine the possible location of a future visitor center.

- f. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Accept the Bid for Swim Lagoon Resurfacing: Contra Loma Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 056 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Award a Contract for Services to Michael Kent & Associates to Perform On-Call CEQA and Planning Services for the Environmental Programs Department: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 057 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Appoint Daniel Sykes as Park Unit Manager at Step D of Management Pay Range MG04  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 058 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Enter Into a Contract for Services Agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW)  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 059 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Siden, Quynh Truong, HR Officer, stated that this organization will be providing Preventing Harassment and Discrimination as well as Mandated Recorder training.

- j. Authorization to Enter Into a Contract for Services Agreement with National Seminars Group – Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center, Inc.  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 060 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Enter Into a Contract for Services Agreement with Wesley and Associates  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 061 (attached)

- l. Authorization to Extend the Contract for Services Agreement with Nathan Lawrence for Caretaker Services: Big Break Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 062 (attached)

Director Sutter commented that while the existing trailer is nice, he believes that building appearance should be given consideration and does not believe a trailer is appropriate for the location. Noah Dort, Administrative Analyst, stated that this will be considered as the long term use is examined.

- m. Authorization to Renew the Special Use Agreement with Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends (PIDO): Point Isabel Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 063 (attached)
- n. Authorization to Extend the Special Use Agreement with Golden Gate Audubon Society for Restoration Programs: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 064 (attached)

Director Lane commented that she attended a conference wherein the Audubon highlighted its programs at MLK with no mention of the Park District; she suggested that District staff inform/remind the group that it is important to acknowledge the East Bay Regional Park District when programs are conducted at District parks.

- o. Authorization to Extend the Special Use Agreement with Save the Bay for Restoration Projects: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 065 (attached)
- p. Authorization to Amend the 2014 Budget and Appropriate Funds for Costs Related to the November 4, 2014 General Elections  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 066 (attached)

## **2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

- a. Presentation - Status of Park District Wind Farm Leases and Impact Research

Doug Bell, Wildlife Program Manager, provided a brief overview on the impacts of wind turbines for the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area as well as information on District wind farm leases. Research conducted on District lands indicated the following impacts:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Annual Fatalities</u>
Red-tailed Hawk	250
American Kestrel	475
Burrowing Owl	700
Golden Eagle	60-70

Mr. Bell stated that there is an opportunity in the Altamont area when 82 old turbines will be replaced with 21 larger mega-turbines which are more efficient and lower the overall kill-rates. Available science is now able to assist in locating wind farm construction in areas where the probability of “kills” is lower.

### **3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**

#### **a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District**

General Manager Robert Doyle discussed those items listed on the report.

### **4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

District Biologist Steve Bobzien provided a brief presentation on the District's use of remote cameras in efforts to assess wildlife diversity, abundance and density in the Sunol - Ohlone Regional Wilderness. Mr. Bobzien spoke about the advantages of using cameras versus human observation. Photos were presented showing Golden Eagles and other raptors as well as the diversity of carnivores including mountain lions that were taken with the cameras.

Director Sutter commented that this may present an opportunity for Public Affairs to produce a video for public use showing animal movement within parks.

### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

President Dotson stated that there are no announcements from the Closed Session.

### **6. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Requested the addition of letters to the editors in newsclips
- Requested staff to invite Sen. Bob Wieckowski to the April 18th Wildflower event at Sunol, adding the Sen. Corbett used to attend this event and conduct walks with attendees;
- Attended the Pleasanton State of the City event;
- Attended the LARPD reception honoring their Personnel Committee and Foundation members;
- With District staff, met with Las Positas – Chabot Community College District Chancellor Jannet Jackson regarding the possible mutual project on classes to attract future District employees;
- Toured the Lakes Unit parks with Director Waespi and Unit Manager Warrant Schultz;
- Invited Laura McCreery to March 16 Board field trip;
- Attended the LARPD Liaison Committee meeting on March 2.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the LARPD Liaison Committee meeting on March 2
- Visited Shadow Cliffs;
- Indicated having a discussion regarding the desire of trail users for the construction of a trail along the western ridge by Del Valle (Rocky Ridge) which is now Zone 7 property;
- Requested staff to give attention to the western access to Las Trampas;
- Stated that she preferred referring to the construction/improvements at Lake Chabot the "Lake Chabot Campus Modernization Project";
- Attended the Shady Slope Bridge ribbon cutting event at Sycamore Valley last week with District staff;
- Reported having a conversation with San Ramon City Councilmember Harry Sachs wherein he indicated that he will be focusing on western hills open space on behalf of the Council;
- Reported receiving some complaints from the public indication that Contra Costa trails as being precarious, where the conditions of some sections need to be improved. GM Doyle stated that a 6-1/2 mile section of the Canal Trail is scheduled for overlay work.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Thanked the Board and staff for support on the Crown Beach/GSA issue;
- Attended the Alameda City Council meeting wherein the City's support to EBRPD was discussed;
- Attended the Mayors Economic Summit at the Oakland Convention Center on February 19;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Met with Oakland Mayor Schaaf with Director Sutter, AGM Nisbet and Erich Pfuehler;
- Will attend the ABAG State of the Union event;
- Will attend the CPRS Conference in Sacramento and will be unable to attend the Executive Committee meeting on March 12;
- Regarding the invitation from the City of Alameda to form a liaison committee with EBRPD, requested that staff agendaize this item at the next Board meeting.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Mentioned receiving a letter from volunteer Wendy Tokuda stating that volunteers need more help and requesting that the District provide more staff; directed staff to look into the request;
- Reported that the CSSC Executive Director is leaving, and that CSSC continues to have financial issues;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the SF Bay Restoration Authority Board meeting.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended the successor agency meetings for the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond;
- Was unable to attend the field trip with Directors Wieskamp and Waespi to the Lakes Unit parks;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm by Board President Dotson.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido  
Clerk of the Board