

The Board Meeting, which was held on September 6, 2016 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Board President Siden.

### ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: Diane Burgis, Secretary

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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 1:15 p.m. by Board President Siden.

Staff Present: Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Jim O'Connor, Liz Musbach, Mark Pearson, Aaron Roth, Julie Schirmer, Bill Zenoni, Noah Dort, Michael McNally, Tim Anderson, Larry Tong, Ira Bletz, Kelly Barrington, Mark Ragatz, Matt Graul, Carolyn Jones, Glenn Gilchrist, Jeff Rasmussen, Lisa Baldinger, John Bouyea, Mona Koh, Sean Dougan, Lt. Al Love, Anne Kassebaum, Capt. Anthony Ciaburro, Brian Holt, Mimi Waluch, Carolyn Jones, Kristina Kelchner, Chris Barton, Julie Bondurant, Renee Patterson, Rob Lim, Dave Zuckermann.

Guests: John Roberts, Al Kawasaki

### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda. Item B Special Recognition was pulled and Item u was added to the agenda, correcting the title to read, Authorization to Amend the 2016 Budget.

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: Diane Burgis

### **B. SPECIAL RECOGNITION** This item was pulled.

### **C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar. Item u was added to the agenda, correcting the title to read, Authorization to Amend the 2016 Budget.

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.  
Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: Diane Burgis.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of July 11, 2016 to August 7, 2016  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 221 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of August 9, 2016
- c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Board Members Whitney Dotson, John Sutter and General Manager Robert Doyle to Attend the 2016 National Recreation and Park Association Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on October 5 - 8, 2016  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 222 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Purchase Global Positioning System Equipment from California Surveying and Drafting Supply  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 223 (attached)
- e. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds to Complete Design, Environmental Studies, and Permitting and Improvements to Segments of the Tassajara Creek/Ridge Trail:  
Tassajara Creek/Ridge Trail  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 224 (attached)
- f. Approval of a First Amendment to the 2006 Lease Agreement with the City of Alameda: Alameda Point Shoreline Trail  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 225 (attached)

Director Sutter asked if the Bay Trail continues on Hornet Drive. Larry Tong, Chief of Planning & GIS provided a map to the Board which identifies the trail ending at Hornet Drive.

- h. Resolution to Support Proposition 65 – Environmental Fee Protection Act and Proposition 67 – California Plastic Bag Ban Referendum  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 226 (attached)

Director Siden asked that the General Manager send copies to the Mayor of Oakland, Oakland City Council and to the President/CEO Oakland Chamber of Commerce of Oakland.

- i. Resolution to Support the Oakland Infrastructure Bond

Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 227 (attached)

j. Resolution to Support the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Safe, Clean, Local Parks Bond  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 228 (attached)

k. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Judith Martin d.b.a. Skyline Equestrian Center for the Skyline Ranch Equestrian Concession: Anthony Chabot Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 229 (attached)

l. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Judith Martin d.b.a. Skyline Equestrian Center for the Piedmont Stables and Redwood Arena Equestrian Concession: Redwood Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 230 (attached)

Director Waespi mentioned that this proposal will decrease revenue and inquired if this has been done before. Mimi Waluch, Business Services Manager, said that there is history of reducing fees in the middle of the contract.

m. Authorization to Amend the Concession Agreement with Urban Park Concessionaires at Little Hills Ranch: Las Trampas Regional Wilderness  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 231 (attached)

n. Authorization to Enter Into a Concession Agreement with Approved Caterers: Brazilian Room, Fern Cottage, Shoreline Center, and Temescal Beach House  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 232 (attached)

o. Authorization to Purchase Two Ford Trucks from Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento, California  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 233 (attached)

Director Sutter inquired if the amount to purchase the truck is \$10K.

Jason McCrystle, Fleet Manager, replied the \$10K is a copy and not the price of the truck.

p. Authorization to Purchase Two Ford Expeditions from Elk Grove of Elk Grove, California  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 234 (attached)

q. Acceptance of the Second Quarter 2016 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Report  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 235 (attached)

r. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2016  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 236 (attached)

s. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds through Arizona Game and Fish Department to Conduct Eagle Impact Minimization

Study: District-Wide  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 237 (attached)

- t. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund for Trail Improvements: Bay Point Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 238 (attached)

Director Sutter thanked staff for making these applications and stated it is very important to apply for as much funding as possible for fuels management.

- u. Authorization to Apply to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for Fuels Management Grants: District Wide  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 239 (attached)
- v. Authorization to Amend the 2016 Budget and Purchase Replacement Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System from Sun Ridge Systems  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 240 (attached)

## 2. ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP DIVISION

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 2a.

Directors For: Director Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.  
Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: Diane Burgis.

- a. Selection of Site 3A (near the playground, east of the Point Pinole trail) as the Site for a Potential Future Visitor Center: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 241 (attached)

Rob Lim, Chief of Design and Construction, gave a brief introduction into the completion of the siting study and recommended sites. Lim introduced Jim Devlin, Project Manager, John Roberts, Landscape Architect and principal of the firm and Al Kawasaki, Architect and Principal of the firm. WRA environmental consultants was also part of the planning for this site study.

Kawasaki gave a detailed background on the steps taken to identify the 3 primary sites and the steps taken to evaluate each site for the potential visitor center. Roberts introduced the board to the various factors that influenced this park including the natural systems, special status wildlife species, cultural resources and existing land use and circulation. Kawasaki had renderings of each of the 3 sites with a break down of the building costs for each site.

Director Sutter inquired about the principal function of the visitor center. Kawasaki replied that the building is a gateway, a place for exhibits, classroom, restrooms and staff space. Sutter asked if the trail would be in the same location and suggested that if the classrooms face the trail it might be a distraction

for the kids in class. Roberts added that the function of the building is to help organize the days' activities and then return later to see the exhibits. Director Siden noted that the decision before the Board is the site location. Director Wieskamp added this is a good site on a rainy day and would still allow park users to have access to view and enjoy the outdoors while inside. Director Waespi extended his compliments and his support for site 3a. Director Lane appreciated the opportunity to go out to the site and see the views. She added that staff has discussed the need to have a larger site with enough room to accommodate both recreation staff and naturalists in one building. She inquired about the allocation of storage space in the building. Kawasaki added that they incorporated staff's suggestion for more storage into their plans. Lane commented that the project costs more money, but it will be helpful to have the renderings as a visual aid to raise money through grants and private support. Siden complimented staff, referring to pg. 152 that when the LUP is updated he proposes that there be a road where there can be water trail stops.

Jim O'Connor shared his enthusiasm about the facility and commented that it will be a great facility for outreach in Richmond. Carol Victor, District Counsel, stated that since this area is more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile Director Dotson does not need to recuse himself. Dotson commented that the property is excellent, and with the addition of the Atlas Bridge, it will make everything look nice. The facility will be named in honor of Jean and Will Siri.

Member of the public, Stephanie Varozza expressed her love of the park and its beauty. She voiced her concern that the footprint of the building should be smaller. She continued that building more parking spaces would bring buses along with bus fumes into the park. She spoke on behalf of the many people that hike there. Ellen Barth spoke and mentioned that Sylvia McLaughlin was delighted with the park. Barth stated she would like the Park District to proceed with the project. She added that the Park District should have adequate space for children to eat lunch.

Director Siden thanked Ellen Barth for her longtime commitment to the environment.

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 2b.

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Ayn Wieskamp.  
Directors Against: Dennis Waespi.  
Directors Absent: Diane Burgis.

- b. Authorization to Enter into and Exercise an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of 10± Acres of Real Property from Morning Star Church and Harvest House Church of the Assemblies of God, and to Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Purchase Related Acquisition Expenses: Coyote Hills Regional Park Resolution No. 2016 – 09 – 242 (attached)

Bob Nisbet, AGM ASD, introduced Mike Reeves, Land Acquisition Specialist who gave background on this acquisition. The acquisition will be constructed as a back-to-back conveyance. The \$600 thousand dollar purchase price is supported by an appraisal. Director Lane asked whether Cradle Creek Trail is a City of Fremont or Park District trail. Reeves replied that it is a park trail. Director Wieskamp commented that this is an opportunity to see if the Fremont School District could have some access. Wieskamp expressed appreciation for the Patterson's generous land donation.

### 3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

Deputy General Manager Alvarez discussed the items listed on the staff report.

#### 4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

DGM Alvarez introduced Bob Nisbet who introduced Larry Tong, Chief of Planning and GIS. Tong presented a general overview of his department. Director Wieskamp, Lane and Sutter commended

Tong for his patience and work on McLaughlin Eastshore State Park

. Director Siden asked Tong what he saw as the main challenges. Tong said addressing future changes in terms of the increased diversity of the stakeholders, the 25% increase in population and climate change will be an extremely difficult challenges. Siden agreed the growth of the population and need for housing will be difficult. He asked Tong if he had any pressure or concern that there may be a pushback from the space for housing needs. Tong replied that while this will be an ongoing challenge, the bigger challenge will be taking a more comprehensive look at where the region is going, and that an overall healthy and sustainable bay area is important.

DGM Alvarez commented on the selection of the Pt. Pinole site and the challenge that staff will have to balance public access while maintaining the park's natural beauty.

DGM Alvarez was teaching at the NRPA Directors School in West Virginia. Alvarez serves as a faculty member to the school teaching 271 students for a week.

#### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

No announcements.

#### 6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee	(8/05/16)	(Siden)
b. Finance Committee	(6/22/16)	(Waespi)
c. Operations Committee	(5/26/16)	(Sutter)
d. Natural & Cultural Resources Committee	(5/09/16)	(Lane)
e. Legislative Committee	(12/04/15)	(Burgis)
f. Legislative Committee	(10/15/15)	(Burgis)

#### 7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Shadow Cliffs solar panel dedication;
- Attended the Tilden relief map event;
- Appreciation to the Foundation for providing funding;
- Attended the Day in the Park;
- Attended the EB-EDA meeting;
- Attended the Oakland Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- Attended the Alameda Contra Costa Transportation;
- Held the Tidewater staff Appreciation;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Will attend the California Adaptive Forum;

- Will attend the Staff Legislative picnic at Tidewater.

Siden went on a ride-a-long with the Marine Unit. Commendation to the Clerk's office.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Ardenwood Rail Fair;
- Attended the Day in the Park at Camp Arroyo;
- Attended the Bay Area Ridge Trail dinner;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Camille Avenue access;
- Attended the anniversary Tilden map event;
- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resource meeting;
- Attended the Shadow Cliffs solar dedication;
- Attended Diane Burgis' event;

Lane will do a presentation at the Walnut Creek Rotary.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resource meeting;
- Attend the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attend the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the anniversary Tilden map event;
- Attended the Shadow Cliffs solar dedication;
- Had a I-on-I with GM Doyle;
- Attended the Bay Area Ridge Trail dinner;
- Attended the Founders Luncheon of Save the Bay.

Sutter met with Sam Schuchat; Executive Director of Coastal Conservancy and GM Doyle on project labor agreements. In addition he met with Erich Pfuehler and Jeff Tomlin, Transportation czar, Oakland. Sutter commented on a letter received regarding taking pictures of license plates which is an issues staff should take a look at during committee or a workshop.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Had I-on-I with GM Doyle;
- Attended the Castro Valley Chamber Mixer at Redwood Golf Course;
- Attended the Shadow Cliffs solar dedication;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Met with Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley's staff;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the anniversary Tilden map event.

Waespi noted the excellent article written on Sutter and acknowledged Siden receiving the Local Hero Award.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Had a I- on -I with GM Doyle;
- Attended the Elected Women's Lunch;
- Attend Mary Warren's memorial;
- Attended the solar dedication at Shadow Cliffs;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Livermore;
- Attended the anniversary of the Tilden relief map;
- Attended the Day in the Park at Camp Arroyo;
- Attending the Health & Safety Fair;
- Attending the Staff Legislative Picnic at Tidewater;

- **Attending the Operations Meeting.**

Wieskamp went on a ride along with Lt. Love on Labor Day.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Richmond Redevelopment Agency meeting;
- Attended the anniversary Tilden map event;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the North Richmond Shoreline Festival meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm by Board President Doug Siden in honor of Ted Radke, retired Director, Ward 7. Board members each expressed condolences. The date for the memorial is September 25, 2016 at the Martinez Shoreline.

Respectfully submitted:  
/s/ Yolande Barial Knight  
Clerk of the Board