

The Board Meeting, which was held on July 21, 2015 at the Peralta Oaks Headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Doug Siden.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, President  
Doug Siden, Vice President  
Dennis Waespi, Secretary  
Beverly Lane, Treasurer  
Diane Burgis  
Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: John Sutter

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 Vice President Siden.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Carol Victor, Mark Ragatz, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Liz Musbach, Dan Cuning, Mona Koh, Yolande Barial Knight, Suzanne Lusk, Aaron Roth, Audrey Som, Liz Musbach, Quynh Truong, Erich Pfuehler, Mark Ragatz, Matt Graul, Debra Auker, Tiffany Margulici, Sara La Belle, Leonard Bellow, Ren Bates, Brian Holt, Anne Kassebaum, Sukari Beshears, Linda Wu, Ira Bletz, Annie Thomsen, Chris Barton, Rob Lim, Julie Bondurant, Erich Pfuehler, Katie Hornbeck, Pete DeQuincy, Dave Zuckermann, Jeff LeBow, Deborah Spaulding, Kim Balingit, Nadine Vargas, Connie Swisher, Jamie Lebow, Jessica Babb, Melissa Fish, Araceli Gaona, Xiaoning Huang and David Sumner.

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda removing **Item r** from the Consent Calendar.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jamie Perkins, EBRPD 19 year employee addressed the Board on consent item d of the July 7 board meeting; as well as the clerical salary structure compensation study and wage rate adjustment not yet addressed. Perkins also commented on salaries for 2 general managers and the new confidential secretary position. A letter addressed to the Board was handed out. Future clarification on the meaning of section Personnel Administrative Manual Section 6.01, pg. 29 was requested.

Steve Soderstrom, commented that CHP has jurisdiction of Redwood, Pinehurst, Canyon Way and Bear Creek Road however they are not often around, it is the Park District police that is present and perhaps the District should take it over.

**C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Burgis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Calendar Items a and b.**

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of June 8, 2015 to July 2, 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 195 (attached)
- b. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 196 (attached)
- c. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of July 21, 2015

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Burgis, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item d.** Due to the proximity of Director Waespi's residence to this project recused himself.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,

Director Recused: Dennis Waespi

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- d. Authorization to Amend Contract for Professional Services with Ninyo & Moore  
Geotechnical Consultants to Perform Supplemental Geotechnical Services for the Lake Chabot  
Campus Modernization Project: Lake Chabot Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 197 (attached)

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Burgis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **balance of the Consent Calendar.**

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- e. Authorization to Object to Public Sale, Enter Into a Purchase Agreement and Transfer and  
Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of Fee Interest in 5.24± Acres of Tax-Delinquent, Real  
Property from the Alameda County Tax Collector's Office: Garin Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 198 (attached)

Director Siden had a question about the process by which the park district purchases tax delinquent property. Liz Musbach, Land Acquisition Manager, replied that the process occurs after a property has been 5 or more years tax delinquent and as a public agency we have the ability to pull parcels off this list if they would serve the public interest.

- f. Authorization to Accept the Dedication of a Trail Easement from The Presbytery of San Francisco, a California Corporation, and Cynthia Erb & Associates, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company: Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 199 (attached)

Director Lane was pleased with the pursuit of this trail easement by Annie Thomsen and Liz Musbach. Musbach complimented Suzanne Lusk, Carol Victor and Kristina Kelchner. Siden appreciation to The Presbytery.

- g. Authorization to Renew a Five-Year License Agreement with Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the Coyote Hills to Hayward Shoreline Segment: San Francisco Bay Trail  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 200 (attached)

Director Siden asked if staff could find out there are other trails and properties in cooperation with Alameda and do we need to work other master agreements.

- h. Authorization to Execute Contract with Mt. Lassen Trout Farms for: Channel Catfish for 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 201 (attached)

Director Siden would like Public Affairs to publicize that we are stocking our lakes with \$500,000 of fish for fishing recreation.

- i. Authorization to Transfer Funds and Enter into a Sole Source Contract with Moffat & Nichol for Marine Engineering Consulting Services: Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach/Alameda Beach  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 202 (attached)

Director Siden commented that this is another item for the Alameda/EBRPD liaison committee.

- i. Authorization to Establish the Classification, Unit Designation and Salary Range for Creative Design Manager and Add 1.0 FTE for this Classification to the Public Affairs Division  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 203 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Accept the Bid and Execute a Contract to Valley Slurry Seal International for Tilden Fiberized Slurry Seal and Stripe  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 204 (attached)
- l. Authorization to Execute an Agreement to Partner with Alameda County Resource Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service to Restore Ponds: Garin Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 205 (attached)
- m. Authorization to File an Application for Grant Funds for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment's Museum Grant Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), and if Grant is awarded Appropriate Measure WW Bond Funds for the Crab Cove Visitor Center Exhibit Expansion: Crown Memorial State Beach  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 206 (attached)

Siden commented on distribution of brochures and another item for the Alameda/EBRPD liaison committee.

- n. Authorization to File an Application for Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program in accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004, for Creek Restoration and Public Access: Sibley Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 207 (attached)
- o. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Desktop Computers from Dell Computer Corporation  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 208 (attached)
- p. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation S. 1078 (Heinrich) and H.R. 2014 (Kind) Healthy Kids Outdoors Act  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 209 (attached)
- q. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation S. 1069 (Blumenthal) and H.R. 781 (Connolly): Complete America's Great Trails Act  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 210 (attached)

Director Lane supports this legislation supporting federal trails.

- r. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation S. 890 (Cantwell) and H.R. 1814 (Grijalva) Permanent Reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 211 (attached)
- s. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation S. 630 (Feinstein) and H.R. 1208 (Garamendi) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Establishment Act  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 212 (attached)

## 2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Item 2a**.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- a. Authorization to Execute and Record an Affidavit of Death of Life Tenants and to Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Title Transfer of the Former Rowell Ranch's Camp Bertha Life Estate and Related Acquisition Expenses: Ohlone Wilderness Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 213 (attached)

Liz Musbach, Acquisition Manager spoke about the major focus to appropriate and transfer funds to make the property safe and secure. Annie Thomsen, Senior Planner detailed Camp Bertha history, characteristics, staff recommendations and next steps.

Director Wieskamp supports the project and would hate to see it decay and would like to have history of the life estate members. Director Waespi added there should be a historic assessment. Director Lane commented that as there are funds available in the budget we need to talk about how to better address preserving historic resources.

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Item 2b**.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- b. Authorization to Award a Contract to Water Rock Construction for Construction of Shoreline Access Improvements: Miller Knox Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 214 (attached)

Rob Lim, Chief of Design and Construction introduced Ren Bates, Landscape Architect and Project Manager, made a presentation on Miller Knox discussing the access improvements. The District received 6 bids and the lowest responsible bidder was Water Rock Construction.

Director Lane agreed there is much improvement needed at this site. Director Siden asked if there any rail lines within the existing park to which Bates applied in the affirmative. He indicated their locations on the powerpoint, GM Doyle clarified that a large piece of the property and part of the beach is owned by the city of Richmond and is an important urban development and restoration. Director Waespi asked if there are sewer services. Bates said there is a lift station.

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Item 2c**.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- c. Authorization to Award Contract to Grade Tech, Incorporated for Construction of Staging Area Improvements, Approval of Payment to California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Performance Security, and Appropriate Funds: Vargas Plateau  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 215 (attached)

Bob Nisbet, AGM Planning, Land and Acquisition introduced Ren Bates, Landscape Architect and Project Manager. Nisbet acknowledged GM and key staff. Bates gave a powerpoint presentation describing the site plan.

Director Lane had a question about the wide disparity in the bids.

### 3. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

By motion of Director Siden, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3a**.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,  
Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Approval of the Measure CC 2015/16 Tax Report and Proposed Measure CC

Budget Revenues and Expenditures for 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 216 (attached)

AGM Dave Collins, AGM Finance & Management Services acknowledge 10 years into the CC program. Staff is going through more detail, estimating what will be spent, status of the projects and necessary adjustments. This year we have proposed for 2016 to use funds that we have first and then appropriate funds as needed. There was a calculation one of the original staff reports, exhibit, and staff has included a corrected copy. CC is an excise tax and is crafted in the form of a parcel tax and is collected on a tax year. This forms the basis by which the District will place the annual fee on the tax rolls. This tax report has been reviewed and approved by the Finance and the PAC committee.

Director Dotson opened the Public Hearing. The Clerk stated that there are no speakers. Director Dotson closed the Public Hearing.

Director Waespi asked about the where the money for the Oakland Zoo is allotted too. AGM Collins said for it is for the Zoo proper.

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Burgis, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3b**.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- b. Approval to Update and Modify Six Measure CC Project Descriptions  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 217 (attached)

AGM Collins, AGM Finance & Management Services stated several projects are infeasible and need to be adapted and we need to update the projects. Since Measure CC was approved and adopted and included in the voter pamphlet; staff cannot modify without the Board's permission. Staff wants to explicitly modify descriptions on 6 projects discussed in the packet. Director Lane added that the Finance Committee does recommend this to the Board.

#### 4. GENERAL MANAGER

By motion of Director Siden, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Item 4a**.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Absent: John Sutter.

- a. Authorize the 2015/2016 Tax Rate to be Levied by Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for the Payment of East Bay Regional Park District Measure AA and Measure WW General Obligation Bonds  
Resolution No. 2015 – 07 - 218 (attached)

CFO, Debra Auker, stated that EBRPD is obligated to levy this tax rate based on the bond covenants. The Board is directing staff to calculate the amount of the rate that is charged based on the assessed value. Director Lane and Siden commend the District and its leadership.

#### **4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

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

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

Katie Hornbeck, Aquatics Supervisor, thanked Directors Lane and Burgis for participating on the Women in Leadership Conference panel discussion. Anne Kassebaum, Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services, announced that Ira Bletz, Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager, was awarded the National Association prestigious Master Interpretive Manager Award.

AGM Collins, Finance & Management Services and Debra Auker, CFO, Finance introduced the new staff in their departments. Auker highlighted the One Solution software rollout commending her staff, IT staff and the HR staff, the challenges all moving in a positive direction to implement new technologies. Auker continued to discuss the reconfiguration of the Finance offices and their working at the Trudeau Training Center for a month beginning in August. AGM Collins talked about some challenges being met in the department with an Acting Clerk of the Board and recruitment, Acting Grants Manager, multiple projects being managed by Office Services and Information Technology and his retirement at the end of September. (board would like a print out of the org chart and the percentages from 30 years) The Finance staff introduced themselves.

Director Burgis asked if there could be a presentation by Jim Tallerico and IT staff.

GM Doyle responded to the emails and correspondences regarding clear cutting. Doyle stated that the District is not clear cutting there is maintenance of existing fuel breaks. The District has a 3000 acre study area, 1500 acres is our target area and are using a total of about 15 to 8 gallons per year of Garlon sprayed on the trunks. The District has been a leader in pest management district wide but we are not in any way using thousands of gallons on millions of trees.

Director Burgis asked if we have before and after pictures. Director Lane suggested that staff make sure the photographs and the prescriptions are accessible on our website.

#### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

District Counsel Victor announced that there were no announcements from closed session.

#### **7. BOARD COMMITTEE**

- a. Board Executive Committee (6-17-15) (Dotson)
- b. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee (5-20-15) (Lane)

#### **8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the LAFCo meeting;

- Attended the Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting;
- Asked about the policy for recycled water use;
- Mentioned the article in the newspaper on Little Yosemite and the conflict between frogs and fish;
- Mentioned Tri City Ecology Newsletter developing a bee highway;
- Will attend the Legislative Lunch in Sacramento on Friday.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Acknowledged Chip Johnson's wonderful article on cutting trees;
- Walked the Sycamore Valley Open Space;
- Attended the Elworthy staging area;
- Toured the Graphics and Exhibits office in Pleasanton;
- Attended Contra Costa County Mayors Conference in Clayton;
- Was a panelist for the Women in Leadership Conference;
- Had a one-on-one meeting with GM Doyle;
- Attended the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the explosion at Port Chicago;
- Will attend the first Public Meeting at Concord Hills Park;
- Will attend Stephen Joseph's exhibit of photographs Inside Vasco Caves.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Concerts at the Cove in Alameda;
- Attended Vice Mayor of Alameda's 'Come Meet your Council Member';
- Attended the City of Alameda/EBRPD Liaison Committee meeting;
- Held a welcome coffee at Crown Beach;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference at Stonebrae;
- Had one-on-one with GM Doyle;
- Will attend the Legislative Lunch in Sacramento;
- Will attend the PAC BBQ meeting;
- Acknowledged Pete DeQuincy and the lifeguard services.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting;
- Had one-on-one with GM Doyle;
- Attended the Stonebrae Classic Golf Tournament;
- Toured the Redwood Canyon Golf Course Facility with the Maintenance Dept.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Was a panelist for the Women in Leadership Conference;
- Will speak at the Brentwood Park Commission;
- Attending the 3 Peaks Restoration Project;
- Will attend the Legislative Lunch in Sacramento on Friday.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the NRPA in Michigan;
- Attended planning for North Richmond Shoreline Festival;
- Attending Vasco Caves exhibit by Stephen Joseph;
- Will attend the Legislative Lunch in Sacramento on Friday.



**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm by Board President Dotson.

Respectfully submitted:

Yolande Barial Knight  
Acting Clerk of the Board