

The Board Meeting, which was held on February 2, 2016 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Board President Siden.

## ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: None.

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 2:20 p.m. by Board President Siden.

Staff Present: Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Erich Pfuehler, Aaron Roth, Rob Lim, Mimi Waluch, Anne Kassebaum, Matt Graul, Liz Musbach, Alicia Gonzales, Mimi Waluch, Bob Nisbet, Debra Auker, Bill Zenoni, Renee Patterson, Chief Dan McCormick, Katy Hornbeck, Linda Wu, John Bouyea, Larry Tong, Michele Julene, Julie Bondurant, Chris Barton, Kristina Kelchner, Mark Pearson, Mona Koh, Eri Suzuki, Noah Dort, Kelly Barrington, Jason McCrystle, Jeff Rasmussen, Nadine Vargas, Tim Anderson, Carolyn Jones.

Guests: Judi Martin, Dr. Nooshin Razani

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Shusterman, thanked the board for the renovations at Ferry Point and spoke about the new development near the park which may impact parking. He suggested the Board consider the possible use of the overflow parking area for loading and unloading kayaks. GM Doyle commented that the District is monitoring the development and possible impacts. Jefferey Panero thanked the Board (Directors Sutter and Siden) for withdrawing from building at Lake Chabot and delivered hard copies of a signed petition to the Clerk. Randall Dutra expressed his appreciation for the Park Districts' decision to withdraw from building at Lake Chabot. Kelly Abreu thanked ASD for redirecting their siting plans at Lake Chabot and talked about the 20-year opening of Vargas Plateau.

**C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Burgis, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item C-I-c.

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

Directors Against: None.

- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 015 (attached)

Kelly Abreu questioned why the District negotiates with itself on property it owns. Liz Musbach, Chief of Land Acquisition explained that when it is property that the District owns it is acknowledged, and in this case the District was negotiating with the Vieux family. Musbach added that this is a boundary line cleanup that will not impact the opening of Vargas Plateau. Director Wieskamp stated that the District doesn't always have control over when a park is opened; however hopefully it will open this spring. Director Sutter had a question on Finley Road. Musbach answered that the District is accepting a conservation easement which has nothing to do with access.

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

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

Directors Against: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of December 7, 2015  
to December 27, 2015  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 016 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of January 2, 2016

- d. Authorization to Transfer Measure AA Funds, Appropriate Measure WW Funds and  
Award a Contract for Professional Services to WRA Incorporated for Design Services,  
Permitting, and Construction Support for Restoration of Encinal Beach: Alameda Point  
Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 017 (attached)

Director Lane asked if the restoration design for the sand dune would be self-perpetuating. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, said that it will.

- e. Authorization to Award a Consultant Contract to Swaim Biological,  
Inc. for Alameda Striped Racer Study: Fuel Break  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 018 (attached)

Director Sutter commented on the \$300K contract cost, and asked if there are other species the District will need to study, and at what cost. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, replied the District is required by the USFWS to do this study. Data will also be gathered on other reptile species. Director Wieskamp asked

if there will be interim reports. Graul answered it will be a 5-year study, and the Park District will receive reports on years 1, 3, and 5 which will be brought before the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee.

- f. Authorization to Renew a Special Use Agreement with Golden State Model Railroad Museum: Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 019 (attached)

Director Lane remarked at how popular the Railroad is with the public and how concerned the public is that the museum is seldom open. She also asked how much is it costing the District to maintain. O'Connor replied that the District is responsible for all of the internal building needs, and is in charge of the exterior maintenance. Lane asked for the actual cost of the utilities. Mimi Waluch, Business Services Manager said the utilities are split. Director Sutter commented this is a volunteer operation which is a service to the community and is open on Sunday. O'Connor said that this is a nonprofit group and the net costs are being analyzed by Administrative Analyst Alicia Gonzales. Director Siden commented on the services that the concessionaire provides, and the benefit to the District.

- g. Authorization to Establish the Classification, Unit Designation and Salary Range for Human Resources Analyst Senior; Upgrade 1.0 FTE Human Resources Analyst II Position to Human Resources Analyst Senior; and Amend the 2016 Budget in the Human Resources Division  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 020 (attached)
- h. Authorize Bay Point Spur Trail Grant Partnership and Funding Agreement with Contra Costa County: Bay Point Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 021 (attached)

Director Sutter asked if this provides enough money to complete the trail. Sean Dougan, Trail Development Program Manager, said the trail estimate is approximately \$2 Million, and the grant is for \$74K. Dougan said the feasibility study is being completed. Director Lane commented that she is glad this process has begun.

- i. Authorization to Appropriate, Transfer, and Accept Funds for Piedmont Stables Renovation: Redwood Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 022 (attached)

President Siden asked if it is District's practice is to upgrade facilities operated by concessionaires with District funds. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations, gave some examples when capitol upgrades have been needed.

Judi Martin, the operator for Skyline and Piedmont stables gave some remarks. She explained that her group created a 501C3, The Saddlehorn Foundation, that has raised over \$100K to help with the renovation needs at Piedmont Stables.

- j. Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Wesley and Associates for District-wide Training Services  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 023 (attached)

Director Lane hoped that a major focus will be to train and work with our new park supervisors.

Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager, replied that the contract is specific to district-wide training.

Beshears stated that HR is currently working with Operations for specific training for park supervisors.

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

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Authorization to Transfer Funds and Award a Contract for Professional Services to Nichols Consulting Engineers to Design Plans for Dredging of the Sediment Basin in Tilden Nature Area and Restore Three Interpretive Ponds: Tilden Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2016 – 02 – 024 (attached)

Matt Graul Chief of Stewardship introduced Joe Sullivan, Acting Fisheries Program Manager. Sullivan, provided the background on this project. He outlined the project evolution, project description, the budget, preliminary design, environmental permits, the schedule which began in 2015, with possible construction by 2017. Consultants will design a plan to reduce sedimentation in Jewel Lake, which will have multi-species benefits, elevate education and increase the interpretive experience. Director Sutter inquired if the money in this item is solely for the permit. Sullivan replied the goal is to have most of construction done in-house. GM Doyle remarked how the Board is seeing more upfront costs to do the design engineering, before the grant is acquired. Doyle added, the District does have sources of Measure CC and WWF funding and a base budget. Sullivan added that the CC money will be used for Dredging and will reduce the sediment. Director Burgis asked if staff will do something to slow down the sedimentation and if the drought affected the amount of sediment. Sullivan answered the permit only allows the District to dredge a certain amount per year. Burgis would like to see the District expand the amount of dredging. Graul plans to amend the maintenance agreement and use this study to get Jewel Lake back to capacity.

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

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

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

Director Sutter stated that the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority measure will benefit people who do not live near the bay because it will protect shorelines from flooding and protect public facilities.

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

General Manager, Robert Doyle introduced Dr. Ana Alvarez. She is the District's first Deputy General Manager.

Mona Koh, Community Relations Manager, gave a presentation on the Community Relations and Communication Plans for 2016. Dr. Nooshin Razani, UC Benioff Children's Hospital, was introduced by GM Doyle and he acknowledged that a partnership with the hospital is a shift for the Park District in the

right direction. Koh highlighted 6 areas of focus: Economic Impact Study, Outreach to Multicultural Communities, Leadership Environmentalism, Community Events, Measure CC and Healthy Parks and Healthy People.

Razani spoke about the successful collaboration with the District and the Parks Prescription Program. Director Burgis expressed the importance of the work that is being done at Children's Hospital.

Directors had questions and comments on items in the staff report. Staff explained and clarified.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor had no announcements.

## 7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee	(11/18/15)	(Nisbet/Lane)
b. Executive Committee	(12/10/15)	(Dotson)
c. Operations Committee	(11/19/15)	(Siden)

Kelly Abreu clarified his statement in these minutes. He objected that the Park District has approved \$37,000 for the restriction of curb parking on public streets in the of city of Fremont, taking money from the general fund and giving it to the city of Fremont to restrict people from parking on the streets. Abreu stated the Park District should be promoting access and not restricting access to parks.

d. Executive Committee	(01/14/16)	(Siden)
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## 8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the PAC meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference;
- Attended a planning meeting for Alameda County Watershed Symposium;
- Met with Alameda County Flood Control;
- Meeting with Friend of San Leandro Creek;
- Attended the Inside Oakland breakfast meeting;
- Attended the MLK Rally;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Visited the Nike site;
- Attending Friends of San Leandro Creek meeting;
- Attending the East Bay Alliance Executive Committee meeting.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the SFBRA meeting;
- Attended the DD Community Coalition meeting;
- Attended the ACTC meeting however upon arrival meeting was canceled (a security problem);
- Attended introductory meeting of SPUR;
- Attended a meeting honoring Ann Woodell, Chair of Oakland Park & Recreation Commission

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Visited Tilden park and complimented staff;
- Walked the Ironhorse Trail;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council meeting which Larry Tong also attended;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council Speaker series - Condoleeza Rice;
- Attended the Elected Women's lunch;
- Thanked staff for the Operations and Interpretive roster;
- Thanks staff for continuing efforts to have land bank tours and the Parks and Trails Statistics handbook;
- Requested an item on the drought and trees be added to the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee agenda;
- Circulated "The Real Richmond Guide to Richmond" from Chevron.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the ACSDA Meeting;
- Attended the HASPA meeting - Betty Moose was honored and she is a wonderful person;
- Attended MLK celebration;
- Met with Alameda Creek Trails staff;
- Attended the Castro Valley Chamber mixer;
- Attended the Union City Oversight Committee meeting;
- Attended John Gouveia's retirement dinner;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attending the City of Hayward community awards.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended CCC watershed forum;
- Attended the planning meeting of the Alameda County Watershed Symposium;
- Attended Legislative Committee meeting;
- Participated in a MLK Day of Service;
- Attended MLK celebration in Antioch ;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council Speaker series - Condoleeza Rice;
- Attended Elected Women's Luncheon;
- Filmed Open Roads with Doug McConnell - airing March 20;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Met with AFSCME union reps;
- Attended the Building Industry Association dinner;
- Attended the Youth Fair at Big Break - 210 students attended;
- Attended the Heritage Faire Dinner at the CCC Fairgrounds.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the ACSDA meeting;
- Attended the LAFCO meeting;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council Speaker series - Condoleeza Rice;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Had a coffee with AFSCME leadership;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Honored to be asked to serve on Catharine Bakers Advisory Council (asked for a map on Tesla Park show the owners).

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Complimented Erich Pfuehler and Tiffany Margulici for securing a \$9000 grant for the North Richmond Shoreline Festival;
- Commented that the restoration is progressing nicely at Pt. Pinole.

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm by Board President Doug Siden.

President Siden ended the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the memory of Sylvia McLaughlin. There were closing remarks by members of the Board and the General Manager.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight  
Clerk of the Board