

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. Board Executive Committee (3/4/2016) _____ (Siden)

Present

Board: Doug Siden, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane

Staff: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Becky Pheng, Chris Barton, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Julie Bondurant, Carol Victor, Sean Dougan, Sandra Hamlat, Debra Auker, Yolande Barial-Knight, Erich Pfuehler, Larry Tong, Carol Johnson

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

I. 2016 Updates to the Board Operating Guidelines

Robert Doyle, General Manager, introduced this agenda item. The Board Operating Guidelines ("BOG") were last updated in May 2013. Staff is in the process of reviewing and updating the BOG to reflect current administrative practices and policies. Debra Auker, Acting AGM, and Yolande Barial-Knight, Clerk of the Board, discussed the process for updating the BOG and highlighted some of the major changes as shown in Attachment A. Appendix E regarding purchasing and contracting has already been reviewed and updated by Finance staff. The recommended changes will be presented to the Board Finance Committee for review. The Committee shared their comments and proposed changes with staff. The Committee felt that there were several areas that needed additional clarification. Some of the proposed changes and areas requiring further clarification include:

- Adding a sponsorship policy
- Updating the Board meeting times
- Updating meals reimbursement
- Updating Appendix B
- Clarification of the Board's role in reviewing job salary and benefits
- Clarification on the Board president's attendance at the RPF meeting

- Park Advisory Committee term and appointment

Staff will incorporate the Committee's proposed changes, and will bring this item back to the Committee at a later date.

Recommendation: None. This is an informational item.

2. Designation of Great California Delta Trail Segments

Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager, presented this agenda item. The Great California Delta Trail, approved by the California Legislature in 2006, was created to be a continuous regional recreational corridor through the Delta and linking the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the Sacramento River Trails in Yolo and Sacramento counties. In January 2016, the Delta Protection Commission ("Commission") approved the Big Break Regional Shoreline Trail, a three-mile long multi-use trail, as an addition to the Great California Delta Trail. This is the first existing trail segment in Contra Costa County to be adopted as part of the Great California Delta Trail. After approval, the District will add the California Delta Trail signage and logos along the trail segment. The Committee inquired about other trail segments along the Great California Delta Trail. Mr. Dougan presented a map and talked about the partnership with the Commission and the challenges to implementing such a program across various jurisdictional boundaries.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Whitney Dotson, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to forward this item to the Park Advisory Committee and the full Board for favorable consideration.

3. Certification of the Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail

Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager, presented this agenda item. The goal of the Juan Bautista De Anza National Trail is the designation of a continuous recreation trail to complement the trail's 1,200-mile historic corridor between Nogales, Arizona, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Trail certification is a partnership that helps non-federal landowners protect and preserve historic trail properties, and share them with others. The District, as owner, is working collaboratively with the National Park Services ("NPS") to certify approximately 163 miles of trails. Under the certification agreement between the NPS and the District, the District will still retain all legal rights to the property and can end the partnership at any time. Benefits of certification include technical assistance, protection and site development guidance, project funding and assistance, and recognition. Director Beverly Lane commented that she is pleased that the District is working with NPS on trail certification.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Whitney Dotson, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to forward this item to the Park Advisory Committee and the full Board for favorable consideration to enter into a Trail Segment Certification Agreement with the NPS.

4. Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve LUPA Update and McCosker Checklist Amendment

Julie Bondurant, Principal Planner, presented this agenda item. She gave a brief background about the study area, project purpose, and project highlights. The McCosker parcel, which was donated to the District in 2010, is approximately 250-acres and is now part of Sibley. As part of the Wilder Development in Orinda, a long-term management plan established the 389-acre Western Hills Open Space as lands to be dedicated to the District.

The LUPA for Sibley would incorporate the McCosker parcel and Western Hills Open Space. Ms. Bondurant showed a PowerPoint of the proposed site improvements at the McCosker parcel, including future trail connection to Huckleberry Regional Preserve, loop trail, interim staging area, park security residence, stream restoration project, and potential future group campsite. Staff discussed the safety improvements at the McCosker parcel, including the installation of “caution” signs to alert users of sinkhole hazards and covering open drain boxes. The Committee inquired about the EBMUD open space parcel near Sibley. Robert Doyle, General Manager, commented that this is a good example of completing a park, and talked about the acquisition history of the park. After the two parcels are incorporated, Sibley will be approximately 1,300 acres. Director Beverly Lane inquired about interpretive panels, biological resources, future campground, and the operating agreement with EBMUD. Ms. Bondurant also talked about the planning schedule, including a public scoping meeting in April, and project budget. Funding for the project will come from a variety of sources, including Measure WW and grant funds. The Committee thanked staff for their work and looked forward to commencement of the project.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Whitney Dotson and seconded by Director Beverly Lane, the Committee voted 3-0 to forward a recommendation for approval of the proposed Checklist Amendment for the McCosker parcel to the Park Advisory Committee and the full Board for consideration under the East Bay Regional Park District’s Amendment Checklist Process.

5. Breuner Marsh Construction Update and Naming Recommendations

Due to the location of his residence, Director Whitney Dotson recused himself from this agenda item.

Phase 2 Construction Update

Chris Barton, Environmental Programs Manager, gave an update on the Breuner Marsh restoration and public access project at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. He gave an overview of the project description and history. The total project budget is \$12.3 million. Mr. Barton talked about the project challenges including the permitting and approval process. He showed a short video of the construction progress and showed “before and after” photos. A Phase 3 construction contract will be awarded in May 2016, with an estimated completion date in February 2017. Staff is anticipating a public opening in the spring of 2017.

Naming Recommendations

Sandra Hamlat, Park Planner, presented the naming recommendations. She showed a map of the subject area and highlighted each of the proposed naming recommendations. The naming recommendations include:

- *Dotson Family Marsh* – Staff recommended naming a 60-acre of restored wetlands *Dotson Family Marsh*. This is consistent with the City of Richmond Resolution No. 110-12, to honor the environmental advocacy work of Reverend Richard Daniel Dotson. He was one of the early settlers in Parchester in the 1950s, and helped secure Pt. Pinole as one of the East Bay Regional Park District shoreline parks.
- *San Francisco Bay Trail* – Naming this section of the 1.5 mile trail along the shoreline will provide consistency with the regional San Francisco Bay Trail project.
- *Rheem Creek Bridge* – The name was selected because the bridge crosses over Rheem Creek.
- *Dotson Family Marsh Staging Area* – This provides identify with the destination feature at this site.
- *Sleeping Maiden Spur Trail* – This name was selected as a reference to *Sleeping Maiden*, a 1921 mountain play of the same name written by Dan Totherton. There was discussion about this proposed naming recommendation. Director Beverly Lane asked staff to propose another name. She recommended changing the name to “View Point Trail”.
- *Cordgrass Jetty Trail* – This name was selected because this trail segment is located in Cordgrass habitat.

Installation of signs posts and signs will cost up to \$5,000; funding is available through capital project account. Park brochures will need to be updated and is estimated to cost up to \$36,000 for 30,000 brochures. Staff will be presenting this to the Park Advisory Committee for review and comment, and then to the full Board.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Doug Siden, the Committee voted 2-0 (Director Whitney Dotson recused himself) to forward a recommendation for approval of the proposed names with the recommendation of changing *Sleeping Maiden Spur Trail* to *View Point Trail* to the Park Advisory Committee and full Board for consideration under the East Bay Regional Park District Naming Policy and Guidelines.

6. Other Upcoming Naming Recommendations

Julie Bondurant, Principal Planner, discussed with the Committee other upcoming naming recommendations. The Committee talked about recognizing Ted and Kathy Radke, perhaps by naming a bridge or feature in Martinez Regional Shoreline. Director Doug Siden recommended that staff do more research. Director Beverly Lane recommended that staff talk to the residents of Martinez and the family to get their thoughts and ideas. The Committee also discussed naming the future visitor center in Pt. Pinole in honor of Jean and Will Siri. Staff will do further research and bring these naming recommendations back to the Committee at a future date.

Recommendation: None. This was a discussion item.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Board Comments

Director Dotson commented that he appreciated the District recognizing his family and the work that they've done in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng