

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Board Executive Committee (10/14/2016) (Siden)

Present

Board: Doug Siden (Chair), Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane

Staff: Robert Doyle, Becky Pheng, Jeff Rasmussen, Ruby Tumber, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Debra Auker, Jeff Lebow, Kelly Barrington, Matt Graul

Public: Eri Suzuki (Local 2428), Sarah Puckett, Steven Goetz, Margot Yapp

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

I. **Asset Management Systems: Major Infrastructure Asset Inventory and Pavement Management Program**

Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer, introduced this agenda item. The District utilizes two asset management software systems—VFA and Streetsaver. The VFA software system is a major infrastructure inventory and analysis system that is used to determine the condition of District assets such as buildings, bridges, docks, piers, and utilities. The Streetsaver payment management software system assesses the conditions of the District's pavement and road networks.

Margot Yapp, Vice President of NCE, Inc., made a presentation on the pavement management program. Ms. Yapp talked about the various types of payment distresses—alligator cracking, block cracking, distortions, patches, rutting, and cracking. The pavement condition is measured by a pavement condition index (PCI), with 100 being "good-excellent" and 0 as "failed". Currently, 65% of the District's pavement is considered in "good" condition and 14% in "poor/very poor" condition. Ms. Yapp presented a table which shows the PCI by park. Don Castro has the lowest PCI, 23. There was discussion about repair costs and funding scenarios. The District currently sets aside \$1 million per year for the pavement program. This amount is not adequate if the District wishes to maintain a PCI of 70 or above. To maintain a PCI of 80 will require an average funding of \$3.8 million per year.

Ruby Tumber, Administrative Analyst, gave a presentation on the VFA software system. To date, staff and the District's consultants have assessed assets at 12 parks. The District's assets are measured by a facility condition index (FCI), with 100 being "good-excellent" and 0 considered "failed". Staff talked about the FCI at the 12 parks. Cull Canyon had the lowest FCI, 28, and Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer had the highest, 88. Mr. Rasmussen talked about funding strategies and the cost of refurbishing an asset versus total replacement. Staff recommends that the District create a major infrastructure policy with a recommended budget allocation of \$5 million to \$9 million per year toward an infrastructure/asset replacement program.

Robert Doyle, General Manager, commented that the District has a lot of old infrastructure and utilities that will eventually need to be upgraded or replaced. Director Beverly Lane inquired about the current spending level for infrastructure/asset replacement. Mr. Doyle responded that staff will provide this information for a 10-year period. Staff will bring this matter back to the Committee at a future date.

**Recommendation: None. This was a discussion item.**

## **2. Measure WW Urban Creeks Grant Program**

Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer, presented this agenda item. Measure WW project list identifies \$8 million to work with cities and community organizations to restore urban creeks and acquire creek easements. The project description envisions funds to eligible government agencies similar to the Measure WW Local Grant Program. Funding is only available to government agencies. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to partner with government agencies and may provide services under contract with an eligible agency.

Mr. Rasmussen gave an overview of the Urban Creeks Grant Program, including the scoring criteria. Each application will be scored according to 10 criteria. Staff anticipates that the draft guidelines will be released for public review and comment in late 2016. After close of the comment period, staff will bring back the final guidelines to the full Board in early 2017 for final approval. Assuming the guidelines are approved, grant applications will be due in late 2017.

The Committee discussed the criteria and sought clarification on how points are allocated. Staff responded that the criteria were developed as a result of staff consultation and prior experiences. At this time, staff is requesting that the Board Executive Committee provide comments and approve an allocation of \$1.6 million for the first round of the Urban Creeks Grant Program. The Committee noted the importance of creek restoration and encouraged non-profits to partner with government agencies on projects.

### Public Comments:

Sara Puckett from the organization American Rivers commented that she is looking forward to reviewing the draft guidelines and will be partnering with a government agency to apply for the grant.

Steven Goetz from the City of Lafayette commented that he is enthused about this new grant program.

**Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Whitney Dotson, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to forward the draft guidelines for the Urban Creeks Grant Program to the full Board of Directors and to recommend an allocation of \$1.6 million for the Urban Creeks Grant Program for the first round of grant applications.**

**3. Open Forum for Public Comments**

None.

**4. Board Comments**

None.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Doug Siden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng

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