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BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, January 15, 2016

12:30 p.m., Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website (www.ebparks.org), the Headquarters reception desk, and at the meeting.

AGENDA

<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
	12:30 pm	I. STATE LEGISLATION / ISSUES	
		A. NEW LEGISLATION – N/A	Doyle/Pfuehler
D		B. ISSUES	Doyle/Pfuehler
		1. Governor Brown's Budget Proposal	
		2. Proposed State Priorities for 2016	
		3. Other Issues	
		II. FEDERAL LEGISLATION / ISSUES	Doyle/Pfuehler
		A. NEW LEGISLATION – N/A	
D		B. ISSUES	Doyle/Pfuehler
		1. Land and Water Conservation Fund update	
		2. Proposed Federal Priorities for 2016	
		3. Other Issues	
D		III. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL PRIORITIES FOR 2016	Doyle/Pfuehler
		IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS	
		V. ARTICLES	

- (R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
- (I) Information
- (D) Discussion

Legislative Committee Members

Diane Burgis (Chair); John Sutter; Dennis Waespi
 Doug Siden, Alternate
 Erich Pfuehler, Staff Coordinator

Future Meetings:

January 15	June 17
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TO: Board Legislative Committee

(Chair Diane Burgis, John Sutter, Dennis Waespi and Alternate Doug Siden)

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager
Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: Board Legislative Committee Meeting
WHEN: Friday, January 15, 2016 - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served

WHERE: Board Room, Peralta Oaks

Items to be discussed:

I. STATE LEGISLATION / ISSUES
A. NEW LEGISLATION – N/A

B. ISSUES

I. Governor Brown's Budget Proposal

The Governor announced his \$171 billion budget proposal on Thursday, January 7. Some of the highlights include:

- \$807 million (\$500 million General Fund) for critical deferred maintenance at levees, state parks, universities, community colleges, prisons, state hospitals and other state facilities.
- A total of \$719 million in new resources to pay for the costs of wildfires and other effects of the drought.
- A \$3.1 billion Cap and Trade expenditure plan that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions through programs that support clean transportation, reduce short-lived climate pollutants, protect natural ecosystems and benefit disadvantaged communities. There is a \$30 million set aside for CAL FIRE Urban Forestry programs and \$20 million for Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening programs. There is also an increase of \$60 million for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement wetland restoration projects.
- Transferring \$1.5 billion from the state's general fund to a new State Office Infrastructure Fund. Among the first things to be improved would be a new \$530 million office building for the Natural Resources Agency.
- An increase in school spending to \$10,591 per student, more than \$3,600 above 2011-12 levels.
- A multibillion-dollar plan to fund road repairs. The road-repair package is in line with the mix of taxes, fees and cap-and-trade money that the Governor previously proposed to generate about \$3.6 billion annually for roads, including a \$65-per-vehicle highway user fee.
- A modified expansion of a tax on health plans to help generate about \$1 billion for Medi-Cal.
- Shifting \$3.5 billion into the reserve, \$2 billion more than required by Proposition 2. In addition, he would add another \$995 million to the reserve based on the latest estimate of capital gains revenue in the current budget year.

2. Proposed State Priorities for 2016

Staff and Advocate Houston will provide an overview of proposed 2016 state legislative and governmental priorities, which include the following:

- Work to advance a Park Bond with per capita – including education efforts via social media
- Pursue funding opportunities from Cap and Trade – adaption and resiliency
- Endowments and support efforts to advance State permits for in-District projects
- Secure funding and adopt a strategy to address water infrastructure at Del Valle
- Pursue funding opportunities in other possible bond measures
- Work to reduce election costs
- Possible vault toilet legislation
- Work to establish a flat rate for Board Member pay to reduce paperwork and staff time expense
- Eligibility for Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Funding – COPS funding

3. Other Issues

II. FEDERAL LEGISLATION / ISSUES

A. NEW LEGISLATION – N/A

B. ISSUES

1. Land and Water Conservation Fund Update

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was reauthorized for an additional three years as part of the final budget deal enacted by Congress in December. The same package included \$450 million for the coming fiscal year, a near 50% increase over the previous level. Of the \$450 million, \$94.8 million for state assistance formula grants and \$12 million in competitive grants for urban areas (Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership) was allocated.

2. Proposed Federal Priorities for 2016

Staff will provide an overview of proposed 2016 federal legislative and governmental priorities, which include the following:

- Transfer of Concord Naval Weapons Station property to National Park Service by January 20, 2017 – possible Obama visit
- Clean up of upland portion of the Oakland Army Base for Gateway Park
- Resolve jurisdiction of Oakland Inner Harbor Canal
- Support Land and Water Conservation Fund reauthorization efforts
- Pursue Gun Range cleanup funding
- Pursue additional FEMA money for fuels management in light of continued drought conditions
- EPA shoreline resiliency funding
- Bay Trail – National Scenic Trail Designation
- Support efforts to advance Federal permits for in-District projects
- Alameda Point Veterans Memorial preconstruction funds in FY17 budget request
- Work on a CDC “Partnership to Improve Community Health” grant with children’s or health agencies

3. Other issues

III. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL PRIORITIES FOR 2016

Staff will provide an overview of proposed 2016 local legislative and governmental priorities, which include the following:

- Contra Costa Measure J augmentation
- San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
- Measure BB implementation
- Alameda Issues – Oakland Inner Harbor Canal, Naval Air Station
- Measure CC education efforts with electeds and via social media
- Monitor possible local land use ballot measures
- Pursue funding through Plan Bay Area

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. ARTICLES

A small packet of articles will be distributed at the meeting.



BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of January 15, 2016

TO: Board Legislative Committee

FROM: Robert Doyle, General Manager

**EMAIL UPDATE
PREPARED BY:** Doug Houston, Legislative Advocate

SUBJECT: Governor Brown's 2016 Budget Proposal

As most may have already read with interest the Governor's 2016-17 Budget was released yesterday and not surprisingly this budget is reflective of Governor Brown thematically during his tenure ... fiscally austere. However, there are a few bright spots from a natural resources standpoint worth noting.

Overview:

Budget proposes to direct \$3.5 Billion to rainy day fund (Proposition 2) more than \$1.5 billion more than required. As has been reported budget provides emphasized funding for schools, the poor and transportation. Gimmicks associated with budget ... tying health care plan tax or surcharge to increases for developmentally disabled (GOP priority) Also of interest and to provide greater context relative to the dynamics associated with proposed ballot measures, the Governor is reportedly opposed to the proposed ballot measures to extend the current sales tax increase (Proposition 30) and the proposed school bond. Governor has called on the Legislature to work with him on a school bond that places greater emphasis on funding of infrastructure for disadvantaged districts. Lastly, rather than dedicate and commit unanticipated revenues (\$7.9 billion above projections) to ongoing programs Governor is seeking to spend down funds through one time expenditures.

Highlights:

Transportation

Governor's budget reinforces the priorities he laid out in last year's special session and calls for modest increases in vehicle registration fees and gas taxes to provide enhanced transportation funding.

Governor is calling for \$100 million for "Low Carbon Roads." Most believe this is lexicon for enhanced Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding (50% set-aside for DACs). This along with \$400 million for inter city transit will come from Cap & Trade Proceeds. HMA has been working within a coalition of ATP advocates for increased funding in this area but some remain dubious of the term low carbon road and are curious why funds were not routed through and existing program in the ATP.

Cap & Trade

\$100m Sustainable Growth Council for Transformational Climate Communities.

This is a new program presumably attempting to respond to the voices within the equity communities to underwrite projects that are comprehensive in nature and provide not only for carbon improvements but other co-benefits including greenspace, park improvements and water quality benefits. Without greater detail it is difficult to differentiate this program from the Urban Greening Program administered by SGC. All funds must benefit top 5% of DACs.

\$20m Urban Greening through Natural Resources Agency.

HMA worked with a host of park and greening advocates including TPL and others over the past year to encourage the inclusion of funding for this program. Not a lot of money but a success nonetheless and opens the door for greater funding through budget negotiations. These funds appear to be available for all local agency applicants .

\$30m Urban Forestry through CalFire.

Existing program funding previously through cap and trade proceeds.

\$150m Healthy Forest Program through CalFire

Program is designed to better manage forest and open space areas for fire prevention purposes.

\$60m Watershed and Wetlands Restoration through Department of Fish and Game

State Parks

\$60m in one time revenues to address deferred maintenance backlog

\$690k for Urban Communities Outreach in Bay Area and Los Angeles

\$112m repayment from GF to OHV fund.

Structural Changes

Modernizing fee collection system investments

Enhancing Information of Park Systems and becoming more tech savvy

Permitting non-public safety officers to serve as district superintendents