

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 1, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President  
Whitney Dotson, Vice President  
Beverly Lane  
Carol Severin  
John Sutter

Directors Absent: Doug Siden, Ted Radke.

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 President Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Dave Collins, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Diane Althoff, Cinde Rubaloff, Anne Scheer, Emily Hopkins, Mona Koh, Bob Nisbet, John Bouyea, Liz Musbach, Jeff Rasmussen, Sara Rieck, Kelly Barrington, Jim Townsend.

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.  
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Christina Kemp and Jay Ganjei from Outback Adventures addressed the Board, stating that they are fully qualified to run the kayak concession at Del Valle Regional Park and that the recent RFP process resulted in staff recommending Outback Adventures over the two other proposals received, including the current concessionaire. Ms. Kemp added that she felt the Board Operations Committee did not have enough information when they voted to keep the current concessionaire at their February meeting. They requested that the full Board consider this matter at the next Board meeting and award the concession to Outback Adventures.

## **C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Wieskamp announced that item C-I-r will be taken off the agenda at the request of staff.

Item C-I-g was pulled for separate discussion and approval to allow Director Dotson to recuse himself due to the proximity of his residence:

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-1-g:

Directors For: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.  
Directors Against: None.  
Director Recused: Whitney Dotson.  
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

C-1-g. Resolution of Local Support, MTC Discretionary Funding, Authorizing the Filing of Applications for Funding Assigned to MTC and Committing any Necessary Matching Funds and Stating the Assurance to Complete the Projects (San Francisco Bay Trail from Pinole Shores to Bay Front Park and Breuner Marsh Restoration Projects)  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 074 (attached)

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar items, with the exception of C-1-r which was taken off the agenda:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.  
Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

C-1-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of February 24, 2014 through March 9, 2014  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 075 (attached)

C-1-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 4, 2013

C-1-c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 076 (attached)

C-1-d. Resolution of Support for Director Ayn Wieskamp's Candidacy as Special District Representative on the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 077 (attached)

C-1-e. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of Annual Report for East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (ECCC LLD)  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 078 (attached)

Director Sutter asked if it is appropriate to study the possibility of increasing the assessment; GM Doyle stated that staff will need to look at current legislation as to steps and issues the District has to consider.

C-1-f. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of Annual Report for Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (Two-County LLD)  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 079 (attached)

C-1-h. Resolution to Adopt the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 080 (attached)

- C-I-i. Authorization to Apply for Federal TIGER VI Grant: District-Wide Regional Trails Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 081 (attached)
- C-I-j. Authorization to Apply for Grants from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s Fire Severity, Treatment, Education, Planning, and Prevention (STEPP) Program for Fuels Management: Redwood and Tilden Park Regional Parks Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 082 (attached)
- C-I-k. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds for Replacement of Campground Restrooms: Del Valle State Recreation Area Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 083 (attached)
- C-I-l. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Services Agreement with CPS HR Consulting Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 084 (attached)
- C-I-m. Authorization to Contract for Environmental Assessment Services with SCA Environmental Inc. Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 085 (attached)
- C-I-n. Authorization of a Sole Source Purchase of a Timber Bridge Kit from Western Wood Structures for the Shady Slope Trail Bridge: Sycamore Valley Open Space Preserve Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 086 (attached)
- C-I-o. Authorization to Accept a Gift, Execute a Water Service Agreement and Encumbrance of Funds for Payment of Water Service Installation Costs and Fees: Olympic Staging Area – Lafayette/Moraga Regional Trail Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 087 (attached)
- C-I-p. Authorization to Amend the Consulting Contract and Encumber Additional Funds for URS Corporation to Develop Sediment Dredging and Disposal Alternatives for the Hayward Marsh: Hayward Regional Shoreline Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 088 (attached)
- C-I-q. Authorization to Augment the Construction Contingency for the Iron Horse Trail from Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 089 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Lane, Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager, stated that the November 2013 completion date was delayed due primarily to the existing petroleum pipelines wherein Kinder Morgan has continually requested for additional protections to their facilities and required relocation of bollards, gates, fences, etc. Another issue was the change in placement of the signal poles for pedestrian-activated crossings. It is expected that the project will be completed next month.

C-I-r. ~~Authorization to Purchase One Chevrolet Vehicle~~

## 2. LAND DIVISION

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item C-2-a:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.  
Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

C-2-a. Authorization to Exercise the Option and Accept, Appropriate and Transfer Funds for the Acquisition of 79.02± Acres of Real Property from William E. Ralph, Trustee, et al.:  
Brushy Peak Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 - 090 (attached)

John Bouyea, Senior Land Acquisition Specialist, provided a brief presentation on this item and provided photos of the area. He enumerated some significant aspects of the property:

- Fulfills Commitment of the 1992 Murray Township Annexation by EBRPD to provide regional parks, open space and trails in the Murray Township area;
- Preserves a Wildlife Corridor for Several Endangered/Threatened Species, such as the San Joaquin Kit Fox, Burrowing Owl, Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp, California Tiger Salamander, and the San Joaquin Spearscale;
- Protects Western Viewshed of Brushy Peak;
- Provides Potential Trail Linkages to Brushy Peak Regional Preserve; and
- Provides Opportunities for Future Restoration Projects.

Mr. Bouyea noted that 100% of the \$550,000 purchase price will be funded by non-District funds as follows:

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| • Alameda County Altamont Landfill Open Space Fund:               | \$250,000     |
| • City of Livermore's Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement Fund: | 250,000       |
| • Alkaline Soils Habitat Mitigation Fund:                         | <u>50,000</u> |
|   | \$550,000     |

The Board asked staff to study options for a staging area, parking and trail access.

### **3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**

GM Doyle reported on the items listed on the staff report.

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

Cinde Rubaloff, CFO/Controller, provided a brief presentation introducing current Finance Department staff and some of the recent projects and accomplishments within the unit - such as the update of various District Finance Policies and Procedures (Payroll, Budget Preparation, Expenditures, General Fund/Reserves/Unassigned Fund Balance); implementation of a Risk Assessment Plan; timecard processing is now performed on-line/electronically; invoices are now scanned and payment is performed electronically; District budget now has two parts – project and operating budgets.

AGM for Operations Jim O'Connor also updated the Board on upcoming changes to Operations staff: Chief of Operations Anne Scheer will be retiring on May 7, with Parklands Unit Manager Mark Ragatz acting as Chief of Operations until a replacement is chosen; Contra Costa Trails Supervisor Dan Cunning will be acting Parklands Unit Manager; and Park Ranger Jess Carlson will fill in for Dan Cunning. He also announced that Leigh Padmore, Executive Secretary, will be retiring on April 11.

GM Doyle also announced that there was a recent sewage spill near Keller Beach, although it was not on District property.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

## 6. BOARD COMMITTEES

- a. Executive Committee (3-13-2014) (Wieskamp)

Director Lane commented that she would like to have an additional discussion regarding the naming of Clayton Ranch Regional Preserve to ensure the proper naming of the area. GM Doyle stated that it is a draft working document and appropriate discussions will be held prior to the formal naming.

- b. Finance Committee (2-26-2014) (Radke)  
c. Operations Committee (1-16-2014) (Lane)

## 7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended SF Bay Restoration Authority, and reported that a subcommittee studying the proposed ballot measure in November for the nine-county Authority has recommended a \$9 parcel tax which would sunset in 10 years; a decision as to whether to go forward or not will probably be made in May;
- Attended an event sponsored by Assy. Nancy Skinner;
- Has been involved in the billboard issue in Oakland, attending meetings on this topic;
- Attended the Olmsted Conference in Palo Alto, including the EBRPD-sponsored field trip.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the CA Land Trust Conference in Sacramento from March 6 – 7;
- Attended the Board workshop on March 10, and the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting on March 11, the Executive Committee meeting on March 13, the Board field trip on March 14;
- Met with the former Tilden Merry Go Round concessionaire;
- Attended the NRPA Legislative Forum in Washington, DC, including the Capitol Hill visits;
- Attended the Richmond Liaison Committee meeting on March 28.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Capitol Hill meetings with Board members and staff;
- Will be attending the Operations Employee Recognition Breakfast as well as Susan Gonzales' retirement event on April 3, and the CA Trails and Greenways Conference from April 8 – 10 in Palm Springs;
- Announced the April 12 Spring Egg Scramble event at Crab Cove.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Olmsted conference in Palo Alto as well as the field trip to EBRPD parks;
- With other Board members and staff, attended the Capitol Hill meetings;
- Regarding AGM O'Connor's work on possible tours to land banked properties, suggested providing special offers to hiking clubs to tour these sites as well;
- Suggested having a visitor contact point at the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park;
- Attended her regularly scheduled Board and Board Committee meetings;
- Commented that one of the Alhambra Watershed signs at Grangers Wharf should have included the District's Martinez/Carquinez parks and will meet with AGM O'Connor on this topic. Also suggested having a singular place to store old park signs for preservation.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the Olmsted Conference in Palo Alto;
- Attended her scheduled Board and Board committee/liaison committee meetings;

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce awards celebration wherein the District was thanked for its Measure WW Local Grant program;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended a meeting and discussion with staff regarding Mission Peak;
- Attended the ACSDA Annual dinner meeting in Pleasanton;
- Attended the Fremont State of the City event on March 28;
- Will attend the Operations Employee Recognition Breakfast and Susan Gonzales' retirement celebration on April 3, and the Sunol Wildflower event on April 12 as well as a tour of Mission Peak after.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Director Siden in honor and memory of Anne Taylor, former District Director for Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who passed away recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido  
Clerk of the Board