

The Board Meeting, which was held on February 21, 2016 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Board President Lane.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, President
Dennis Waespi, Vice President
Ayn Wieskamp, Treasurer
Ellen Corbett, Secretary
Whitney Dotson
Dee Rosario
Colin Coffey

Directors Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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 1:25 p.m. by Board President Lane.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Debra Auker, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Tim Anderson, Liz Musbach, Aaron Roth, Alan Love, Mona Koh, Erich Pfuehler, Chris Barton, Steve Castile, Lisa Baldinger, Carol Johnson, Suzanne Lusk, Mimi Waluch, Anne Kassebaum, Kelly Barrington, Deborah Spaulding, Jeff Rasmussen, Mona Koh, Brian Holt, Sean Dougan, Sandra Hamlat, Michael McNally, Brenda Montano, Justine Neville.

Guests: None.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted to approve item f. Director Dotson recused himself due to the location of his home close to the park.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Recuse: Whitney Dotson.

- f. Acceptance of Completion of Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Improvement Project Phase 2 Construction for the Priority Conservation Area Grant from the California Department of Transportation: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 034 (attached)

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar minus item f.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of January 2, 2017 to January 22, 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 035 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of January 31, 2017
- c. Authorization to Designate Existing and Proposed Trail Segments as Additions to the Great California Delta Trail
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 036 (attached)

President Lane removed item c. for a presentation. Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager, oriented the Board to the proposed trail segments with a map. Dougan request included giving one name to all of the trails, which currently do not exist. Lane commented that these are all conceptual trails because the District is sending them across marshlands. Director Corbett acknowledged that this is a planning document and asked what the benefit of naming the trails is at this point. Dougan replied because the Delta Protection Commission is working to establish existing and proposed segments throughout the Delta – it helps the District coordinate with them by giving the trails one name. Once the District completes the segment the Regional Trails Department won't have to go through the District's naming process again for each trail named. ...the trail will be a combination of land and water, the use will be multiuse so there logo incorporates that which will be placed alongside the other trail names that may be along these given segments.

- d. Authorization to Appropriate Measure CC Funds and Award a Contract for Services with Californian Environmental Services, Inc. to Conduct a Pallid Manzanita Inventory Survey: Huckleberry Botanic, Sibley Volcanic and Sobrante Ridge Regional Preserves, and Redwood and Tilden Regional Parks
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 037 (attached)

Director Rosario asked if the District has developed a pallid manzanita protocol for care and monitoring of the species. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship replied that staff is in the final stages of development of this plan. Graul provided information on the plan. Director Corbett asked if the inventory is conducted throughout the entire area where the manzanita is, or just in areas as noted on the map. Graul said that

the District will look at all the areas on the map and is working with private homeowners. Graul stated the challenge is to obtain access.

- e. Authorization to Accept Funds from the Regional Parks Foundation to Support Two Wildlife Volunteer Projects and Amend the 2017 Budget
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 038 (attached)

Director Rosario asked what types of trees and how many are to be planted at Lake Chabot? Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship answered about 25/30 California Live Oak, Big Leaf Maple and California Buckeye will be planted. Director Corbett noted that Arrowhead Marsh is not located in San Leandro. Corbett asked if there is outreach with other programs to bring city kids into our parks. Graul explained that Dave Riensche has been working to bring in volunteers. Corbett asked if there is an ability to expand these projects. Graul replied there would be an opportunity for expansion. Corbett expressed interest in pursuing volunteer expansion. Director Waespi agreed that Fremont Bank is friendly and encourages their employees and family to volunteer.

- g. Authorization of Quagga/Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant
Program Application: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 039 (attached)
- h. Approval of District Debt Policy
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 040 (attached)
- i. Resolution to Support AB 151 (Burke D-Inglewood) Extending the
Cap-and-Trade Program
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 041 (attached)

Director Rosario asked if there is a possibility that the District will include language to include transportation and outreach. Erich Pfoehler, Government Affairs Manager, answered the District is trying to include transportation and outreach language in the park bond, and maybe through some transportation measures in the future.

- j. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation H.R. 343 (Sires D-NJ)
Community Parks Revitalization Act
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 042 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

By motion of Director Rosario, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 2a.

- a. Authorization to Exchange Real Property with and Accept and Appropriate Funds from Kenilworth Equestrian, LLC and Amend the 2017 Budget: Redwood Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 043 (attached)

Suzanne Lusk, Acquisition Specialist, presented a PowerPoint on her item. Lusk stated that this authorization requires a unanimous vote by all 7 board members pursuant to Public Resources Code 5540.5 Lusk described the property, broke down the costs, and gave additional information on the exchange. Lane was shown the existing pasture area. Director Rosario thanked Lusk for her work on the authorization. GM Doyle added that this is an original Park District acquisition, staff is protective on giving any of that original land up. This exchange gives the District a better operating boundary and GM Doyle stated he appreciates having it fenced. Lane asked if there is an equestrian trail that leads directly from this facility. Lusk showed on the map the access point to get onto the trails from their facility.

3. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,
Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 3a.

- a. Approval to Submit Draft of the East Bay Regional Park District
(District) Hazard Mitigation Plan to CalOES and FEMA, District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 02 – 044 (attached)

Jeff Rasmussen Asst. Finance Officer, explained that he would like board approval to submit the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to CalOES and FEMA. Rasmussen introduced Ken Goettel, Goettel & Associates. Goettel used a PowerPoint to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan which is an educational and planning document designed to raise awareness and understanding of natural disasters that may affect the District. The plan also maintains the District's eligibility for FEMA grants. Goettel went over the five mitigation goals. Goettel showed maps that described the different zones. There is a 33% chance of a major earthquake of 6.7 magnitude in the next 30 years near the Hayward Fault. GM Doyle added that it is incumbent for the District to use this data for our risk assessment. Director Corbett asked if the District has an obligation to protect habitat that may be at risk in the event of sea level rise. GM Doyle replied that there are no legal regulations; however the District has spent close to \$100 million buying and restoring lands which will be underwater. The issue of sea level rise is going to be one of the biggest challenges for the agency in the future.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Doyle went over items on the Actions by Other Jurisdictions report.

Director Wieskamp asked if the District has looked at the reclamation plan that includes the Mission Clay sites. GM Doyle said the District has and there is a large amount of petroleum in the ground. The city has denied the District a reclamation permit because they want to see more detail.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle distributed an article about David Burwell who led the national effort on rail to trails. Burwell and Peter Harnick established the Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC). There was an onslaught of consolidation of rail lines. Peter and David went to court and challenged the National Transportation Authority and created a national movement. GM Doyle said they were his inspiration when he was developing a regional trails system. RTC established legislation called railbanking which meant that the

railroad would have to bank the trail line for future transportation purposes which included open space. Director Lane was instrumental in this effort. Robert Doyle and Mike Anderson went to Washington, DC and through their work and interest in this legislation, were able to get \$6 million dollars. This money allowed the District to purchase the first acquisition of Vargas Plateau, restore Temescal Bath House, and acquire the C & H Property in Crocket Hills.

GM Doyle introduced Carol Johnson, AGM Public Affairs whose presentation was a 6 minute video produced narrated by Doug McConnell entitled, 'More than Just a Pretty Place.' Johnson invited the Board to the Economic Summit on March 15th from 10 – 1:30 at Bridgeyard; Director Lane and GM Doyle are presenters. It will be the first official public launch of the video and the study.

AGM Chief Anderson reported that Public Safety is down (13) employees due to injuries and FMLA.

Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations finalized the board tour dates with the Board for the year. O'Connor also reported on the rain and its impact on the parks: flooding, mud slides and downed trees.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel announced that by a vote of 7-0 board voted to deny the claim of Nancy Bennett

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Executive Committee | (2/02/17) | (Lane) |
| b. | Legislative Committee | (1/27/17) | (Corbett) |

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Met with Operations Managers group;
- Attended San Ramon, State of the City.

Lane commented that she enjoyed Washington and thanked Erich Pfuehler and Lisa Baldinger for putting together the packet of materials for each of them as well as to distribute to each legislator. Priorities were very clear. Lane added that the Oroville Dam was a topic on the news and front page of the Washington Post.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended Elected Women's meeting in Dublin;
- Visited her parks;
- Met with Greg Lamborn of Western Sea Kayakers;
- Attending the Finance Department meeting.

Wieskamp remarked that she knew a Girl Scout leader who would like to have her scouts participate in projects. Wieskamp mentioned a good article about dogs in parks.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended Assemblymember Bill Quirk's trail workshop;
- Met with Norm LaForce;
- Met with PAC appointees Rich Godfrey and Bruce Kern;
- Attended several public lands sessions.

Waespi thanked Erich Pfuehler for the Washington, DC trip.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Had nothing to report.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Public Land Alliance Conference;
- Met with GM Doyle for her I on I.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Public Land Alliance Conference;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Piedmont;
- Met with GM Doyle for his I on I.

Rosario thanked Erich Pfuehler for the Washington, DC trip.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Met with Sean Dougan regarding the trails in Ward 7.

Coffey was introduced to constituent calls.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Director Corbett said that Siden brought to their attention the passing of Anne Woodall, a great public servant. President Lane said that she was an outstanding person and supporter of the parks. Director Wieskamp announced that Harry Silcocks passed. He was instrumental in getting curb cuts in Livermore and became involved with the Trail Dogs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm in the memory of Anne Woodall and Harry Silcocks by Board President Lane.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board