

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 4, 2017 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 11:05 a.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:

There were 3 members of AFSCME 2428 who spoke during this portion of the meeting: Meadow D'Arcy, Sargent of Arms and Member of the negotiating team, Xiaoning Huang – Accountant I, CPA and Mark Pearson, President 2428. D'Arcy, Huang, and Pearson presented and entered into the record a letter, an email and two exhibits that depicted the Union vs. Management COLA and Salary Increase and Property tax increases from 2006 to 2017. Pearson spoke about contract negotiations and the bargaining unit's requests.

At 11:15 am, 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 1:30p.m. by Board President Lane.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Tim Anderson, Liz Musbach, Alan Love, Carol Johnson, Kelly Barrington, Tiffany Margulici, Anthony Ciaburro, Alicia Gonzales, Jim Tallerico, Matt Gaul, Julianna Schirmer, Mona Koh, Jeff Rasmussen, Ruby Tumber, Michael McNally, Erich Pfuehler

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, 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

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar.

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 February 20, 2017 to March 5, 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 073 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of April 4, 2017

- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 074 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Approve Grant Applications to the State Homeland Security Grant for Helicopter Equipment Upgrades: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 075
(attached)

Tim Anderson, AGM Public Safety introduced Sergeant Bill Probets, Chief Pilot, who gave the presentation on this item. Probets said the main purpose of the infrared camera is for searching for a missing person, suspects and victims. The camera detects heat emanating from the person which allows the helicopter to direct officers on the ground to the source of the heat. The current system is analog, outdated, and will no longer be supported. Probets added that outside assists are approximately 8.4% of their total flight time and costs the District money. President Lane remarked on the camera's expense saying that the grant only provides 1/3 of the funds with the balance coming from general funds. Lane asked how often the camera has been used in the past. Probets replied that once it gets dark staff cannot search at night without the system. It is used almost every day. Director Rosario asked what happens if the grant is not received. Probets answered that District will have to get the money from another source as the current system is coming to the end of its life. Rosario asked is there an opportunity to purchase a used version. Probets replied a used version is not a viable option. GM Doyle added this is something that would compete with midyear or budget issues if we can't get the grant. Director Wieskamp said that this will help when park users are lost. She asked how long the technology last. Probets answered the service life of this equipment is 12 years. Director Waespi asked how long the warranty is. Probets replied the warranty is approximately 1-2 years and is historically good.

- e. Approval of Application for Grant Funds for California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program for the Lone Tree Point San Francisco Bay Trail and Shoreline Park Improvements: San Pablo Bay Shoreline
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 076 (attached)
- f. Resolution to Support AB 184 (Berman D-Palo Alto) Sea Level Rise Database for Planning
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 077 (attached)
- g. Resolution to Support AB 1433 (Wood D-Healdsburg) – Climate Adaption and Resilience Based on Nature Act
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 078 (attached)

- h. Resolution to Support AB 1608 (Kalra D-San Jose) Vibrant Landscapes for Climate, People and Multi Benefits
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 079 (attached)
- i. Resolution to Support SB 50 (Allen D-Santa Monica) – Protecting Federal Public Lands in California
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 080 (attached)
- j. Resolution to Oppose SB 234 (Berryhill R-Twain Harte) – Prohibiting Local Agencies from Regulating Fishing
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 081 (attached)
- k. Resolution to Support SB 249 (Allen D-Santa Monica) – Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 082 (attached)
- L. Resolution to Support SB 287 (Dodd D-Napa) – Protecting Native Plants For Phytophthora Pathogens
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 083 (attached)
- m. Resolution to Support SB 365 (Dodd D-Napa) – Solano County Regional Park and Open Space District
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 084 (attached)
- n. Resolution to Support SB 720 (Allen D-Santa Monica) - Fire Ring Immunity for Public Entities
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 085 (attached)
- o. Resolution to Support H. Con. Res. 27 (Lowenthal D-CA) – America’s Federal Public Lands Belong to All Americans
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 086 (attached)
- p. Resolution to Support H.R. 502 (Grijavla D-AZ) – Permanent Land and Water Conservation Fund Authorization
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 087 (attached)
- q. Resolution to Support H.R. 1015 (Connolly D-VA) – Complete America’s Great Trails Act
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 088 (attached)

2. FINANCE & 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 Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 2a.

- a. Authorization to Appropriate Major Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Funds for Fiber Optic Network Upgrades: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 04 – 089 (attached)

Jim Tallerico, Chief Information Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, *Fiber Communications Upgrade*. Tallerico provided a history of the District's communication systems over the past years; explaining the purpose of the upgrades are to improve voice and data communications performance at all District locations. AT&T has invested \$1M of their own funds to deliver fiber connectivity to our park locations. Tallerico gave the Project Charter to upgrade electrical requirements, improve voice and data communications performance at all District locations, provide trenching, and aerial pathways. Tallerico mentioned the collaboration with other departments ASD, MAST Operations, External Contractors and AT&T. Tallerico highlighted that Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline staff will finally obtain services.

Directors Coffey and Corbett asked about aerial vs. trenching. Tallerico explained that aerial are telephone poles and some locations will not permit aerial, so the lines are trenched. Trenching is preferred. Corbett asked if the people would react to the poles. Tallerico says that AT&T deals with the politics. District Counsel Victor explained for this type of utility connection it is regulated by federal law and municipalities have very little authority over utility placement.

President Lane complimented Tallerico. Lane asked how long the District will use fiber optics technology. Director Corbett was concerned about the visual effect of additional poles on Geary Road into Sunol and possible negative views from the public. Tallerico responded about 10 years, adding that the bandwidth is sufficient for the park district.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

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

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Doyle introduced Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager. Pfuehler presented the Legislative Delegation and Policy Priorities Update for 2017 stating that Government Affairs is about relationships. There are external and internal relationships with a secondary audience of people who interact with electeds and are the point person in the relationship; Pfuehler is that person. Pfuehler highlighted success stories: Tiger II, Measure AA, Cap & Trade, and Dotson Marsh. Maps were shown of the Congressional Committee, the California State Senate and Assembly Committee. Committee Assignments broken down by Wards. Pfuehler touched on the Concord Naval Weapon Station, Land & Water Conservation Fund and Alameda Point Regional Shoreline, OHV Reauthorization, Endowments and Measure BB Implementation to name a few. Director Corbett mentioned trail funding money and FEMA money. Pfuehler will research if the District is eligible for the funds. GM Doyle said that it will be a process to identify what damage went with what storm. Doyle expressed his appreciation to Erich Pfuehler and to Lisa Baldinger, Legislative Assistant.

Director Lane inquired about the Black Diamond Booklet. Jim O'Connor answered he will make sure the Board Members receive a copy adding this booklet serves as a model to roll out for other parks. Director Coffey asked about the Delta trail meeting. Jim O'Connor explained that it was a meeting planned for alternate routes and he will have staff reach out to Coffey for an update.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel announced there were no announcements.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee (3-02-17) (Lane)

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Operations meeting;
- Attended the Byron Hot Springs Tour;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources meeting;
- Attended the Regional Park Foundation meeting;
- Attended the EBMUD Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Special District Association meeting at Redwood;
- Attended the Strategy Meeting on AB 898;
- Attending Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference;
- Walked the Iron Horse Trail and drive down Bollinger.

Lane commented on oral histories and how they are transcribed and stored.

Lane will shop at Whole Foods April 5 where the Foundation will receive proceeds.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended a tour with Fred Cortopassi at Shadow Cliffs;
- Attended the Alameda County Special District Association meeting at Redwood;
- Attended the Byron Hot Springs Tour;
- Met with Erich Pfoehler, Olivia Sanwong PAC, and Juliana Schirmer of the Regional Park Foundation;
- Attended the Pleasanton Chamber Community Awards;
- Attended the State of the City of Fremont;
- Toured with Nancy Krebs and Lynn Philpott at Ardenwood;
- Attending Wildflower Festival at Sunol.

Wieskamp commented on the Vasco water project adding a lot of credit should go to the park specialist who designed it. Wieskamp will shop at Whole Foods April 5 where the Foundation will receive proceeds.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended Alameda County Special District Association meeting at Redwood;
- Attended the Byron Hot Springs Tour;
- Attended the EBMUD Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the State of the City of Fremont.

Waespi complimented the Lake Chabot staff on their trail clean-up.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Byron Hot Springs Tour;
- Attended the Albany Film Festival;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources meeting;
- Walked the Dotson Marsh.

Dotson testified before Richmond City Council regarding possible development next to Pt Pinole. Dotson expressed a great opportunity for kids to be exposed to an area that is so majestic; he envisions a campground for horseback riding.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Byron Hot Springs Tour;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Diversity Outreach meeting;
- Attended Alameda County Special District Association meeting at Redwood;
- Met with firefighters;
- Attended the State of the City San Leandro;
- Attended the PAC meeting;
- Attended League of Women Voter Meet Your Elected Officials event;
- Attending the Native Plant Sale on April 15;
- Attending the City of Alameda Liaison meeting.

Corbett thanked Mona Koh for the work that she is doing. Corbett is interested in fostering more relationships with Master Gardeners.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended a follow-up orientation with Bob Nisbet and staff;
- Attended the Albany Film Festival;
- Attended the Operations meeting;
- Attended Alameda County Special District Association Meeting at Redwood;
- Met with Firefighters from several counties regarding AB898;
- Attended the Piedmont's Hampton Fields Dedication;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Heroes Award ceremony;
- Met with Lourdes Martinez, Alameda County United Defense of Immigrant Rights (ACUDIR);
- Attended the Multicultural Committee meeting;
- Attended the EBMUD Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources meeting;
- Met with Susan Junfish, Parents For a Safer Environment.

Rosario asked if they do computer modeling for storms and find out if they can do forecasting and determine how much water to let out of Lake Chabot. AGM O'Connor has already started the conversations.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Byron Hot Springs Tour;
- Attended orientation with Clerk, CFO and District Counsel;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;

- Attended the Strategy Meeting re: AB898;
- Met with Supervisor Mitchoff;
- Hiked at Deer Valley;
- Will hike around Roddy Ranch;
- Meeting with Supervisor Glover.

Coffey had remarks on the passing of Jack Knox, a friend and legend in the Park field.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Jack Knox at 3:45 pm. President Lane and GM Doyle remarked about this phenomenal legislator. Miller Knox Regional Shoreline Park was named in his honor.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board