

The Board Meeting, which was held August 8, 2017 at the EBRPD, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:30 am by Board President Beverly 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.

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 1:20 p.m. by President Lane.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Steve Castile, Anne Kassebaum, Jeff Rasmussen, Liz Musbach, Tonya Covarrubias, Duncan Marshall, Chief Tony Ciaburro, Lisa Baldinger, Dave Mason, Renee Patterson, Michael McNally, Alicia Gonzales, Sean Dougan, Suzanne Lusk, Sara Rieck, Joe Sullivan, Jack Davis, Pat Fishbaum, Pete DeQuincy, Heather DeQuincy, Erich Pfuehler, Matt Graul, Michael McNally, Ruby Tumber, Patty Gershaneck, Mimi Waluch, Juliana Schirmer, Liz Musbach, Kelly Barrington

Guests: Greg Schwab

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bryon Scott commented on East Contra Costa Fire Protection District's need for fire stations in the East Contra Costa area. Scott explained that East Contra Costa County residents pay enough taxes to adequately fund the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, but the allocation of those taxes is flawed.

Director Coffey suggested that this subject be referred to appropriate management and staff and bring it back to a committee if appropriate. GM Doyle suggested it be referred to the Board Legislative and Board Finance Committees for review.

**C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

Directors Present: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.  
Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: None

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve item **C-I-k**.

- k. Approval of a Successor Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) Between the District and AFSCME Local 2428 for a Four-Year Term with Effective Dates April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021 and Authorize Appropriations Consistent with the MOU  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 219 (attached)

GM Doyle expressed Management’s appreciation to both teams who negotiated hard representing the interests of both parties and also the work the Board did to be both fiscally responsible and fair to District employees. GM Doyle said he was pleased to see a four-year-contract that was ratified by the majority of the membership. President Lane commented that she is pleased to have the MOU before the Board. President Lane said the comp study will be helpful. President Lane thanked both negotiation teams for their work. Director Rosario echoed the GM and President’s acknowledgement stating the negotiations were conducted in a very professional manner by both sides. Director Rosario asked staff to continue to develop relationships with the Board Directors. Director Corbett thanked the Union team and Management for the open dialog that was allowed between all parties. Director Wieskamp appreciated the civility shown, and stated that Mark Pearson set the tone for the negotiations. Wieskamp appreciated that staff on both sides cared about the District, the employees, and the District’s mission.

Eri Suzuki, Reservations Support Technician, spoke on behalf of the union and thanked negotiation team members Mark Pearson, Dave Butler, Meadow D’Arcy, Kym Anderson, Chris Newey, Josh Sosine, Xiaoning Huang, Cliff Rocha, and business agent Sharon Macleavy for their hard work. Suzuki looks forward to working with the Board in the future, to make the District a better park system for the public and for the workers.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Directors Present: 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 June 26, 2017 to July 9, 2017  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 220 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of July 25, 2017

- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 221 (attached)

- d. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Board Members Dennis Waespi, Whitney Dotson and Ellen Corbett to Attend the 2017 National Recreation and Park Association Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 26-28, 2017  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 222 (attached)
- e. Authorization to Amend a Contract for Environmental Assessment Services with TRC Solutions, Inc.: San Francisco Bay Trail  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 223 (attached)
- f. Authorization to File an Application for Grant Funds through the Alameda County Altamont Landfill and Resource Facility Open Space Advisory Committee to Acquire Real Property: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 – 224 (attached)

Director Waespi commented that he recently attended a meeting of Assemblymember Baker's Environmental Advisory Committee. At the meeting, Dick Schneider of the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee said there is 13 million dollars in grants available that the Park District might consider submitting applications. Liz Musbach, Chief of Land Acquisition, replied that an application for a potential staging area off of Collier Canyon Road was submitted to the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee for funding in 2017, and before the Board today is a request to submit an application to Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee for land acquisition at Pleasanton Ridge. GM Doyle explained that there is a unique division of dollars in this agreement. 60% of the total funds need to stay in the Livermore area and the other 40% is split between Dublin and Pleasanton.

- g. Authorization to Amend and Extend the Shoreline Trail Operating Agreement with the Port Costa Conservation Society: Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 225 (attached)

Director Waespi inquired about the maintenance cost. Musbach said it has been incorporated into the costs in the agreement. Director Waespi asked about fire liability on this type of agreement. Musbach replied that she didn't know if it was explicitly addressed, but the District would participate in firefighting to the best of its ability, and grazes in part to control the fuel load. GM Doyle stated there is no more liability than any other lands the District operates. Director Coffey asked what the Port Costa Conservation Society does. GM Doyle replied it is a group formed in the nineties to stop a development adjacent to Port Costa. They received a donation of property and the District bought the development piece that was defeated. This was the beginning of the creation of the Carquinez Regional Shoreline.

- h. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with SFPP, L.P. for Inspection Services Related to Construction of the Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park Trail Segment: San Francisco Bay Trail  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 226 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Apply for Funding from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Dotson Family (Breuner) Marsh Wetland-Upland Transitional Planting: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 227 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund for Trail Improvements: Tilden Nature Area  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 228 (attached)

- L. Resolution to Oppose SB 649 (Hueso D-San Diego) – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 229 (attached)
- m. Resolution to Support SJR 8 (Allen D-Santa Monica) – California Nonmotorized Trails Master Plan  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 230 (attached)
- n. Resolution to Support AB 398 (Garcia D-Coachella) – Extend the Cap-and-Trade Program  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 231 (attached)
- o. Resolution to Support H.R. 3275 (McNerney D-California) – Water and Energy Sustainability through Technology Act (WEST Act)  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 232 (attached)

## 2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item **C-2-a**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.  
Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: None.

- a. Authorization to Enter into a 30-year Operating and Management Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach and Accept a Grant of Easement for McKay Avenue from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation and Transfer and Appropriate Funds: Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 233 (attached)

Suzanne Lusk, Land Acquisition Specialist, presented a PowerPoint presentation on item C.2a. Lusk provided details about the State owned 250-acre property. The 30-year operations and management agreement will extend the District's operation and maintenance of the park, prevent degradation of the shoreline resources, and promote recreation and educational opportunities.

Director Corbett commented that she is very happy that the District has this opportunity to renew its partnership with the State for another 30 years. Director Lane inquired about the length of the easement on Mackay Avenue. Lusk replied it runs the length of Mackay Avenue from Central to the park. Lane asked about parking. GM Doyle said there is a small parking lot that serves the visitor center, but they are considering a change to the road use to put in a turnaround too. Lane stated the newly acquired property has an existing parking lot that could potentially be used. GM Doyle said the District will work with the City Council and the Planning Department in Alameda to come up with a plan.

### 3. GENERAL MANAGER

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution overruling protests related to item **C-3-a**.

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Authorize the 2017/2018 Tax Rate to be Levied by Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for the Payment of East Bay Regional Park District Measure AA and Measure WW General Obligation Bonds  
Resolution No. 2017 – 08 - 234 (attached)

Debra Auker, CFO, AGM of Management Services provided an outline of the item before the Board. She explained that this item is for the Board's annual approval to authorize the tax levy for Alameda and Contra Costa counties for the District's bond issue. The District has committed to keep the rate at \$10.00 or less per 100 thousand of assessed value, but the covenant states the District must assess the amount necessary for the debt service. Director Waespi asked if the rate has been determined. Auker replied that this year's rate hasn't been determined, but the August Finance Committee packet will provide the exact calculation that will be sent to the county. President Lane expressed her appreciation for Finance staff's work managing this so well; and the District's bond rating shows how responsible the District has been.

### 4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

General Manager Doyle outlined the action on the agenda. The District is in coordination with the City of Pleasanton on future improvements of the Alviso Adobe Community Park Implementation Plan. President Lane asked when the trail improvements will begin. Bob Nisbet, AGM, ASD replied that the District hopes to have the parking improvements on city property and trail improvements done by the end of the year. Director Wieskamp commented that the city sees this as an opportunity to work together and have trail access at the Alviso Adobe.

### 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

#### MLK Rescue

GM Doyle introduced Tony Ciaburro, Acting Chief of Public Safety. Ciaburro introduced Pete DeQuincy, Aquatics Manager who introduced Cull Canyon lifeguards Jack Davis, and Adam Fishbaum. While off-duty, Davis and Fishbaum saved two distressed swimmers in the estuary at MLK shoreline on July 15. DeQuincy presented Davis and Fishbaum with the Medal of Merit, the second highest level of award for their heroic life-saving actions. President Lane commended them for their fine work stating they made the Park District proud. Both lifeguards thanked the Board for their support, and strongly stressed the importance of lifejacket safety.

#### Grizzly Fire Update

Doyle introduced Acting Chief Ciaburro who provided a report on the Grizzly Peak fire. Ciaburro reported the District received the initial call from the UC Berkeley Police Department. GM Doyle stated the District Fire Station Tilden I was first on scene. Ciaburro described that during the fire there was an evacuation of children

from the Gillespie Youth Camp. Paul Cutino, Assistant Fire Chief did an excellent job of facilitating moving the children to the Brazil Center where a parent relocation area was set up. Surrounded by fire, a goat herder and his goats also had to be evacuated. Ciaburro reported there was one injury of a hand crew member fighting the fire. GM Doyle explained that the winds were in the area's favor as the fire could have swept into Claremont Canyon and Strawberry Canyon, and would have been extremely difficult to control. A KRON 4 video report about the fire was shown to the Board.

Director Dotson asked what the response time was from receiving the call to arriving on site. Ciaburro replied it was between 5-10 minutes. Lane asked if the command lead changed after other agencies arrived, or did the District retain control. Ciaburro stated the District arrived first and established incident command; then a unified command was established as multiple agencies arrived. GM Doyle said a decision is made onsite on who has jurisdiction and who will lead, but Cal Fire takes control of the aerial attack. Director Waespi asked if it has been determined to be arson, or is it still under investigation. Ciaburro replied that it is under investigation. Director Rosario commented that the District has a good reputation with local jurisdictions as one of the best wildlife fire departments in the area. Corbett thanked staff and expressed her gratitude for the Fire Departments' good work. GM Doyle acknowledged Paul Cutino's leadership at the fire site.

#### Computed Aided Dispatch Software RMS

Tony Ciaburro, Acting Chief of Public Safety introduced Patty Gershaneck, Communications Manager who provided a PowerPoint on Public Safety Communications new software program, Records Management System or RMS. Gershaneck gave an overview of the history of Communication Center's various systems used, and explained how RMS will bring Public Safety up to industry standards.

President Lane asked if other cities use RMS or different systems. Gershaneck replied that many agencies are moving to the RMS system, but the software system chosen is dependent on the agency's needs and current equipment. GM Doyle commented that this high-quality system is an additional safety feature allowing staff who are in the far reaches of our parks the ability to communicate. President Lane inquired about the new mobile incident command vehicle. Gershaneck said it is currently being housed at the Helicopter Hangar and being prepared for deployment.

Director Waespi commented on the Share Our Trail events sponsored by the Regional Parks Foundation that bring more people into the parks, and the education it provides to new park users. President Lane commented on the pop-up visitor centers being held for park outreach.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor stated that there are no announcements from the Closed Session.

GM Doyle left at 3:00 pm, DGM Ana Alvarez took his seat.

## 7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Board Executive Committee (7-06-17) (Lane)
- b. Board Legislative Committee (5-30-17) (Corbett)
- c. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee (5-17-17) (Rosario)

Rosario thanked staff for the pesticide report, which provides a good baseline for the future, given at the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee.

## 8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Met with Jerry Kent to discuss the history of the Wilder and McKosker Properties;
- Attended the JPA at Chabot Space and Science Center;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Alameda Point;
- Met with Dan Cunning for a tour of Briones to view the proposed removal site of trees located in the vicinity of PG&E's pipeline;
- Met with new San Leandro Recreation Director Jeanette Dong;
- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference;
- Met with Lafayette Mayor Mike Anderson;
- Met with Moraga Mayor Teresa Onoda regarding Canyon Bridge;
- Attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends of the Botanic Garden;
- Will have lunch with Chabot Space and Science Center Director.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Board Field trip to Alameda Point;
- Attended the Greater & Greener Conference.

Corbett complimented the Minneapolis Park District Board for their beautiful parks. Minneapolis battling blue-green algae and developed a program called Literary Picnics.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Regional Parks Foundation Board meeting;
- Attended the Castro Valley Eden Chamber Mixer at Meek Estate;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Alameda Point;
- Walked with Rep. Eric Swalwell at Lake Chabot;
- Attended EBRPD Tim Walker's Retirement party;
- Attended a community event with Dawoodi Bohras Mosque members to plant trees in Cull Canyon;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Board Field trip to Alameda Point;
- Attended the Multicultural Wellness Walk in Briones;

Coffey commented that he enjoys going to Pinole Shores to watch the construction progress of the bridge. He manned a District table at the Martinez Annual Beaver Festival.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended: Director Dotson

- Attended the Board Field trip to Alameda Point;
- Attended the Board Meeting at Big Break.

Dotson has been planning the October 7 North Richmond Festival.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Board Field trip to Alameda Point;
- Attended the Livermore Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Will meet with Ira Bletz at Shadow Cliffs to discuss the pavilion;
- Will attend a public meeting at Coyote Hills about the Patterson Ranch property.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Went to the Oakland Museum and saw an exhibit that featured East Bay Parks;
- Is working with the National Park Service on an exhibit at the O'Neil Festival;

Lane expressed appreciation for the opportunity to honor the lifeguards. Had e-mail correspondence regarding bat houses at the San Ramon Creek bridge;

#### **E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There are none.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm by Board President Lane.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight  
Clerk of the Board