

The Board Meeting, which was held February 20, 2018 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:05 am by Board President Dennis Waespi.

ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: None.

Guests: Jeff Peters - Questa Engineering

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Waespi.

Staff Present: Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Steve Castile, Dave Mason, Matt Graul, Jim O'Connor, Captain Al Love, Lance Brede, Mona Koh, Michael McNally, Becky Tuden, Bob Nisbet, Rick Seal, Sean Dougan, Ruby Tumber, Karla Cuero, Dave Zuckerman, Kelly Barrington, Sandra Hamlet, Juliana Schirmer, Chris Barton, Raphael Breines

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Dotson, 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.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve 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 January 8, 2018 Through January 21, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 021 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of February 6, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 022 (attached)
- c. Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Anchor QEA LLC for a Dredging Feasibility Study of Lake Temescal: Temescal Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 023 (attached)

Director Lane asked why the feasibility study is so expensive. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, explained the multiple issues: estimating the annual volume of material, how much material needs to be removed, estimating how many years of useful life for the dredging, and how often to dredge. The study looks at different disposal methods and the feasibility of fringe wetlands on the edge of the lake. The most expensive piece to the study is the sediment analysis which is about \$70,000 and includes core analysis and testing each of the sections. Director Corbett asked if the dredged sediment will be tested for nutrients. Graul responded that he believes so. President Waespi appreciated the letter from the Park District to the City of Oakland. Waespi asked about the nutrient content which creates cyanobacteria, adding that the District needs to solve the issue of sewage coming into Lake Temescal. Acting GM, Alvarez followed up adding that the District is scheduling a meeting with Mayor Schaaf of Oakland to discuss the District's interest, and the urgency to protect this beloved recreational amenity.

- d. Authorization to Transfer Funds and Award Construction Contract to ERA Construction Inc. for Waterline and Restroom Project: Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 024 (attached)

Director Lane remarked that she asked about the huge disparity in the bids and the answer provided by email from Jeff Rasmussen, AFO was that ERA construction is right next door to the park and the contractor knows the area and wanted to do the project. President Waespi inquired why there was no contingency mentioned in the report, considering that the District has a policy about the contingency not going over a certain amount. Rasmussen replied staff doesn't publish the contingency in the staff report, but follow the guidelines set forth in the Board Operating Guidelines. Waespi asked what type of restrooms will be installed. Rasmussen answered CXT non-flushable, rocky mountain style with stone facing on the bottom half of the building.

- e. Authorization to Amend the 2017 Budget and Appropriate Funds Pursuant to a Legal Settlement in the Case of *Stevenson et al. v. East Bay Regional Park District et al*
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 025 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Enter Into a Professional Services Contract with Sasha Berleman, Ph.D., to Develop a Prescribed Burn and Smoke Management Plan: District-wide
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 026 (attached)

Rick Seal, EBRPD Fire Chief, said there is a regime for removing fuels and during an evaluation of the District processes found that the District is unable to perform prescribed burns. This item is a contract with Dr. Berleman to write contracts for prescribed burns and to do resource management. Director Coffey asked if

these burns and are they all in the Measure CC zone. Seal replied they are including in the process that staff will create a master plan for the entire District which will allow specific burn plans for any of our parks and for each RTA (recommended treatment areas). Director Corbett asked if staff works with the Air Quality Control Board. Seal responded yes and emphasized that two regulatory agencies, Bay Area Air Quality Board and CalFire, have to sign off on the prescribed burn and the smoke plan. . Corbett asked how the community gets notified on prescribed burns. Seal replied that Dr. Berleman will manage notifications using leaflets, mailers, door to door, TV ads and education. Director Rosario asked if the consultant will create the prescription for the entire area, and then do specific site plans. Seal agreed. Rosario asked how long will the prescription last. Seal replied it is a one-time burn and another prescription has to be written for each burn. Director Wieskamp inquired about Dr. Berleman's experience. Seal explained that Dr. Berleman has done ecosystem conversions of Douglas fir in Sonoma and at Round Valley. Wieskamp added that she hopes that Berleman comes up with the right technique to reach out to the public. Director Lane asked if the plan is for the entire District how does it work in discreet areas. Seal clarified that when there is a prescribed burn it is tailored to the RTA, adding that any time the plan is exercised, another plan is re-written. Lane asked if the would cover any place in the District. Acting AGM Alvarez reiterated that staff is bringing in a plan that is District-wide and has very specific prescriptions for burn areas and will be updated on an annual basis, which brings greater flexibility and efficiency. President Waespi stated there are 130 recommended treatment areas. Waespi hopes that staff will emphasize to the District is saving cities a lot of money, and cities could contribute staff time. Seal said CalFire and fire chiefs in the area are excited to contribute, to do the burns, and to get training for their staff. Director Corbett added that there should be emphasis on prevention becoming a part of a mutual aid system.

- g. Resolution to Support HR 70 – Prohibition on New Oil and Gas Drilling Offshore (Baker R-Dublin)
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 027 (attached)
- h. Resolution to Support AB 1775 and SB 834 – Prohibition on Infrastructure needed for Offshore Oil and Gas Development – (Muratsuchi D-Torrance and Jackson D-Santa Barbara)
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 028 (attached)
- i. Resolution to Support S. 2176 – Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act (Whitehouse D-RI)
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 029 (attached)
- j. Resolution to Support AJR 29 – Prohibition on New Oil and Gas Drilling Offshore (Limon D-Santa Barbara)
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 030 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Approve a Conceptual Site Plan and Site Program for Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project, Proceed with Drafting a Land Use Plan Amendment to Add 306 Acres to the Park, and Analyze Environmental Effects Under the California Environmental Quality Act: Coyote Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 02 - 031 (attached)

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

Chris Barton, Environmental Programs Manager, presented on this item's explaining the Concept Plan and Site Program for Coyote Hills. Barton presented historical background on this full-featured park, presented project goals and objectives, outreach and public participation and feedback from workshops #1 and #2. Barton described the current land use unit, provided a facilities map, and a draft conceptual site plan and draft trail plan. Barton talked about the stakeholders that participated and those who sent comments. Barton told the Board about a house that is on the property that the District plans to remove. He explained that the house not only needs about \$700,000 to rehab it, but it is close to sensitive habitat and cultural resources. Staff spoke with one of the Ohlone elders descendants on the removal of the house, and they agreed it should be removed. Director Rosario asked when the house was built. Jeff Peters, Questa Engineering replied it was built in the 20's. President Waespi asked if the District has touched base with the historical society. Barton answered they will work with the city. Rosario asked whether a tour bus could get in there. Barton explained a tour bus could, but not a double bus from AC Transit. Waespi asked how far is the house from Paseo Padre. Jeff of Questa said about 2,000 feet. Rosario asked if we had a picture of King Tide's. Barton replied no; staff is making sure that as salty water moves in, salt tolerant species will be in place. Corbett remarked that this is exciting and wondered if working with UC Agriculture Extension on the cultural piece is possible. She then asked can additional people be placed on the stakeholders mailing list. Barton will look into it. Director Wieskamp complimented Barton, Karla Cuero, and Questa on a great job; the workshops were both well represented, Mr. Perry was helpful and Cargill is a great partner. Director Lane added that she is pleased that the entrance will be able to be identified. She asked about the increased amounts of electric meter and propane usage. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations, said that it is most probably due to the water pumping, and the failing HVAC system that was just replaced. Lane asked if the contractor house is listed as a state historic resource. Barton said it is listed as eligible. Lane said she is pleased staff are doing historical evaluations on these buildings, and asked if they are being done as economically as possible, and if the District should have a contract with someone, so it wouldn't cost as much. Lane inquired if the property is being grazed. Jeff Manley, Lakes Unit Manager, responded sheep grazing. Rosario commented that if electric use doesn't come down in price the District should consider photovoltaic structures. Wieskamp said it is important to work with the city of Fremont on the crossing. Tesla recently purchased a building there. Lane asked if the PowerPoint can be attached with board materials. AGM Alvarez replied yes. Coffey asked the implementation time frame. Barton said this is a long term restoration project; the vegetation management can take place independently and right away, construction can potentially begin in 2020 if funding is available. Dotson asked can organic weed control be used. Barton said yes, the plan is to continue grazing and mowing. President Waespi asked if Attachment I was given to the public. Barton said all materials are available on the website. Continuing, Waespi asked if the Sierra Club and Alameda County Parks & Recreation Historical Commission have been notified since the Commission has jurisdiction; the District should be proactive and let them know about the house. Waespi asked if Perry is farming now, and are fences being put up to prevent the wildlife from getting into the farm. Manley said that currently Perry is not farming because the well is being worked through. Manley confirmed fences are proposed. Barton added that the Milk House will remain on the property. Waespi mentioned that in the policy framework managing feral animals is addressed, and wanted to know if the community has been made aware. Barton explained the policy framework is already part of the adopted policies within the master plan. Acting GM Alvarez said the policy framework is part of the educational process and guides the discussion of the public. Waespi asked about the trails and Barton said there will be some single and multi-use trails. Waespi complimented staff.

Public Comment – Mr. Huston, Operations Supervisor with Alameda County Mosquito Abatement (ACMA), commented that ACMA is looking forward to working with the District on this project. This area is one of the top birding sites in the county, adding their need to continue their mission of public health and safety.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS NONE

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

Acting GM Alvarez discussed the items in this report. Alvarez acknowledged the Advanced Planning Unit's Neoma LaValle, and SAGE members Chantal Alatorre and Kim Thai who track over 170 agenda's per month from Local, Regional, State and Federal agencies. This team generates the District's monthly Strategic Action by Governmental Entities Report (SAGE) which tracks actions that have immediate or secondary impacts to District lands. Director Lane asked what kind of communication has been sent to Pittsburg. Brian Holt, Chief of Planning & GIS, referring to the extension of the James Donlon Blvd., responded that District Counsel has provided legal comments and staff has commented in public hearings; staff continues to monitor.

4. GM COMMENTS

DGM Alvarez introduced Mona Koh, Community Relations Manager. Koh presented the Community Relations and Communications Plan for 2018. Koh presented the three areas of focus for this community relations collective impact model. The areas are: Community & Stakeholders Investment, Public Information and Events. Koh's presentation touched on each area including Relationship Building and Engagement with local regional national and international stakeholders, civic and business stakeholders, parks and recreation stakeholders and regional parks foundation. Koh provided context describing the contributions and participation of the Diverse/Multicultural groups. As far as the Health in Nature and park prescriptions, the District lead has garnered health organizations, clinicians, churches, and hospital participation. Public Affairs has various information channels with new technology, advertising and communication tools. Finally, Koh welcomed the Board to provide input, suggestions, and ended with the draft 2018 event schedule. Director Lane commented that communication should be sent to all park districts in the District's area and other hospitals like Kaiser and John Muir. AGM Johnson announced the District is pushing in numerous ways in local and Northern California Regional offices. Lane recommended that Koh reach out to Linda Best on the PAC to see if she has a recommendation for contacts. Director Wieskamp talked about reaching out to the younger kids about stress and getting them into parks; she acknowledged PAC member Ben Yee's contribution. Director Rosario thank Koh for her work and commented on the ambitious program for 2018. President Waespi thanked Koh for the programs that he enjoys participating in also. Waespi stated that Eden Township Hospital District awards grants and said that Kaiser donated funds towards outside equipment at Lake Chabot.

DGM Alvarez talked about the items on the report. President Waespi requested that Chief Ciaburro invite the Board to the graduation of the fire academy candidates.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Carol Victor, District Counsel announced that the District denied the claim of James Tassin by a vote of 7- 0 and denied the claim of Peter and Maria Schi by a vote of 7-0.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee (2-01-18) (Waespi)

Director Rosario asked why there was no mention of camping in the Bay Water Trail Update. Debra Auker, AGM CFO, responded that only one site of the 12 provides for camping, and that is the Pt. Pinole site, which will be the next area to develop a kayak site. Rosario asked if there is a possibility to develop some of the others for camping. District Counsel replied that Port Costa has potential for camping in the future. Jim O'Connor, AGM Ops added that staff can always do things for groups through a special permit process.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the 2018 Partnership for the National Trail System Conference in Washington, DC and Capitol Hills Meetings.

Lane will maintain her seat on the East Bay Leadership Council.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Fairview Municipal Advisory Meeting;
- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance Meeting;
- Attended the 2018 Partnership for the National Trail System Conference in Washington, DC and Capitol Hills Meetings;
- Attended the Castro Valley Sanitary District Advisory Committee Meeting.

Waespi thanked Erich Pfuehler, Lisa Baldinger and Yulie Padmore for a job well done in the DC meetings. Went on a hike with DGM Alvarez.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Elected Women's Luncheon meeting;
- Attended the LARPD Foundation meeting reception;
- Attending the Dublin Mayors Award.

Wieskamp thanked Denise Defreeze for an excellent response letter to a constituent, provided an update on the Ben Yee's, Ohlone College meeting and suggested Public Affairs use the young student's bobcat pictures at Coyote Hills.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the 2018 Partnership for the National Trail System Conference in Washington, DC and Capitol Hills Meetings.

Rosario thanked Tiffany Margulici, Carol Victor and staff for the work they have done with FEMA. Thanked Lisa Baldinger and Erich Pfuehler for their work on the DC Capitol hill visits.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

Dotson walks the Dotson Marsh daily and in one instant he remarked that there needs more advance notice of spraying in the park. Bob Nisbet, AGM, ASD will look into it.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance;
- Attended the opening of the San Leandro city portion of Chabot Park;
- Attended the 2018 Partnership for the National Trail System Conference in Washington, DC and Capitol Hills Meetings.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the 2018 Partnership for the National Trail System Conference in Washington, DC and Capitol Hills Meetings.

Coffey hiked the greenbelt alliance and did a Big Break program called the Almond Tree hike.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm in memory of David Hall of Public Safety and Sam Brugger an employee at Tilden Park.