

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 3, 2018 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Board President Dennis Waespi.

## ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson absent from Closed Session only

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Abreu spoke about the parking tickets handed out on Easter Sunday at Mission Peak and the need for a parking lot. He suggested the District look into getting parking meters like the City of Fremont plans to discuss at their meeting today for Centerville Train Station. Abreu handed out information on the lawsuit filed on the 2016 Stanford Ave. staging area.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Waespi.

All board members present for the Open Session.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Bob Nisbet, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Alan Love, Michael Reeves, Anne Kassebaum, Jeff Rasmussen, Michael McNally, Matt Graul, Dave Zuckermann, Tiffany Margulici, Lance Brede, Sean Dougan, Eri Suzuki, Dave Mason, Shun Yu.

Guest: None.

## A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Lane, 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 none.

## C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Lane, 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 February 19, 2018  
Through March 4, 2018  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 – 058 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 20, 2018  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 059 (attached)
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 060 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds to  
Complete an Alignment and Feasibility Study for the Vineyard Parkway  
to Round Valley Trail Segment: Marsh Creek Regional Trail  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 061 (attached)

Director Coffey commented on this exciting project and asked Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager, for a brief presentation on this item. Dougan provided information on this 14-mile trail. Coffey asked if an overcrossing was needed. Dougan replied that through a traffic study, it has been determined that an at-grade crossing is feasible and less expensive. GM Doyle commented that funding would be good to get this project going and open up this section of the trail. It is an opportunity to connect an existing park trail to Round Valley. Director Lane remarked that by looking at the map, the trail goes through the historic state park and asked if this study will look at that potential trail route. Dougan directed the Board to the map where he indicated the two alignments being discussed. GM Doyle clarified locations, explained the need for a specific license from flood control, and getting access in and Round Valley. Doyle extended appreciation to staff.

- e. Authorization to Apply to the California Coastal Conservancy for  
Grant Funds from the Explore the Coast Grant Program for  
Shoreline Recreational Boating and Fishing Outreach Programs:  
District-wide  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 062 (attached)
- f. Resolution to Support AB 2053 – Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful  
Algal Bloom Program (Quirk D-Hayward)  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 063 (attached)

President Waespi complimented Assemblymember Quirk for his support of parks, and how he is cognizant of the fact that parks in his district, such as Lake Chabot, are being affected by Algal bloom.

- g. Resolution to Support Proposition 68 – Parks, Natural Resources  
Protection, Climate Adaptation, Water Quality and Supply, and  
Flood Protection Bond  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 064 (attached)

Director Lane thanked Lisa Baldinger, Erich Pfuehler, and Doug Houston for coming to the California, Trails and Greenways Conference and doing a presentation on this very significant proposition.

- h. Resolution to Support SB 1316 (Glazer D-Orinda) – Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 065 (attached)

Director Lane commented on the significance of this resolution which enables Tesla to make some different decisions.

## 2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Exercise the Purchase Option, and Accept, Appropriate and Transfer Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy of 230± Acres of Real Property from John T. Roddy and Donna M. Roddy, Trustees of the Roddy Trust dated August 2, 2010: Deer Valley Regional Park Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 070 (attached)

By motion of Director Coffey, and seconded by Director Lane, 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.

Michael Reeves, Acting Chief of Land Acquisition, acknowledged sellers Jack and Donna Roddy and the ECCHC, which funded 100% of the cost to purchase the land. Reeves' PowerPoint presentation indicated the property location and many photographs of the property, both aerial and on the ground. Reeves explained that this acquisition will serve to protect surrounding habitat and open space, create and restore habitat, provide a ready-made staging area, offer short loop hiking opportunities, and potential regional trail connections. Director Wieskamp asked if the trees can be watered. Reeves replied there is a pump house at the pond. Director Lane asked what the golf paths are made out of, and Reeves responded they are asphalt paved.

President Waespi said this will be a great park, adding that this was a unique golf course, and it is designed in the motif of the old West. Director Coffey pointed out that the restoration project is almost underway, and with the acquisition of the golf course, this is very exciting.

## 3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

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

GM Doyle discussed the items in this report.

## 4. GM COMMENTS

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship gave a presentation on the Acquisition of Resource Agency Permits for Routine Maintenance. Graul said there are 6 agencies that require permits for routine maintenance at both the federal and state level. He explained the routine maintenance of the Trails, Creeks and Ponds (TCP) project. Graul gave a historical perspective on the District Routine Maintenance projects and permits and distribution of species. GM Doyle commented on the level of detail required and the human factor with the many changes in staffing within the District, and the permitting agencies. Director Wieskamp admired the tenacity of staff for setting a standard. President Waespi asked when the permits fall in place will the District need to ask for authorization to do a project. Graul replied as long as they are in the framework of the project, the District

should be okay. GM Dyole commented that there are ongoing monitoring requirements to make sure it works. Graul explained the District is required to prepare pre and post photos. Waespi asked if there are any species who consider the culvert their habitat. Graul answered it is a requirement and staff are trying to set lower thresholds.

Carol Victor, District Counsel, announced that yesterday the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals confirmed the dismissal of SPRAWLDEF and Sierra Clubs lawsuit against FEMA. The Sierra Club and SPRAWLDEF cannot continue to litigate the adequacy of the EIS with respect to the Park District's Fuels Management program and it also means there is no longer a direct litigation threat challenging the environmental review associated with the Park District's fuels management. There is one remaining lawsuit, Univ. of CA vs FEMA, but that's not a direct challenge to the adequacy of the EIS. GM Doyle expressed gratitude to our legal staff, and to Tamara Galanter, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger.

Capt. Al Love commented on the large crowds that were in the parks on Easter Sunday, which resulted in seven parks being closed due to reaching maximum capacity. At Tilden, the Sgt. on duty went up and down the streets asking the public to move their cars, or they would be ticketed. Staff, emergency vehicles, and AC Transit were impacted because the cars were blocking the road allowing only one lane to be usable. Citations were issued. Overall, there were 94 incidents that occurred on Sunday.

Director Corbett asked about the plans for Sunday's Wildflower Festival which is expected to draw large crowds. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations, said there will be shuttle buses, signage and overflow parking on SFPUC property. GM Doyle acknowledged the operational effort by O'Connor and staff adding that this was an extra effort.

Director Wieskamp asked for additional information on Climate Smart Initiatives program. (pg. 65 of the board meeting packet on the Vermeer BC-100XL received through) She would like to know what has been done to meet this Initiative, and would like to see a project list.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Carol Victor, District Counsel, announced that the Board unanimously appointed Eddie Kreisberg from the law firm of Meyers Nave as the agencies negotiator for upcoming negotiations with the Police Officers Association.

## 6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Albany Film Festival;
- Attended the Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove;
- Attended the Regional Park Foundation Board meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Special Districts Assoc. meeting at Redwood Canyon;
- Attended the California Trails & Greenways Conference;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the EB-EDA Innovation awards;

Waespi announced the District won the Legacy Awards at the EB-EDA Innovation Awards; met with Richard Valle at Lake Chabot. Redwood Road is opened.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended the AC Special Districts dinner meeting at Redwood;
- Attended Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove;

- Attended the State of the City Fremont;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attending Sunol Wildflower Festival.

Wieskamp congratulated Director Rosario the on broom pull, Interviewed with East Bay Times' Marta; Met with local Channel 30 to discuss Castleridge staging area.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Chabot Space and Science Center Ribbon Cutting for their new deck;
- Attended the Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove;
- Attended the AC Special Districts dinner meeting at Redwood;
- Attended the Albany Film Festival & Gala;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the EB-EDA Innovation awards;
- Attended the 1st Annual Community Outreach program at Skyline Ranch.

Rosario took his PAC appointees Robert Wilkins and Rick Rickard to lunch, and made a presentation to the Moraga Kiwanis Club.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove;
- Attended the March for our Lives march in San Leandro;
- Attended the California Trails & Greenways Conference;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the EB-EDA Innovation Awards;
- Attending the Tidewater meeting;
- Attending the San Leandro Creek Alliance.

Corbett attended the Great Oakland Plant Exchange.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards;
- Attended the California Trails & Greenways Conference;
- Attending the Anza Hike on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lane thanked staff for the Community Report for 2017-2018 and suggested staff send the report to former Directors Siden and Sutter. Carol Johnson, AGM Public Affairs, said they are on the mailing list and the report has been sent and emailed to about 2,500 people and stakeholder groups. Lane commented on the need to re-think having swings in the park. Lane thanked Waespi for kayaking with her at the Trails & Greenways Conference. She complimented the Creative Design Group on the leaf which is on each side of the poles at the sign at Goodrick and Atlas.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove.

Dotson walked Dotson Marsh.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended Board Workshop and field trip at Kennedy Grove;
- Attended the Board Finance Committee meeting.

Coffey hiked Crockett Hills and commented on the single-track trails designed for bikes and how he could see why bicyclists enjoyed this trail.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm in memory of Janice Child, former EBRPD employee.