

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 17, 2018 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:05 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
Whitney Dotson

Directors Absent: None.

Public Comment: None.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:15 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, Debra Auker, Carol Johnson, Alan Love, Michael Reeves, Anne Kassebaum, Matt Graul, Jeff Rasmussen, Dave Zuckermann, Tiffany Margulici, Lance Brede, Sean Dougan, Eri Suzuki, Dave Mason, Deborah Spaulding, Kim Balingit, Ruby Tumber, Erich Pfuehler, Julie Bondurant, Brian Holt, Brad Gallup, Patty Gershaneck, Shun Yu, Jason McCrystle, Anthony Ciaburro, Neoma LaValle, Glenn Gilchrist, Mona Koh, Steve Castile, Sandra Hamlet, Kristina Kelchner.

Guest: None.

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.

Directors Absent: 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 March 5, 2018 to March 18, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 – 062 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of April 3, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 – 063 (attached)
- c. Authorization to Execute a Contract with Parisi CSW Design Group to Conduct an Access Study: Crockett Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 064 (attached)

Director Coffey commented that he thought there was already a designated area for a future a staging area off Cummings Skyway. Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager replied there is a preferred staging area off of Cummings Skyway. The LUP specifies there should be additional staging area and the recommendation of Parisi CSW Design is to look at several options. GM Doyle added that there are plenty of locations, however it is the stacking lanes that are needed for safe, right and left lanes.

- d. Authorization to Award a Contract to LSA Associates, Inc. for Professional CEQA Services for the Southern Las Trampas Land Use Plan Amendment and Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds: Las Trampas Regional Wilderness
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 065 (attached)

Director Lane wanted to be sure that the access and trail coming from the PODVA dedication is covered by the LUP for South Las Trampas. Neoma Lavalley, Planner, responded that it is covered. President Waespi asked the names of the consultants. Lavalley provided the names of the consultants.

- e. Authorization to Renew the License Agreement with Quarry Operator RMC Pacific Materials, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Allowing the Park District to Continue to Maintain a Row of Screening Trees Providing a Visual and Noise Barrier from Quarry Operations: Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 066 (attached)
- f. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Directors Dennis Waespi, Ellen Corbett, and General Manager Robert E. Doyle to Attend the 2018 Special Park District Forum in Charleston, South Carolina from May 21-23, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 067 (attached)
- g. Award of Measure WW Urban Creeks Grants Program, Round #1
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 068 (attached)

Director Lane commented that this is a significant award reviewed extensively by the Executive Committee. Lane wanted to make sure that the Board recognized these three great projects.

- h. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of An Annual Report for Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (Two County LLD Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 069 (attached))

Director Rosario wanted to make sure that the money from the Zones of Benefit are enhancements and not displacing general fund money. Deborah Spaulding, AFO, assured the Director that these funds are additional and do not take away from the general fund.

- i. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of Annual Report for East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (ECCC LLD) Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 070 (attached)
- j. Approval of Accounting Adjustment to Record Pension Trust Contributions as Required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 73 and Amend the 2017 and 2018 Fiscal Year Budgets Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 071 (attached)

Director Corbett asked for a brief report on this action. Michelle Strawson-O'Hara, AFO reported that in September 2017, the Board created this pension trust. Corbett noted the importance of highlighting this item beyond the consent calendar, and added that she is impressed with the care staff used to manage pension funds and to ensure there is a strong program for the future. GM Doyle thanked Director Corbett for raising this issue which protects taxpayers from the fluctuations in bad years, and allows the District to be responsible to future retirees. Director Wieskamp asked if this is an irrevocable pension. O'Hara replied that it is, and this action is purely an accounting adjustment.

- k. Resolution to Support AB 2061 (Frazier D-Discovery Bay) – Clean Energy Trucks Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 072 (attached)
- L. Resolution to Support AB 2137 (Mayes R-Yucca Valley) – Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District General Manager Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 073 (attached)
- m. Resolution to Support AB 2421 (Stone D-Monterey Bay) – Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 074 (attached)
- n. Authorization to Purchase Three Chevrolet Equinox Duramax Diesel UVs from Winner Chevrolet for Vehicle Replacements and as an Addition to the Fleet Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 075 (attached)
- o. Authorization to Purchase Two Type III Fire Trucks from Boise Mobile Equipment Inc. for Equipment Replacement Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 076 (attached)

President Waespi expressed support for the purchase of these fire trucks. Waespi asked about the possibility of selling the fire trucks to other agencies after their use, which the District has done in the past. Kelly Barrington,

Chief of MAST commented that the District uses the auction process. Barrington noted that some assets have been transferred. Barrington added that he will contact Director Waespi with additional information.

- p. Authorize the Extension of the Castle Rock Arabians Special Use Agreement: Diablo Foothills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 077 (attached)
- q. Authorization to Continue Agreement with Contra Costa County to Support and Maintain the East Bay Regional Park District's Radio Communications System
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 - 078 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Replace Water Tank Project: Las Trampas Regional Wilderness
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 -079 (attached)

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Shun Yu, Project Manager, Civil Engineer, began her PowerPoint presentation showing the problems with the existing water tank: wood tank is leaking, water distribution pipes are leaking, and a citation by the local fire agency for the poor reliability of the system. The existing 60,000-gallon tank will be replaced with a tank that is a factory coated bolted steel water storage tank that can be brought to the site in sections, and assembled on site. Director Rosario commented staff should make sure there is adequate space for divers to get into the tank to clean it. Rosario asked about water use during the construction. Glen Gilchrist, Design Manager, said that water from the meter will be used for construction, Corey Properties will supply their own water, and District staff will bring in their water truck as needed. Director Corbett asked if this tank can collect rain water and if a color pallet will be considered in the design. Yu replied there is a roof on this tank, therefore no rain water will be collected, and the outside color coat will be chosen to match the existing environment. Yu observed that the tank was built in the 1940's, and the original manufacturer is no longer in business. Director Lane thanked staff for pursuing and moving this project forward. President Waespi asked if the redwood from the tank can be salvaged and reused. GM Doyle commented that in looking at the contract, staff should retain possession of the tank adding that Environmental Graphics has been successful in using old wood for other District projects. Debra Auker, AGM/CFO, spoke regarding the funding plan. Auker stated that the major infrastructure 553 fund is being used and it is important to keep setting money aside, because when staff is ready to spend it, it spends fast. GM Doyle asked that at the upcoming Finance Workshop, staff displays an exhibit that depicts what is currently in the cue.

3. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Appropriate and Transfer Funds and Award a Contract to American Asphalt Repair & Resurfacing Co., Inc. for Pavement Repair, Maintenance, and Striping: District-wide
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 -080 (attached)

By motion of Director Coffey, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3a**.

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

Jeff Rasmussen, AFO, briefly talked about this project which will apply a seal coat to the pavement at Big Break Regional Shoreline and a slurry seal to Marsh Creek Regional Trail, Big Break Regional Trail, and Lake Chabot Regional Park. The West Shore Trail at Lake Chabot Regional Park will be repaved from the dam to the marina. A chip seal and slurry seal will be applied to Golf Course Drive and Shasta Road in Tilden Regional Park. Director Rosario asked if staff will make sure there is no excess gravel on the road. Rasmussen noted that staff will cover with a cap seal. President Waespi questioned if in Lake Chabot, and on the Nike Base Road, will the parking lot and the corporation yard be included. Rasmussen responded that only the classroom will be included. Waespi asked about the new dump site. Kelly Barrington, Chief of MAST specified that the corporation yard will be handled by Roads and Trails. Barrington added that the new sanitation dump site is not slated to be paved and will remain permeable. Director Corbett inquired if resurfacing will require temporary road closures. Rasmussen responded traffic control will be coordinated, and open in one direction. GM Doyle commented that Measure J did not pass for renewal in CC County, however it was extended in Alameda County. Director Lane said that trail users appreciate having the trails in good shape. Director Coffey requested the timeline for resurfacing Marsh Creek road. Rasmussen replied between June, July, and August of this year. GM Doyle asked if staff determines where the contractor starts. Rasmussen said the park supervisor and the contractor will make that decision. Director Corbett remarked that staff should post the project information to the website in advance to let the public know what is being done. GM Doyle said that Public Affairs gets the information on our website and into our parks.

- b. Authorization to Appropriate East Contra Costa County Lighting and Landscape District and Zone of Benefit Funds for Projects: District-wide
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 -081 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3b**.

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

Jeff Rasmussen, AFO said the District is asking to fund enhancements for specific zones. This is a complex issue and quite a long process. Rasmussen walked the Board through each of the project enhancements listed below. These enhancements were selected by working with staff from the Operations Division, Interpretive and Recreation Department, and Acquisition, Stewardship and Development Division.

- Big Break Visitor Center Exhibits: improve the exhibits and complete the project including enhancements to the Delta Map which will improve interpretive services and benefit the area.
- Big Break Storage Shed: used by Operations to store the lawn mower and other supplies, and Interpretive and Recreation to store kayaks, life jackets and other gear needs to be increased in size.
- Don Castro purchase of Power Tools and Equipment: needs additional small equipment to improve services and benefit the area. The equipment includes a new Gator, power rake, Yazoo mower, pole saw, hand auger, chain saw, etc.

- **Garin Improve Walpert Ridge:** funding allows for the installation of a vault restroom, improvements to the water system including two new water meters, and improvement of trails throughout the newly acquired lands. Sibley Restore
- **McCosker Creek:** this funding will help complete an existing high priority project for the Park District and greatly benefit the area.
- **Sibley Repair Cattle Fence for Grazing:** fencing repairs are required before cattle can be placed in these areas.

4. GENERAL MANAGER

- a. Resolution to Establish a Policy Framework for Managing Park Resources in a Changing Climate at the East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2018 – 04 -082 (attached)

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 4a**.

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

Deputy General Manager, Ana Alvarez remarked that Sunday is Earth Day which creates an opportunity to reflect on managing the District's natural and cultural resources in a changing climate as well as the changing in the administration on Title II. Alvarez walked the Board through the Policy Framework for Managing Park Resources in a Changing Climate's PowerPoint. Alvarez posed the question of how to deliver on the mission of the EBRPD of conservation and preservation while allowing public access and public use of beautiful parklands and open spaces in a time where these lands are being challenged by the effects of climate change. The policy framework has many facets and seeks to engage cross departmental teams into a single effort, to manage ecological systems, create a carbon sink, incorporate a long view, and create an incentive to do the work the best way the District can. Alvarez highlighted several employee initiatives, such as protecting soil at Wildcat Canyon by repurposing of green waste and restoring riparian habitat at Wildcat Canyon to increase carbon sink. Alvarez called out the principles of Advanced Science, Lead Climate Smart Practices, Climate in All Policies, Climate Friendly and Climate Readiness.

Alvarez introduced The Steering Committee on the Framework Policy; Brian Holt, Matt Graul, Mona Palacio, Deborah Spaulding, Erich Pfuehler and Juliana Schirmer. Director Corbett stated that this is visionary and she appreciates the leadership of the Steering Committee to allow cross departmental collaboration with the goal of a climate policy. Corbett expressed her appreciation of the part in the framework that allows employees to work on projects that mean a lot to them. Director Wieskamp thanked DGM Alvarez and the Steering Committee for their hard work. Wieskamp was impressed with the Operations Awards. Director Coffey said he was proud of the work done and the leadership. Coffey asked how does the District respond to the criticism of the Park District's emphasis on maintaining and destroying native habitat which is fundamentally inconsistent with climate change? Alvarez stated the District's commitment is to increase the biodiversity of the land, adding the District is not in the business of decimating vegetation just for decimating, the goal is about fire protection. GM Doyle said that many people make assertions without evidence. The District looks at preserving very unique and native natural areas. GM Doyle stated that the District has a lot of native species that have benefited from non-native activity.

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship commented that staff targets the non-natives that are invasive and damaging. Director Rosario congratulated Alvarez for incorporating everything the District does into one policy, adding that it serves as a good example to keep the science alive. Director Lane pointed out that this Framework

Policy is based on the Master Plan of 2013. Lane commented that she looks to this committee as a source of encouraging implementation. President Waespi added that he hopes the District can act on this, and will include other folks.

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

GM Doyle announced that Steve Castile, Chief of Park Operations will present the Hazardous Trees Management Program. Doyle complimented staff on the creative use of hazardous tree funding to couple with other priorities in a park. Castile highlighted the three components of a hazardous tree assessment which are: tree(s) with the potential to fail, an environment that may contribute to failure (soil, wind, sunlight) and a target (what will it hit - person or object) that would be injured or damaged. Operations has a hazardous tree inspection form and Director Corbett asked for an explanation of how it is used. Castile described the grading system that helps staff to determine when a tree will need to be removed. The inspections are done on an annual basis along picnic areas, campgrounds, pathways or in pool areas. Operations works with GIS to plot on a map the location of all trees using GPS coordinates. Staff is moving towards an electronic version to manage the data on the trees. Director Rosario remarked that assessing trees is labor intensive and he is glad to see the District is moving towards an electronic version to record them. Castile commended the staff on their work. Director Lane asked who makes the final decision to take down a tree. Castile said the process begins with the supervisor, consulting with an arborist. The unit manager and Castile make the final decision to remove the tree or not. Kelly Barrington, Chief of MAST, added that the District doesn't always cut down trees that are hazardous and have moved a restroom and fenced off the area so the tree doesn't pose a hazard. GM Doyle asked if the District removes more than one tree at a time. Castile responded that staff has done so. Director Corbett asked if trees designated for removal are replanted. Castile replied it depends on the location of the trees to be removed, and if there is an area where it makes sense to replant the tree. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations, added that sometimes when trees are removed, other trees get more light and grow, so there is no need to plant trees. Director Rosario expressed appreciation for the chain saw and hazardous tree trainings. Director Waespi asked how many trees have been removed. Castile responded he will find out. Waespi though it might be advantageous for the District to consider using FEMA funds to hire an arborist. Doyle said the District should do some research, and track it to see if it is justified.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Carol Victor, District Counsel, announced that the Board voted by a vote of 7- 0 to deny the liability claim of William Strauss and Suzanne Strauss. In addition, the Board voted to add the following item to the Closed Session agenda for discussion with real property.

<u>APN</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Park/Trail</u>
367-200-004-3 and 367-210-003-3 Stonehurst Drive, Martinez	George Fagundes Jr., Trustee	Bay Area Ridge Trail

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a trails meeting with Assemblymember Bill Quirk;
- Attended the Sunol Wildflower Festival;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference, Pleasanton;
- Attended the HASPA meeting;
- Attended the Operations Employee Recognition breakfast;
- Attended the EB-EDA Legislative Reception;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Wildcat Canyon.

Waespi visited Mount Umunhum and Alviso. Attended several Earth Day events.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a special LAFCo meeting;
- Attended the Sunol Wildflower Festival;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference, Pleasanton;
- Attended the Operations Employee Recognition Breakfast meeting;
- Attended the LARPD meeting;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Wildcat Canyon;
- Attended Shadow Cliffs Rangers & Rigs;
- Visited the Olivet Ranch Tour; possibly a Foundation fundraiser.

Wieskamp talked to Chief Ciaburro and remarked that Urban Shield Program should have the San Leandro Police Chief to talk to school boards, rotary groups and get a fresh group of people looking at what the program is about.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Tidewater Public meeting;
- Attended a meeting with Mayor Libby Schaaf along with GM and DGM; discussed Lake Temescal;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference, Pleasanton;
- Attended the Operations Employee Recognition breakfast;
- Attended the EBRPD/Alameda Liaison meeting;
- Attended the EB-EDA Legislation recognition;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Wildcat Canyon;
- Attended the CCSDA meeting.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Tidewater public meeting;
- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting
- Hiked little Yosemite with Kevin Damstra;
- Attended the Operations Employee Recognition breakfast;
- Visited the Botanic Garden;
- Attended the EBRPD/Alameda Liaison meeting;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Wildcat Canyon.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Operations Employee Recognition breakfast;
- Attended the Board Field trip to Wildcat Canyon;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the LARPD meeting.

Lane complimented staff on the list of categories and winners for the Operations breakfast.

Discussed with the park supervisor working with the school to allow possible equestrian access on weekends at Wildcat Canyon as a possible lease. Appreciated Chief Theile's field break information. Thought the Lake Anza gate was very impressive. Lane hiked from Dry Creek to Garin and thought the entry could be presented in a more attractive way. Lane liked the District's new website and is looking forward to Earth Day on Saturday in Danville.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Board Field trip to Wildcat Canyon.

Dotson walked the Dotson Marsh and remarked that the field trips could be more interactive with our policy makers.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended a meeting with Jim Frazier and Lisa Baldinger;
- Visited the Los Vaqueros Visitor Center;
- Attended the CCSDA meeting.

Coffey toured the Roddy Ranch Golf Course and Vasco Caves.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

GM Doyle announced that the *4 Wheel Bob* movie will be on KQED and will keep the Board updated when the viewing schedule is known.

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm in honor of the passing of John Sofios, a long-time District employee.