

The Board Meeting, which was held on June 19, 2018 at the East Bay Regional District, 69 Big Break Visitor, Oakley, CA 94561 was called to order at 12:33 p.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
Whitney Dotson
Colin Coffey

Directors Absent: None.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Waespi.

All board members present for the Open Session.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Carol Victor, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Alan Love, Michael Reeves, Anne Kassebaum, Lance Brede, Dave Mason, Erich Pfuehler, Deborah Spaulding, Anthony Ciaburro, Matt Graul, Steve Castile, Aileen Thiele, Rachel Slater, Lisa Baldinger, Kelly Barrington, Karla Cuero, Ira Bletz, Kip Walsh, Mona Palacios, Toby Perry, Mike Moran, Jeff Rasmussen, Lisa Goorjian

Guests: Sandra Meyers and Joseph Krissoff, Brentwood Parks & Recreation Commission, Vincent Manuel, Chief of Staff for Federal Glover, Supervisor, District V Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, Diane Burgis Supervisor, District 3 Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, Mark Goodwin Chief of Staff for Supervisor Burgis, Janeesha Jones, Field Representative for Congressman Jerry McNerney, Elissa Robinson, PAC member, Tim Seufert NBS, Abby Fateman, Executive Director, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Abreu inquired about the turnaround at Morrison Canyon Road and the closure of the road. District Counsel Victor answered it is a County road and as far as the District is aware, the County is

not taking action to abandon the road. It is within the County's jurisdiction to keep it open or close it. The District is building a turnaround at the park residence as part of a settlement agreement, so fire equipment and Cal trucks can turn around without having to go to the end of Morrison Canyon Road. GM Doyle said that the District is not installing a gate at that turnaround, so there will not be a blockage of the road.

Diane Burgis, Supervisor Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, welcomed the Board to Big Break. She touched on the East County Fire District's strategic plan, putting out an RFP in the future, working on a trail, possibly creating additional trails and welcomed e-BART. GM Doyle reminded the Board that one of the first times she came to the Board as Friends of Marsh Creek she brought a science class to improve the creek by cleaning the streets. Mike Moran, Supervising Naturalist, Big Break Regional Shoreline introduced his staff: Rachel Pulizzi, Senior Office Assistant; Joelle Varsovia, Interpretive Student Aide 2; Melissa Morazan, Interpretive Student Aide 2; Teresa Datar, Temporary Naturalist Aide 2; Sandy Ticson, Docent and Patti St. Denis, Docent.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer gave a presentation on recent projects in East Contra Costa County. He provided details on the following projects: Roddy Home Ranch, Roddy Golf Course, Contra Loma Phase I Boat Launch Renovation, secured CCWD lease extension of Marsh Creek Regional Trail and Pavement Repairs on Balfour Road, Horse Valley Creek Restoration, completion of Main Stairway at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, AUSD Moller Ranch acquisition, Wetland Restoration and Public Access at Bay Point Regional Shoreline, Casey and Campos Acquisitions and Rain Water Capture System at Vasco Hills Regional Preserve. Rasmussen highlighted WW Local Grant Projects: Ambrose Aquatic Complex, Antioch Community Park Synthetic Turf, Brentwood Summerset Commons, Clyde Park Improvements, Discovery Bay Center and Cornell Park Replacement, Oakley Creekside Park Phase 2, Pittsburg Hillview Jr. High School Playfield Renovation and Byron Union School District Family Playground.

Abigail Fatemen, Executive Director of ECCHC thanked the District and staff for being great partners. Fateman also thanked Supervisor Burgis. President Waespi commented that it is great to see good work going on in East County.

D. 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, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of May 6, 2018 to May 20, 2018

Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 140 (attached)

b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of June 19, 2018

Director Rosario had a question about drones and model airplanes in the District in response to a public comment at the June 19 board meeting by Mr. Hufford. GM Doyle commented that on Mines Road, radio controlled airplanes are allowed with a permit. AGM Ciaburro, Public Safety said that gliders are allowed at Mission Peak, Coyote Hills and Del Valle. The area on Doolittle Drive is on the City of Alameda's property. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations said staff followed up with Mr. Hufford about his request to fly drones. The process is that he can request a special use permit. Staff walked him through that submittal process.

- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2018 – 05 – 141 (attached)

Rosario commented that this the last building in Redwood Canyon on the Anthony Chabot side of the road, and an important acquisition for the District negotiate to purchase.

- d. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Major Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Funds and Award a Contract to Vortex Marine Construction, Inc. for Phase II of the Rehab Boat Launch Facility Project: Contra Loma Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 142 (attached)

Director Coffey asked for a brief presentation. Toby Perry, Project Manager discussed Phase 2 which will replace the existing pier with new steel piles. Construction will begin this fall with a construction window of 6 – 8 weeks. The work will not take place until the water levels are lowered. Perry thanked the Bureau of Reclamation which provided funds for Phase I and will provide funding for Phase 2. GM Doyle said he visited the park today and the parking lot and restrooms looked great. Doyle asked staff to look at enhancing the grove of Baywood trees. Director Lane complimented staff for working in East County and encouraged the public to visit Contra Loma which has been beautifully upgraded.

- e. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Major Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Funds and Award a Contract to Vortex Marine Construction, Inc. for Phase II of the Rehab Boat Launch Facility Project: Contra Loma Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 143 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Award a Contract to Mobley Engineering for Construction of the Lake Anza Line Diffuser System: Tilden Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 144 (attached)
- g. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 30, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 145 (attached)
- h. Acceptance of First Quarter 2018 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Report
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 146 (attached)

Director Rosario had a question that was answered prior to the start of the meeting.

- k. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Wildlife Conservation

Board Public Access Program: Contra Loma Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 147 (attached)

- i. Authorization for Budgetary Closure of Completed Projects and Related Amendments to the 2018 Budget
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 148 (attached)

- j. Authorization to Approve Contract with Athens Administrators for Workers' Compensation Claims Administration and Managed Care Services: District-wide
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 149 (attached)

- L. Approval of Resolution Ordering and Giving Notice of an Election to be Held in the East Bay Regional Park District for the Purpose of Electing Four Directors and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to Consolidate the District Election with the Statewide General Election Being Held November 6, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 150 (attached)

Director Coffey requested that staff remove Benicia as in his Ward on page 113. 6th paragraph in the staff report.

- m. Authorization to Execute a Contract with Bay Area Tree Specialists for Vegetation Management: Anthony Chabot Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 151 (attached)

- n. Authorization to Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of Two Tractors and Purchase Two Mowers from John Deere Company for Equipment Replacement
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 152 (attached)

- o. Resolution to Support AB 1956 – Fire Protection Working Group (Limon D-Santa Barbara)
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 153 (attached)

- p. Resolution to Support AB 2551 – Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program (Wood D-Santa Rosa)
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 154 (attached)

- q. Resolution to Support H. Res. 799 (Cardenas D-CA) Cesar Chavez Day
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 155 (attached)

- r. Resolution to Support H.R. 5471 – American Gateway Communities (Cicilline D-RI)
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 156 (attached)

- s. Resolution to Support S. 2603 (Blumenthal D-CT) Complete America's Great Trails Act
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 157 (attached)
- t. Resolution to Support SB 835 (Glazer D-Orinda) Smoking Ban in State Parks and SB 836 (Glazer D-Orinda) Smoking Ban at State Beaches
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 158 (attached)
- u. Resolution to Support SB 1079 – Fire Protection Grants (Monning D-Carmel)
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 159 (attached)
- v. Resolution to Support SB 1301 (Beall D-San Jose) State Environmental Permitting Processes
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 160 (attached)
- w. Resolution to Support SB 1335 (Allen D-Santa Monica) Disposable Food Service Packaging
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 161 (attached)
- x. Approval of Appointment of Annie Burke to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 162 (attached)

Director Coffey asked for background on Ms. Burke. Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager, highlighted a few of her accomplishments emphasizing her strong background in environmental issues which will be an asset to the Park Advisory Committee.

- y. Adoption of Human Resources Policy and Procedure #18 to Prohibit Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation in Employment
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 163 (attached)

Director Rosario asked if staff can add on employee complaints and the procedure, located on pg. 152, that complaints could come through the union steward as well. Kip Walsh, Chief Human Resources, said that advice is not typically included in a District policy. Walsh added that she wants to make sure these kinds of complaints get referred to HR promptly. Rosario congratulated Walsh on this policy. Walsh gave a quick overview of the policy which has been updated to reflect the changes in California law and is a stand-alone policy.

Eri Suzuki a member of AFSCME 2428 commended Kip Walsh for working on this policy.

- z. Adoption of Human Resources Policy #19 Describing Guidelines to Address the Needs of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Employees
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 164 (attached)

Director Rosario asked for a brief update on this item. Kip Walsh, Chief Human Resources, discussed the Districts policy on transgender and gender non-conforming employees.

Eri Suzuki a member of AFSCME 2428 commended Kip Walsh for her collaboration with staff on this policy.

- aa. **Authorization to Purchase Replacement Computers from Dell Computer Corporation**
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 165 (attached)

2. FINANCE & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Approval of Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019, Adopt Resolution Confirming Diagram and Assessment, Order Maintenance, Improvements and Levy Annual Assessment for East Contra Costa
Resolution No. 2018 - 06 - 166 (attached)

President Waespi announced this item and asked if there were any public protests. Clerk of the Board, Yolande Barial Knight replied that there were no protests. Deborah Spaulding, AFO provided the background and context about this assessment district. Spaulding highlighted the history of the ECCC-LLD which began in 1981 with the District annexing ECCC, and the formation of the LLD in 1991. The assessment has remained at \$19.70 per residential unit/parcel since 1991. Spaulding defined the boundaries and explained the annual process for approval, and discussed the use of funds. Director Coffey commented that the Park District does not receive significant property taxes from far Eastern Contra Costa. GM Doyle added there are incredible opportunities to open new parkland in this area. Director Lane thanked staff and asked that the Board receive a copy of the slide, "How much does the District spend to operate parks in the ECCC LLD area?"

President Waespi asked if there are any comments or questions from the audience. Clerk of the Board Knight responded that there were none. Waespi asked if there were any protests. Knight replied there were none.

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

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

- b. Adopt Resolution Regarding Overruling Protests
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 167 (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, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, Accept and Appropriate Funds, and Award a Contract to Dixon Marine Services, Inc. for Construction of the Horse Valley Creek and Wetland Restoration Project: Deer Valley Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 06 – 167 (attached)

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

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

Directors Against: None. Directors

Absent: None.

Chris Barton Environmental Programs Manager, introduced Karla Cuero, Project Coordinator. Cuero oriented the Board to the location of the property. Cuero discussed the project's history, the goals and features, species on the site, existing conditions, budget, Board action and the schedule for this project. The goal is to restore Horse Valley while retaining future public access opportunities. This project is creating habitat for special-status species. Total project cost includes construction, contingency, staff time and testing. Abby Fateman, ECCHC Executive Director, thanked the Board, Cuero, Barton and staff in the field. GM Doyle asked if ECCHC is permitting those trail pieces as part of the project. Fateman said they will. Director Coffey asked where is the location of the future connection between the golf course and paved trail. Fateman answered there are opportunities for future trail connections and this is the beginning of the project.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

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

GM Doyle discussed the items in this report. Director Coffey asked about the fire roads that are going to open up to bikes in the East Bay Watershed. Bob Nisbet, AGM ASD responded said initially was 13 miles however after hearing back from bike people they decreased it to 7.5 miles. GM Doyle commented on the BART – Livermore Extension. Director Wieskamp said Livermore will be going with ACE extension.

5. GM COMMENTS

GM Doyle announced no staff presentations. GM Doyle commented on several items. The passage of Proposition 68 has a lot of benefits to Eastern Contra Costa County. Del Valle will receive \$5 million for improvements because of Assemblywoman Baker and Senator Glazer. Director Rosario asked where is the Location of the goats in the grazing program. Acting Chief Aileen Theile said there are three different herds working. Rosario commented that his constituents near Redwood Park are saying it is very dry.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Carol Victor, District Counsel, announced none.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Operations Committee 5-17-18 (Wieskamp)

b.	Operations Committee	4-19-18	(Wieskamp)
c.	Legislative Committee	5-18-18	(Rosario)
d.	Legislative Committee	4-02-18	(Rosario)
e.	Legislative Committee	3-03-18	(Rosario)
f.	Executive Committee	5-03-18	(Waespi)
g.	Finance Committee	4-25-18	(Corbett)
h.	Natural & Cultural Resources Committee	4-18-18	(Lane)
i.	Natural & Cultural Resources Committee	2-21-18	(Lane)

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Attended the Districts family picnic at Ardenwood;
- Attended the Legislative Luncheon, Sacramento;
- Attending the PAC Vargas Plateau hike;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference, Piedmont;
- Attended the 2018 Cadet Graduation Award ceremony for the EBRPD Lifeguard's Service.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative Luncheon, Sacramento;
- Made a presentation to Livermore Rotary;
- Rode in the Livermore Rodeo parade and the District won 3rd place prize.
- Attended trail breaking at Sycamore Grove – District agreed to help LARPD rebuild the trail;
- Attended the Districts family picnic at Ardenwood.

Wieskamp commented what a wonderful person Mr. Roddy is and how he thinks about the land. She thanked East County for making the Board feel so welcome.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Sponsored Recognition of Philippines Independence Day; June 12
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference, Piedmont;
- Met with staff on update on Sibley LUP update;
- Attended the Districts family picnic at Ardenwood.

Rosario appreciated the hospitality of Big Break staff and the people of East County.

Met with Assemblymembers Nancy Skinner, Tony Thurman and Rob Bonta regarding issues for seniors.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Attended the PAC Vargas plateau hike;
- Attended the Districts family picnic at Ardenwood.

Corbett commented that the Concerts at the Cove are ongoing. Thanked staff for the warm welcome and to the elected officials for the work they do as partners.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference, Brentwood;
- Attended the Districts family picnic at Ardenwood;
- Attended Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the PAC Vargas Plateau hike;
- Attended trail breaking at Sycamore Grove – District agreed to help LARPD rebuild the trail;
- Attended Elected Women’s Lunch for Tri-Valley in Danville;
- Attended the Walnut Creek Watershed Council in Rossmoor.

Lane thanked staff for the East County maps and the website 50th trail information. Lane commented that Temescal is open.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Attending Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting;

Dotson said that it is a pleasure to be at Big Break which was a fishing spot from his youth.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Roddy Ranch tour;
- Attended a fundraiser for the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District at John Muir’s home site in in Martinez;
- Attended the Big Break 2nd Sunday Campfire Program;
- Attended the Districts family picnic at Ardenwood;

Coffey thanked staff and the Electeds for their hospitality. He received the George Miller Public Service Award from the CC Young Democrats presented by George Miller.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marla Schmale had comments on research, legal proceedings and what governments and other agencies are doing to make progress on the issue of human pesticides. Schmale brought copies of her report to the Board, District Counsel and for the record. She presented and discussed her thoughts and concerns.

Mike Moran, Supervising Naturalist commented on the light duty program and how good it is to work with and meet staff whose experience and knowledge is helpful. Rich Quesada, Park Ranger 2 (light duty) is currently at Big Break.

President Waespi commented that it has always been his goal to include more people on Board field trips. He thanked staff and welcomed Elissa Robinson, PAC; Chip Conradi, President of the Regional Parks Foundation, Marla Schmale and Kelly Abreu for attending the meeting.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm.