

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Board Executive Committee (8/2/2018) (Waespi)

Present

Board: Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane

Staff: Robert Doyle, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Becky Pheng, Erica Fuerst, Julie Bondurant, Brian Holt, Aileen Thiele, Matt Graul, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker

Public: William Yragui, Marla Schmalle

Board Executive Committee Chair Dennis Waespi called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

**I. Draft Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment**

Julie Bondurant, Principal Planner, presented this agenda item. Ms. Bondurant showed a map of the project location and features. The Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) for Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve will serve as a long-range guide for the project area incorporating the McCosker parcel and the Western Hills Open Space. Community engagement for the project consists of community meetings, site tours, youth engagement workshops, and presentations to the Board Executive Committee and Park Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bondurant highlighted the project goals and objectives, and project elements/actions, which has two main components: 1) project-wide recreation and public access improvements, and 2) the McCosker sub-area creek restoration and habitat enhancement. The Park District, as the lead agency, conducted a scoping meeting for CEQA on January 18, 2017. A notice of preparation was circulated on June 19, 2017, and a notice of availability of the draft Environmental Impact Report was submitted to the State Clearing House on July 5, 2018. The 45-day public review period is July 6 – August 20, 2018.

General Manager Robert Doyle commented that Measure AA doubled the size of Sibley through the acquisition of the Stone property. The McCosker parcel will again double the size of Sibley. Since Sibley has grown in size, little improvements have been made to the park except for some parking areas.

Ms. Bondurant talked about potential areas of controversy including habitat and special status species, trail demand, trail uses, over development, fire hazards, and water quality. A discussion about trail uses and dogs on leash followed. During project construction, there will be several short-term impacts including aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, public services, noise, and utilities. As part of the CEQA process, several alternatives to the project were considered and rejected. Ms. Bondurant summarized the alternatives that were considered.

Director Ayn Wieskamp remarked that the growth of the park was impressive. Director Beverly Lane congratulated Ms. Bondurant on her work. She attended the July 25, 2018 public meeting at the Trudeau Training Center. She inquired about equestrian parking at Western Hills Open Space, and suggested staff provide more trail descriptions and why dogs are not allowed in certain areas of the park. Director Dennis Waespi inquired about public comments received regarding trail uses. Ms. Bondurant replied that dog users have commented that they would like to see more trails that allow dogs and areas for dogs to be off leash. The Committee and staff talked about the proposed campgrounds and exit routes in the event of a fire or emergency.

Public Comments: William Yragui, a representative of the Sierra Club, read a statement regarding the Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve LUPA. His statement was provided to the Board and will be included in the record.

Marla Schmale commented on the dog policy at McCosker. She would like to see more areas where dogs can be off leash, in particular the McCosker Loop Trail.

**Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Ayn Wieskamp, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to move the Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Report forward, following the public review period, for consideration by the full Board of Directors to: 1) certify the Final Environmental Impact Report, including public comments and responses to comments; and 2) adopt the Land Use Plan Amendment for Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve.**

## **2. 2018 Performance Plan Mid-Year Update**

Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager, presented this agenda item. On December 19, 2017, the Board adopted the 2018 organizational Performance Plan via Resolution No. 2017-12-366. The Performance Plan includes key performance indicators that illustrate progress towards eight (8) goals derived from the *2013 Master Plan*, and one-time key objectives that demonstrate specific actions to be taken as part of the overall performance for the year. The objectives are tied to respective staff's annual work objectives, as part of the annual performance appraisal process. The Park District is accountable to the public. The Performance Plan is one way to show the public what the Park District is doing and to measure performance. Dr. Alvarez talked about measuring performance and cross division collaboration on accomplishing objectives.

Some of the Park District's divisional highlights include:

- Assistance with the passage of Proposition 68.
- Measure CC extension.

- Adoption of a policy framework for managing park resources in a changing climate.
- Fire prevention programs and education to the public about trail etiquette.
- Continued outreach to the community and engaging in programs such as *Healthy Parks, Healthy People*.
- Continued efforts to resolve insurance claims related to the 2017 winter storm damage claim.
- Transfer of the Oakland Inner Harbor Tidal Canal from the US Army Corps of Engineers to the Park District.

Director Ayn Wieskamp commented how impressed she was with staff's work this year. Director Beverly Lane asked if staff is getting better at quantifying performance. Dr. Alvarez responded that it's improving over the years. Mr. Doyle also responded that this is a new process and that tracking commitments can be difficult.

At this time, Committee Chair Dennis Waespi left the meeting.

**Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.**

### **3. Open Forum for Public Comments**

None.

### **4. Board Comments**

None.

### **5. GM Comments**

Mr. Doyle commented on the fires in California. The Park District's Fire Department aided in fighting the fires. Acting Fire Chief Ailene Thiele also provided an update on fire assistance efforts.

There being no further business, Vice President Ayn Wieskamp declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng

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