The Board Meeting, which was held July 16, 2019 at EBRPD, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 called its **Closed Session** to order at I1:36 a.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President

Ellen Corbett, Vice President

Colin Coffey, Secretary Dee Rosario, Treasurer

Whitney Dotson Beverly Lane Dennis Waespi

Directors Absent: None.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by <u>President Wieskamp</u>.

Staff Present: Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Anthony Ciaburro, Jeff Rasmussen, Kristina Kelchner,

Michael Reeves, Kathryn Dudney, Lance Brede, Sandy Wright, Mona Koh, Kip Walsh,

Erich Pfuehler, Matt Graul, Al Love, Steve Castile, Aileen Theile, Dave Mason, Pam Burnor, Deborah Spaulding, Ruby Tumber, Kelly Barrington, Lisa Baldinger,

Chris Newey, Becky Tuden, Brian Holt, Carol Johnson, Pam Beitz

Guests: Bob Campbell, Auditor Controller of Contra Costa County

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of <u>Director Waespi</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Lane</u>, 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 <u>Director Corbett</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Lane</u>, 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 June 3, 2019 to Junev16, 2019 Resolution No. 2019 – 07 - 179 (attached)

- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of July 2, 2019
- c. Authorization to Award a Contract with Bortolussi & Watkin, Inc. and Appropriate Funds for the Develop Access and Picnic Area Project:
 Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline
 Resolution No. 2019 07 -180 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Amend a Contract for Services with Nichols Consulting Engineers Inc. for the Point Molate Trail Segment: San Francisco Bay Trail Resolve No. 2019 07 181 (attached)
- e. Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Contra Costa County
 Auditor-Controller for the Payment of Under Collected Taxes for East Bay Regional
 Park District Measure WW General Obligation Bond
 Resolution No. 2019 07 182 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

a. Approval of Authorization to Exercise the Purchase Option, and Accept, Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition of 1.5 Acres of Land, a Public Recreational Trail Easement, and an Emergency Vehicle and Maintenance Access Easement from Lawrence A. Gosselin and Lorraine D. Rollins: Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve Resolution No. 2019 – 07 -183 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Wieskamp</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Waespi</u>, 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.

<u>Mike Reeves, Chief of Land Acquisition</u>, presented a PowerPoint on the Gosselin and Rollins Property. The park is in landbank status and closed to the public until the LUP has been adopted. <u>Reeves</u> gave a history on the acquisition of this property. He explained this acquisition will provide a potential site for a future staging area, opportunity to develop public recreational trail access into the Preserve and provide a second point of access into the Preserve for emergency vehicle response and park maintenance purposes.

<u>Director Rosario</u> asked if the house across the street inquired about screening the parking lot from their house. <u>Reeves</u> replied the neighbor expressed concern and screening will be considered. <u>Director Waespi</u> commented that this is a great project and acquisition. <u>Waespi</u> asked for a brief presentation on the Altamont County Landfill Open Space Advisory Committee. <u>President Wieskamp</u> said it would be good to have a presentation. <u>Reeves</u> agreed. <u>Director Lane</u> asked if Reeves would share the challenge of having the trail separate from the road and its significance as it relates to this property. <u>Reeves</u> said it was important to the landowners that the existing equestrian operation not be impacted by public use, so staff considered many different trail alignments and feasibility. <u>Wieskamp</u> said she understands the need for privacy and asked if there is a way to work with the adjacent landowner to get water there for a nice green break. <u>Reeves</u> responded they could and clarified that Gosselin does not live on the land, however his business is located there. <u>Wieskamp</u> requested that selected local community and elected officials visit this land to see the views from Doolan Canyon.

Public Comment:

Janice Marciel owns the property adjacent to the proposed staging area and her family have been longtime cattle ranchers since 1860; their lifestyle is noise free and private. They are concerned about the ambient noise and the significant disturbance to their way of life. This property is not grazed and will have a high fire hazard. People driving at high rates of speed, dust control and trespassing are a problem. The break would need to be a high fence. <u>President Wieskamp</u> replied that staff will work with her family.

Norm LaForce, Sierra Club, explained the Altamont County Landfill Open Space Advisory Committee was formed to deal with traffic issues and provide mitigation for habitat and loss of open space; the primary purpose of the fund is for the protection of habitat and the biodiversity of species covered in the area.

3. GENERAL MANAGER

a. Authorize the 2019/2020 Tax Rate to be Levied by Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for the Payment of East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW General Obligation Bonds

Resolution No. 2019 – 07 -184 (attached)

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,

Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None. Directors Absent: None.

By motion of <u>Director Rosario</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Coffey</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3a**.

<u>Deborah Spaulding</u>, Assistant Finance Officer gave this annual report and presentation. The assessed value tax levy rate is expected to be 6% for \$100,000 in Alameda County and 9.5 % per \$1000,00 assessed value. <u>Director Lane</u> thanked staff for keeping the assessed value under 10%. <u>Director Rosario</u> appreciated the cooperation of Contra Costa County and the Park District for working this out; he is glad the Park District has an opportunity to make amends without causing the taxpayers a big bite in the end. Bob Campbell, the auditor controller of Contra Costa County was in the audience.

b. Authorization to Amend the 2019 Budget for Mid-Year Appropriations and Transfers Resolution No. 2019 – 07 -185 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Waespi</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Rosario</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3b**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,

Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None. Directors Absent: None.

<u>Deborah Spaulding</u>, <u>Assistant Finance Officer</u> announced that Pam Burnor is retiring after 18 years. Burnor is a consummate professional who has ushered in 15 District budgets. <u>Deputy General Manager Alvarez</u> acknowledged the work of Pam Burnor and her ability to balance competing interests. <u>Pam Burnor</u> gave this PowerPoint presentation.

<u>Director Rosario</u> noticed a discrepancy in the appropriation amount and Burnor said that it had already been caught and updated. <u>Director Corbett</u> asked if biomonitoring for routine maintenance service is connected to any specific location. <u>Ana Alvarez, Deputy General Manager</u>, replied there are a series of requirements

that require biological monitoring services, and Matt Graul could speak to specific projects. <u>Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship</u> explained that there are 42 projects planned for this fall. Staff has estimated the biomonitoring services needed to ensure there is enough coverage for the projects. <u>Graul</u> stated this is not for blue-green algae, but culvert replacements, bridge replacements and stream bank repairs.

Corbett asked when will the electric vehicle policy statement be completed. DGM, Ana Alvarez replied it is the Green Fleet Management Plan and should be presented before the Board Operations committee no later than November. Corbett asked if that means the vehicles that will be purchased will not be electric. DGM responded that it includes a projection that does fold in the replacement vehicles, and for what could be considered green energy, which includes electric vehicles. Corbett asked about the program for lifeguard field supervisors. Fire Chief Theile explained the program will focus primarily on soft skills for young lifeguards to help them deal with certain situations. Director Coffey asked how did the District end up with funds in the ECCLLD that aren't already allocated? Pam Burnor replied that there are spending plans every year that use these funds the District expects to receive from the LLD, and for whatever reason there may be a delay in a project that didn't allow for the funds to get spent, or for staffing that doesn't exist. Staff identified a means to use the funds, so they may be spent down in the area where they were collected. Director Lane commented that she hoped to be able to replace the five bridges at Dry Creek. DGM Alvarez said that with the allocation of one-time funds, all funds need to be used by or encumbered into a project account with a specific delivery date by December 31st. Graul said the intention is to begin the work in fall.

<u>Lane</u> remarked she is supportive of Peralta Oaks North. <u>Lane</u> asked about the Pt. Isabel stabilization project and if there are enough funds to do the project. She inquired if it is safe for kayakers, windsailing, and dog owners. <u>Graul</u> replied the Grants department is currently looking for additional funding to shore up the shoreline.

<u>Director Waespi</u> congratulated staff for their fiscal responsibility, said he is happy the District is able to prefund employee pension costs, put more money in infrastructure repair, and is interested in moving forward on Peralta Oaks North. He is pleased that wildfire mitigation is being addressed and the Park District continues to be a leader in this area. <u>Waespi</u> expressed concern of the \$2.2 million cost for the election. He added that there should be an investigation as to why it costs so much more in Alameda County than in Contra Costa county. <u>Wieskamp</u> stated that it is a valid point and at what level should this be addressed; it may be something happening throughout the state. <u>District Counsel Victor</u> commented both counties try to do cost recovery. Alameda County costs are substantially higher and the District can request their fee study to review their charges. <u>Director Corbett</u> agreed with Director Waespi that it is time for staff to look at election costs and ask questions.

<u>Corbett</u> extended her appreciation for the equipment for the annual weed abatement and fire prevention. <u>Director Rosario</u> referred to pg. 63, Item II of the packet and asked if staff would include funds in the budget to provide enough resources to protect people in the field, such as enough masks, the ability to work from home, and alternate work locations where offices do not have adequate air conditioning in remote areas. <u>DGM Alvarez</u> replied a majority of those considerations have been folded into the budget, and staff are in the process of finalizing the HR policy and will be included in the 2020 budget. <u>Wieskamp</u> complimented staff for covering a wide range of issues and agreed that staff need to look at the election costs.

Public Comment:

Kelly Abreu commented on several different topics: other cities, friends experiences, fire department and guns and the unfunded costs. He handed out a document to the Board entitled, Accounting Discrepancies.

c. An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District Providing for a Five Percent Increase in Board Member Compensation from \$100 to \$105 for Each Day's Attendance at a Compensable Meeting of the Board Resolution No. 2019 – 07 -186 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Lane</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Waespi</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3c**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,

Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None. Directors Absent: None.

<u>District Counsel Carol Victor</u> presented this item. She read the resolution, provided the Board with comments and background from the staff report.

President Wieskamp opened the public hearing.

Public Comments:

Lynda Deschambault, PAC, commented that the increase established in the ordinance is well deserved, adding it is unfortunate that it is limited to 5%. Deschambault thanked Director Rosario for his commitment and time spent with her as a representative on the PAC. She thanked the Board for its service to the community. Kelly Abreu handed out a document entitled, *Median Compensation and Benefits for Local Boards and Commissions*. Abreu compared other agencies compensations to the District which receives the least compensation; he recommended that the increase be more.

<u>President Wieskamp</u> stated she appreciated the public response.

<u>Director Rosario</u> thanked the speakers, adding that no one is on this Board for the money. However, he can see if the Board were paid more it could be an opportunity for others to run. Dedication to members of this Board is incredibly high and is humbling. <u>Director Coffey</u> referred the document passed out by Abreu that Health Districts by law can only receive \$6,000 or \$7,000/year so \$20K for Washington Hospital Healthcare Systems seems high. <u>Coffey</u> continued that unless these numbers include individual compensation and health benefits, the numbers are skewed. The proposal is de minimis and his concern is more general in looking toward how other agencies deal with this. To make the increase meaningful, an annual increase would not be effective until years down the line and make the office more attractive for others to run for office. If annual, the Board is effectively raising its own salary in excess of the salary increases being given to the workforce. <u>Coffey</u> encouraged staff to think about this for the future.

President Wieskamp closed the public hearing.

<u>Wieskamp</u> stated that even though it is a minimal increase, it is a positive thing to do after 30 years. She agreed that younger people with families have additional costs, and it is hard to find the time to serve on the Board because of the meetings, field trips, and conferences. She is in agreement with a compensation increase to encourage potential board members.

 d. Adoption of Resolution to Phase-Out Glyphosate Use for Maintenance of Developed Park Areas
 Resolution No. 2019 – 07 -187 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Waespi</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Rosario</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 3d.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,

Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None. Directors Absent: None.

<u>Deputy General Manager, Dr. Alvarez</u>, addressed this policy statement in the form of a resolution. <u>DGM Alvarez</u> provided perspective and background on the elimination of glyphosate as much as feasible. <u>Alvarez</u> went through the 30-year history of the Park District's pesticide program. The Park District voluntarily restricted the use of herbicides including those that contain the active ingredient glyphosate. The reduction was 66% for park maintenance 2016-2018. The Board's direction to eliminate the use of glyphosate in high use areas is clear, and the plan will have to be developed to eliminate the remaining 34%. All alternatives have cost impacts to the District, and staff will have to come up with a smoothing strategy that is fiscally sustainable, and effectively deliver fire prevention and vegetation management in a changing environment of the 123,000 acres of land.

AGM, Kristina Kelchner expounded on the alternatives evaluated for further reductions. This challenging topic has been covered extensively by staff and the Board. The five alternatives: I) Immediate ban in all parks; 2) Immediate ban for high-use picnic area; 3) Product substitution; 4) Ban for new acquisitions only; and 5) Phased elimination recommended. Kelchner went through other agency approaches to glyphosate citing six agencies in California. Kelchner continued that scientific agencies do not have consensus, but the public has expressed elimination.

<u>Director Lane</u> stated she appreciates the responsiveness of staff in bringing the resolution before the Board. <u>Director Rosario</u> said he appreciated all the work that has gone into it. <u>Rosario</u> stated that there was a scientific consensus in June 2017 from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), which declared that glyphosate was a carcinogen. Glyphosate is on the Prop 65. <u>Rosario</u> stated the background information should be changed in the staff report. <u>Kelchner</u> added that it is correct that the OEHHA has found it to be a carcinogen, and the EPA has found it is not a carcinogen, and other agencies have varying opinions. <u>District Counsel</u> said that generally board material isn't changed. The will of the Board is reflected in the resolution, and Board comments will be noted in the minutes and on the audio recording. <u>Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship</u>, said that other agencies did not change their (ex. European Union, Canada, etc.) determination based on the OEHHA opinion as there is not scientific consensus. <u>Rosario</u> stated that the resolution needs to include an immediate ban on picnic areas. <u>Rosario</u> showed a video of a remote-controlled mower which could help with fire concerns. <u>DGM</u> acknowledged Steve Castile, Chief of Operations, who is known for his knowledge of this type of innovation. <u>Castile</u> explained that this equipment will require an infusion of dollars and has been called out in the 2020 budget.

Director Corbett stated many agencies are dealing with addressing glyphosate use. There is new science and new technologies. Corbett recognized the work of staff and the progress made. Corbett agreed with Rosario that the statement of glyphosate not being a carcinogen needs to be addressed. Corbett asked for more information on the District's processes with regards to weed abatement. She asked to see schedules, how work crews are staged, equipment purchasing, and to make sure staff addresses and meets these deadlines. Corbett stated she wants the District to be as effective as possible regarding non-chemical processes. DGM Alvarez said she appreciates the interest and the intent; staff will reply about the IPM practices. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, explained the training program is to focus on alternative methods where they learn the calendar, documentation, and application rates. Steve Castile, Chief of Park Operations, said that trainings are in September, which also look at different equipment needs and timing of applications. DGM Alvarez summarized that staff can be provided with a seasonal calendar with specific methodologies, record and document the application of glyphosate when it is applied, provide training for staff and some new equipment. Corbett expressed appreciation adding that as a policy maker on this Board, she wants to see the calendars to make sure there is a system in place that operates. Graul commented that staff can better track the system; identify, treat, and meet their calendar deadlines. Pam Beitz, IPM Resource Analyst, said they identify, monitor and prevent pests. IPM trains up to 200 personnel on pesticide safety.

<u>Director Waespi</u> would like to see an immediate ban of glyphosate around picnic sites and a full ban in the Park District. The Park District needs to be a leader and not see what other people do. <u>Waespi</u> added that

as long as Monsanto can fund studies, there will always be someone saying it is great. Waespi gave some background based on his work experience in the Park District and commented that Director Rosario ran Redwood Park without herbicides including glyphosate for 17 years. The public is concerned, and the Board and staff are receiving many emails. Waespi suggested the elimination of glyphosate in high use areas until the studies can prove it to be safe. Director Coffey said he has been listening to staff for two years. At the Natural Resources Committee level, the Board has been hearing regular reports on the IPM program and gotten into the weeds on the schedules which he has seen. Coffey commented that it is an interim measure and responsive to what is going on in the industry, and staff are aiming at a better understanding of what it means to get to zero use over a period of time. Coffey remarked that staff understands there is a high level of expectation from people that use the parks. Coffey agreed that this resolution should be amended to reflect an immediate ban around picnic areas and playgrounds. In terms of undeveloped areas, perhaps staff need to keep it in the toolbox for remote areas to target Star Thistle to avoid it from taking it over. Coffey stated he would like to see the Board take a proactive position.

Public Comments:

Norm LaForce, Sierra Club, stated that although glyphosate is a poison; there are poisons all over the world. Radiation kills, but in the proper exposure, it kills cancer. The real issue is what is the method and rate of exposure. Coumadin is rat poison and is the best medication for protection against stroke because it is a blood thinner. LaForce said the whole point is that people need to look at the issue constructively that reflects the science and vegetation management. California Invasive Plant Council (CIPC) and California Native Plant Society (CNPS) have said that glyphosate used properly is a recognized method for dealing with invasive species. In Operations, he thought they said there is a cost of about \$6.7 million a year for not using it. He commented a risk assessment needs to be done.

Marie Kahn, a Walnut Creek resident, environmentalist and avid park user, commended the District for being proactive in reducing the use of glyphosate and monitoring the effects of the reductions. She was concerned by the emphasis on the lack of scientific consensus about the toxicity of glyphosate; however she agrees with both Directors Rosario and Waespi that there is much evidence that Monsanto has supported the work of the scientists who say there is no conclusive evidence that glyphosate is a carcinogen. Kahn asked that the Board continue along this path and operate according to the precautionary principle to ban it in high use areas.

Mei Mei Collins, an intern at Calpirg spoke in support of this resolution. She said that glyphosate is listed as a Prop 65 carcinogenic chemical that can be linked to cancer by the World Health Organization (WHO). The urgency is clear, and Collins asked the Board to set a date for complete elimination of its use. The Park District will serve as a great example for phasing out glyphosate. Collins thanked the Board for a commitment to public health and safety.

Chris Newey, President of AFSCME Local 2428 would support Rosario and Waespi and full elimination in high use areas except for other areas where it was agreed to be phased out. Newey commented that the Board just passed the mid-year budget, and there is no additional labor included. Staff would need to apply this fall for next year's budget, and work would have to be deferred. Employees expressed concern for the added workload, look forward to implementation and will review the plan as it develops. Corbett made relevant comments to labor and equipment and how it is staged.

Lynda Deschambault said glyphosate is on Prop 65 and is a known carcinogen. Costco has pulled it from its shelf. Why not take the precautionary principle? What are the schedules? What is the end date?

Kelly Abreu commented on the need to manage vegetation. Susan Junfish, environmental health scientist – Parents for Safer Environment, talked about the three categories of chemicals that are not dose related. Glyphosate is a known carcinogen and is too risky to be used in areas where there is foot traffic and areas with children and pets. The work staff and committee have done is to be applauded.

<u>Director Corbett</u> summarized the discussion was to ban in all high use areas, picnic areas, make sure staff have the info needed to assess when chemicals are needed, there are no specific dates in this resolution, discussion about fiscal impacts/analysis and the District will seek the assistance of a third party, and access additional costs. <u>President Wieskamp</u> stated she has no problem eliminating glyphosate in high use areas, and trusts staff that have been working on this. She suggested if warranted, another workshop should be scheduled.

<u>DGM Alvarez</u> read the proposed language amendments which began another robust conversation on definitions of terms such as high use, picnic areas, reservable vs. non reservable picnic areas. <u>Kelchner</u> said there are between 3000-4000 picnic tables in the District and that would be a constraint on staff if we use the word <u>immediately</u>. <u>DGM Alvarez</u> and <u>Director Waespi</u> commented that picnic areas include table, barbecue pits and garbage cans. <u>Lane</u> commented that the year 2020 is an ambitious goal, and they should determine what terms they are in agreement on today.

<u>Director Coffey</u> asked DGM Alvarez to restate the amendments.

<u>DGM</u> stated three amendments to the resolution where relevant parts are indicated. The final and approved resolution will be made a part of the record.

I. Add a new item to immediately ban glyphosate in picnic areas, further this reduction on the use of glyphosate by the end of 2020, and if the two proposals are adopted it will eliminate 4c.

<u>Director Corbett</u> stated that she could support the immediate ban in picnic areas, and a ban in developed areas by 2020. <u>Kelchner</u> explained they would create an amendment stating a ban in developed areas by 2020. <u>Director Rosario</u> expressed his approval for the three amendments and noted he would like to include a statement about the known carcinogen reference. <u>Corbett</u> asked staff if they could see the changes made before the vote today. <u>District Counsel Victor</u> said staff will make the changes, print the final resolution, and return to the Board during the meeting. <u>AGM Kelchner</u> went through the final resolution step by step including the amendments.

e. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for the Purchase of 7± acres of Real Property from the East Bay Regional Park District: Real Property Located at 3020 Fostoria Way, Danville, California (Real Property of the Estate of Armand Borel)

Resolution No. 2019 – 07 -188 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Lane</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Rosario</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 3e.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,

Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None. Directors Absent: None

<u>District Counsel, Carol Victor</u>, presented this item. <u>Victor</u> included background of the property which has taken 10 years of probate proceedings. Mr. Borel passed away in April 2009 and named EBRPD as a beneficiary, as long as it is used for an agricultural park. The property has enormous potential and challenges which Victor discussed. Litigation, malfeasance, insolvency of trust included: the original successor trustee drove Trust to the point of insolvency, \$3.1 million tax liability, EBRPD purchased a loan and trust deed to prevent foreclosure, lengthy litigation over alleged option agreement, and outstanding debts and claims against the Trust in excess of \$6.9 million. There was an agricultural design map submitted. RFPs are needed because there are not enough funds available to clean up the property and repay the Park District General fund monies. The court has authorized the sale of this property. <u>Director Waespi</u> asked about the interest and <u>Victor</u> clarified. <u>Director Lane</u> knew Mr. Borel and said that the District has an opportunity to become

visible because of the location of the property. <u>Lane</u> commented on the letter by former District Counsel Radosevich where he encouraged the Board to protect this land and achieve the vision of Mr. Borel's gift.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

<u>DGM</u>, <u>Alvarez</u> introduced Brian Holt, Chief of Planning. Holt discussed the items on this report. <u>Director Coffey</u> asked what is the Geologic Hazard Abatement District. <u>Holt</u> answered it is properties identified having some sort of geologic hazard like a landslide. <u>Rosario</u> asked if there is a history of slides in this area and Holt replied in the affirmative. <u>DGM</u> stated that Gov. Newsom's budget includes \$3.6 million to move forward the biodiversity – seed banking and Tilden Garden represents us in the California Plant Rescue.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

<u>DGM Alvarez</u> introduced Chief Aileen Theile who Presented on the Out-of-County Response for Large Scale Fires. <u>Theile's</u> PowerPoint focused on the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communication Center XAL spreadsheet that she highlighted, and she explained the external and internal processes. <u>Director Rosario</u> asked how come there weren't many reps from EBRPD. <u>Theile</u> explained that many of the District's firefighters are shared with Operations, and the backfill is the environmental crew.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel, Carol Victor stated that there were no announcements.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Operations Committee (4-18-19) (Corbett)
 b. Operations Committee (5-16-19) (Corbett)

President Wieskamp called for a break while awaiting the updated resolution.

DGM Alvarez announced that AB-916 (D Muratsuchi) which is pending legislation on a 5-year moratorium on the use of glyphosate in the state of California has been put on hold by the author. By the passage of the resolution on glyphosate the District is ahead of the state.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan JunFish, PASE, commented that this Board consider allowing documents to go out in an electronic format; she referenced the toxicity report. <u>District Counsel Victor</u> said that if a document is available in electronic form under the law, it can be provided it electronically.

BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Land Session Workshop;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Elected Women Luncheon, Livermore;
- Attended the Borel Board Field trip;
- Attended the Concord Hills Conveyance;
- Attended AC/CCSDA meeting.

Wieskamp commented on her ride-along on the 4th of July with Capt. Love. She also commented on the N3 sale.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Land Session Workshop;
- Attended the 4th of July parade in Danville;
- Attended the Borel Board Field trip;
- Attended the Concord Hills Conveyance;
- Attended the Tassajara fundraiser;
- Attended the CC Mayors Conference, Pleasant Hill;
- Attended the Environmental Labor Meeting.

Lane talked about CCTA (Contra Costa Transit Authority) project brochure.

<u>Director Rosario</u> reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Land Session Workshop;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Berkeley;
- Attended the Borel Board Field trip;
- Attended the Concord Hills Conveyance;
- Attended the Tassajara fundraiser;
- Attended the ACSDA /CCSDA Joint meeting;
- Attended the Oakland Coalition meeting.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Land Session Workshop;
- Attended the Alameda 4th of July parade;
- Attended the Borel Board Field trip;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Concert at the Cove;
- Attended the Concord Hills Conveyance.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Annual 4th of July Hercules Festival;
- Attended the Land Session Workshop;
- Visited the Tilden Botanic Garden and a tour by staff;
- Attended the CC Mayors Conference, Pleasant Hill;
- Attended the Borel Board Field trip;
- Attended the AFSCME 2428 Union meeting;
- Attended the Concert at the Cove;
- Attended the Concord Hills Conveyance;
- Attended the Environmental Labor Meeting;
- Attending the New Ambassador training session on the 20th.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Land Session Workshop;
- Attended the Borel Board Field trip;
- Attended the AFSCME 2428 Union meeting;
- Attended the Executive Committee Meeting;
- Attended the HASPA meeting;
- Attended the Concord Hills Conveyance;
- Attended the ACSDA /CCSDA Joint meeting;

Attended the Castro Valley MAC meeting.

<u>Waespi</u> met with Supervisor Nate Miley walked on the Ten Hills Trail and was amazed at how well it looked. On the 4th visited several parks: Mission Peak, Shadow Cliffs, Don Castro and Roberts.

<u>Director Dotson</u> reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

Attended the Land Session Workshop.

D. ADJOURNMENT

<u>President Wieskamp</u> announced that Director Emeritus Carol Severin passed and read a brief bio of her contributions to the Park District and the community. The meeting was closed in her honor at 6:13 pm.

<u>Directors Wieskamp</u>, <u>Lane</u>, <u>Rosario and Waespi</u> expressed condolences and shared memories.