

The Board Meeting, which was held September 17, 2019 at EBRPD, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 called its **Closed Session** to order at 11:34 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 1:05 p.m. by President Wieskamp.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Debra Auker, Anthony Ciaburro, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Kristina Kelchner, Steve Castile, Al Love, Lance Brede, Matt Graul, Dave Mason, Mona Koh, Lisa Goorjian, Brian Holt, Chris Newey, Anne Kassebaum, Toby Perry, Dan Cuning, Lisa Baldinger, Dave Zuckermann, Michelle Strawson O'Hara, Tiffany Margulici, Kip Walsh, Jeff Rasmussen, Devan Reiff, Katherine Dudney, Deborah Spaulding, Sara Fetterly, Ren Bates, Tracie DeAngelis, Shivani Nath, Ali Adams, Jamie Lebow, Alice Kinner, Wanda Bolden-Ross, Monica Alvarez-Selles, Claudette Oatis

Guests: Jess Brown, VP - Regional Parks Foundation  
Les Hausrath, Director - Regional Parks Foundation

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Waespi, 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, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Ingrassia stated he recently purchased an electric bike, but soon after had to change to a three-wheeled electric scooter. He was told that he couldn't ride his three-wheeler on the SF Bay Trail by an EBRPD police officer. Ingrassia commented that in this era of technological change, he believes it is not acceptable for people like him to be unable to enjoy the Bay Trail. President Wieskamp commented that to her knowledge if you have health issues these mobility devices are allowed. District Counsel Victor commented that the Park District does comply with ADA and has a policy on Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices. Victor offered to send Mr. Ingrassia the policy. President Wieskamp suggested that the citizen speak with Captain Brede who was present at the meeting. GM Doyle commented that he appreciated Mr. Ingrassia's comments, and added that the District is trying to catch up and create a safe situation for everyone. Director Rosario commented

on the multijurisdictional areas along the Bay Trail, that Class I e-bikes are allowed. GM Doyle confirmed that e-bikes are allowed, but the device in question is a three-wheeled electric scooter. Kelly Abreu handed out documents and commented on the parking disarray at Mission Peak, and suggested wheel stops. He discussed a handout regarding accounting discrepancies at Mission Peak. Wieskamp commented that staff is working on a re-do of the parking lot. GM Doyle commented that since this same issue has been raised by the speaker on the accounting issue at Mission Peak, Kristina Kelchner, AGM of ASD will respond. Kelchner reported that two emails have been sent to Mr. Abreu that explained that staff is still working on design and cost estimates. GM Doyle stated staff is being responsible and working on the design of the parking lot with the possible addition of bumpers. Kelchner concluded that staff is meeting regularly with the city of Fremont. Director Waespi asked if there is a timeline for the new parking lot project costs. Kelchner replied that more vetting is needed at the staff level.

## C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Rosario, 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 July 29, 2019 to August 11, 2019  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 227 (attached)

Director Rosario had questions which Fire Chief Theile and AGM of Finance Auker responded to.

- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 3, 2019

Director Lane commented on page 16 where the revisions to the Coyote Hills LUPA were discussed. She suggested the wording should be changed to 'may' and not 'shall' to reflect the intent of the Board when the motion was made. District Counsel Victor said she will review the resolution and if edits are needed, it will take another board action.

- c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for General Manager Robert E. Doyle to Attend the 2019 National Recreation and Park Association Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on September 24-26, 2019  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 228 (attached)
- d. Authorization for a Communication Equipment License Agreement with East Bay Municipal Utility District: Tilden Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 229 (attached)
- e. Adoption of Revised Policy on Appropriating Funds for Acquisition Projects, and Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Acquisition Funds: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 – 230 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Award Construction Contract to GEMS Environmental Management Services Inc. to Construct Storage Shed: Big Break Regional Shoreline

Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 231 (attached)

Director Lane referred to page 34 where it reads that “...a shared space is no longer functional...” what does that mean? Lane also asked where the new and old sheds will be placed. AGM O’Connor replied that because the popularity of the Recreation programs, the current shed is storing more recreation equipment, and more space is needed for park operations equipment. An additional shed will be placed closer to the visitor center and will be used for park operations. Director Waespi asked the size of the shed. Jeff Rasmussen, AFO replied it will be 25’ x45’, and a map was included with details in the Board packet.

- g. Authorization to Execute a Contract with FOG Studios Inc. for Design of Staff Housing: Camp Arroyo Regional Recreation Area  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 232 (attached)

Director Lane asked why this item didn’t go before first. Lane asked where the parents/chaperones that come with the students currently stay? Jeff Rasmussen, AFO Finance answered it hasn’t come to a committee because it needs further study. As far as the current parents and chaperones, they stay in the cabins with the students, and staff are studying the potential need for housing.

Jim O’Connor, AGM Operations stated that there is a master plan for Camp Arroyo and it is at capacity with 144 campers and their parents. Staff are currently reviewing staff housing for the camp operator and preplanning for expansion.

- h. Authorization to Revise the Classification Title for Systems Analyst to Business Analyst, and Authorization to Delete One Vacant (1.0 FTE) Public Safety Systems Administrator Position in the Public Safety Division and to Add One (1.0 FTE) Business Analyst position in the Finance & Management Services Division  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 233 (attached)

Director Rosario said his question was responded to, there was no loss of FTE overall and both, POA and AFSCME are in agreement.

- i. Authorization to Purchase 15 Cisco Network Switches and 15 Network Routers from AMS.Net for District-wide Information Technology Infrastructure Replacements  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 -234 (attached)
- j. Appoint Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation as the Park District’s Independent External Auditor, for the Fiscal Years ending December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021 with the Option to Extend for Two Additional Years  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 235 (attached)
- k. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 236 (attached)
- L. Acceptance of Second Quarter 2019 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Report  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 237 (attached)

Director Corbett left the meeting for an appointment.

## 2. GENERAL MANAGER

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: Ellen Corbett.

- a. Authorization to Prioritize the Restoration of Tilden Regional Park Environmental Education Center and Jewel Lake for the Purposes of Initiating a Capital Campaign by the Regional Parks Foundation  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 238 (attached)

AGM/Executive Director Regional Park Foundation Carol Johnson, introduced Jess Brown, Vice President Regional Parks Foundation (RPF), Juliana Schirmer, Director of Development, Les Hausrath RPF Director and Dave Zuckermann, Regional Manager of Interpretation and Recreation. Johnson gave a presentation on *The Tilden Nature Area: Legacy and Promise: Considerations for a Capital Campaign*. Her presentation addressed the restoration and complete rebuilding of the Tilden EEC and the restoration of Jewel Lake. Johnson gave a comprehensive overview of the history of the RPF and the expansion of the RPF Board to fundraise.

Dave Zuckerman, Regional Interpretive & Recreation Services Manager introduced Sara Fetterly Supervising Naturalist at Tilden. Zuckermann gave a comprehensive presentation on the history of the District Originals, Park, Nature Center, Public Programs and Farm, visitation and programming. Zuckerman introduced historical maps and discussed the constraints and limitations of the current EEC, and the need for restoring Jewel Lake.

Director Lane suggested that creating a fuel break at the eucalyptus trees near the new interpretive pond would be an ideal place for the public to see how a fuel break is managed. GM Doyle thanked Dave Zuckermann for his commitment to this park and environmental education. Doyle commented that the EEC is in need of a new design. Doyle stated this should be viewed as an opportunity for environmental literacy, climate change, food production (Little Farm) and watershed. If the Foundation is going to do this fundraiser, it must be successful and the District must do its part to produce a stellar design that includes green infrastructure, is thematic and efficiently designed. Both RPF members Jess Brown and Les Hausrath commented on the project and their anticipation to begin this journey.

#### Public Comment

Ellen Barth commented she is impressed with the wording of the Board material. Jewel Lake will be restored and will not become a San Francisco Bay or river. Barth congratulated the RPF for taking on this project, and on the Berkeley Brickyard.

Director Rosario said that despite his preference for wanting a new environmental center at Pt. Pinole, he recognizes the need to rebuild the EEC at Tilden. The EEC is 45 years old, and the District needs to upgrade this center to better serve the community into the future. Rosario expressed his support for this effort. Director Waespi supported the RPF, and added, this is the right site, and the right people. Director Coffey stated he has been going to Tilden since the 60's, and it is a home to him and his children. Coffey expressed concern about the resolution asking if it prioritizes Tilden over the other nine projects that were discussed in a Board workshop. He asked if moving the Tilden EEC project forward makes it a number one priority? Coffey commented he wants to be an advocate for Pt. Pinole where there are 35,000 kids, mostly Hispanic, African American, and Asian American, whose communities do not have an existing visitor center. GM Doyle said that this is the number one priority for the District. It does not stop any Board member for advocating for any of the other eight project sites; there are plans to complete them all. The EEC is a joint project with the RPF and is considered a good project to raise funds. Board members establish priorities

every year, and this project is the number one capital project that staff are recommending now. Staff have applied three times for grants for Pt. Pinole and none have been successful. The Park District will continue to advocate for all project sites. He added that the EEC is staffed, and Pt. Pinole is not yet staffed. He noted that Design staff are currently working on 50 projects.

Director Lane said this project has been chosen by the RPF as their first effort for a major capital campaign and she would like them to be successful. She commented there is no visitor center in Ward 6, it would be wonderful to see visitor centers distributed throughout the entire East Bay, but funds aren't available to complete all projects on the list. Director Lane stated this is an exciting project, and a rare opportunity for a new visitor center; it needs to be a beautiful and welcoming place. Director Lane commented she understands Director Coffey's concern, and doesn't think this precludes efforts to work on other visitor centers. Director Dotson said that Tilden offers an opportunity to leapfrog into the future and getting the buy in from the community would be an accomplishment. Director Wieskamp said she supported Pt Pinole and the RPF is an ambitious group of doers that have the ability to get funding for Tilden. Once this project is complete, the next project is Pt. Pinole. Many school children from the Pinole area are bussed to Tilden from Director Dotson's area. AGM Johnson said the RPF Board had an in-depth discussion about Pt. Pinole, are very interested in the project, but feel at this time, Tilden is more ready. The RFP board want to be successful with their first fundraising attempt. Wieskamp commented that the restoration of Jewel Lake is also part of this project. GM Doyle remarked on the pavilion at Shadow Cliffs. He explained it wasn't on the District's radar at the time, but because a donor came forward and said they would match funds, the pavilion will be built. The visitor center at Del Valle wasn't a priority, but five million dollars was received from legislature for the project. That is the nature of the Park District; staff are creative, opportunistic, and don't give up.

### 3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

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

- a. Authorization to Amend a Contract with Mining Construction, Incorporated for Mine Excavation and Site Preparation; Amend a Contract with Condor Earth Technologies for Design Engineering and Construction Administration Services; and Transfer and Appropriate Funds for Develop Coal Mine Exhibit Project: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2019 – 09 - 239 (attached)

Lisa Goorjian, Chief of Design and Construction came before the Board to amend the construction contract due to unanticipated safety related costs. She explained that despite this amendment, the project is on track. Toby Perry, Project Manager, reminded the Board of the engineer's plan by showing design maps and pictures of the exhibit. Perry noted project construction began at the end of June. Through slides and a video, Perry showed the Board the need for additional ground support to prevent rock fall and improve mine safety. Director Lane remarked about the unpredictability of the earth underground and stated approval of this resolution is necessary. GM Doyle commended Perry for the use of the video commenting that it gave the Board a good visual of what the safety needs are in the mine.

### 4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Doyle introduced the two items. Director Lane had some questions on the understanding of Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan and if it was that this would be an additional ½ cent that they are paying. The word extension was of concern. GM Doyle will defer to Government Affairs Manager for clarification and respond to the Board. Director Rosario and Wieskamp referred to the Ordinance to Establish a Right of Way Lands for Dublin Boulevard and the allocation of monies. GM clarified and responded to their questions.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- a. Chief Human Resources Officer Kip Walsh will present a broad update on the work of the Human Resources Department over the past year and will introduce the HR staff to the Board.

DGM Dr. Ana Alvarez introduced this report with background on the work of the Human Resources department. Chief Human Resources Officer Kip Walsh opened by stating that the heart of the District is its people. Walsh discussed the four levels of the HR Department which are an Administrative and Labor Relations Section, a Recruitment Performance and Classification Section, Benefits Section, and the Learning and Development Section. Walsh discussed the changes in the labor market, increases in the work of the HR department, and the anticipated retirements in the next five years. Walsh introduced her staff who were present at the meeting. She expressed her appreciation for their hard work.

Director Rosario thanked the HR department and agreed that people are indeed the heart of the District and reminded them that they are dealing with people. Director Waespi agreed. Directors Lane and Wieskamp expressed appreciation in all of the turnover and change. General Manager thanked the HR department.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Finance Committee                    | (8-28-2019) | (Rosario) |
| b. | Legislative Committee                | (8-16-2019) | (Waespi)  |
| c. | Natural/Cultural Resources Committee | (6-12-2019) | (Coffey)  |

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended her annual I-on-I with General Manager Doyle;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended ACSDA Meeting at Trudeau; thanked Yulie Padmore for her assistance;
- Attended LAFCo meeting;
- Attending the Niles Canyon Roll and Stroll;

Wieskamp asked if staff would distribute the Del Valle video.

GM Doyle complimented Dave Mason and the naturalist staff for a great job.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended Radke Championing Advocacy Award;
- Attended Carol Severin's Memorial;
- Attended EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison meeting;

- Attending Health & Safety Fair;
- Attending the International Day of Peace;
- Attending Niles Canyon Roll & Stroll;
- Attending the CSDA Conference in Anaheim where GM Doyle will be honored.

Waespi explained that he had been out of the country on vacation.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison meeting;
- Attended the Redwood Canyon Golf Club;
- Attended Eugene O'Neill Festival events;
- Met for lunch with Pat O'Brien;
- Attended State of the County luncheon;
- Attended Elected Women's Lunch in Dublin.

Lane announced that she will be attending Casey Brierly's retirement on Thursday. She commented on the great things that he has accomplished in the IPM Department.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended Friends of San Leandro Creek;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Contra Costa Mayors Conference in San Pablo;
- Attended Moonlight on the Mountain, Save Mt. Diablo;
- Attended the Stonewall Democratic Club Breakfast;
- Attended the ACSDA Meeting;
- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee;
- Attended Alameda County Workforce Development and the District received an award for employing 60 young people, and Dania Stoneham was recognized;
- Attended the Peralta Colleges Foundation Fundraiser for scholarships;
- Attended EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison meeting;
- Attended the Contra Costa Labor Council Fundraiser;
- Attended Oakland DD Coalition meeting.

Rosario commented on statistics of all the trash collected in the lakes in Oakland.

GM Doyle commented that there is a bill this year on pre-cycling plastic which is the worst.

President Wieskamp commented on the packaging of cosmetics.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Left the meeting after the consent calendar was approved for an appointment.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the John Muir Land Trust event;
- Attended the Marsh Creek Trail Workshop;
- Attended the Legislative Committee Meeting;
- Attended an EBMUD hike with Greenbelt Alliance;
- Attended Sacramento meeting with State Park District;
- Attended Radke Championing Advocacy Award;
- Attended Concert at the Park at Contra Loma;
- Attended the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District meeting;
- Attended the East Bay Hills Hike & Ride with Director Lane;
- Attended Moonlight on the Mountain, Save Mt. Diablo;

- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee;
- Attended the Richmond Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the CCC Central Labor Council dinner;
- Worked the District table at the Hercules Bay Front Festival.

Coffey commented he had to leave early from the 9/1 board meeting due to another meeting so this report is for the entire month.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- No report given.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.