



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
12:30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF WILL ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-29-20 and the Alameda County Health Officer's current Shelter in Place Order, effective May 18, 2020, the East Bay Regional Park District ("Park District") Headquarters will not be open to the public and the Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee and staff will be participating in the meetings via video conferencing.

Members of the public can listen to the meeting in the following way:

Via the Park District's live audio stream, on the Park District's YouTube channel, which can be found at: <https://youtu.be/kJnOqB8569o>

Public comments may be submitted one of three ways:

1. **Via email** to the Recording Secretary at naturalcultural@ebparks.org by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Email must contain in the subject line **public comments – not on the agenda** or **public comments – agenda item #**.
2. **Via voicemail** at 510-544-2321 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021. The caller must start the message by stating **public comments – not on the agenda** or **public comments – agenda item #** followed by their name and place of residence, followed by their comments.
3. **Live via zoom**. If you would like to make a live public comment during the meeting this option is available through the virtual meeting platform: <https://ebparks.zoom.us/j/95576717874>. Note that this virtual meeting platform link will let you into the virtual meeting for the purpose of providing a public comment. If you do not intend to make a public comment, please use the YouTube link at <https://youtu.be/kJnOqB8569o> to observe the meeting. It is preferred that those requesting to speak during the meeting contact the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee Recording Secretary by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021 via email at naturalcultural@ebparks.org or voicemail (510) 544-2321 to provide name and the subject of the public comment or item to be addressed.

Comments received **during the meeting and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item is closed**, will be provided in writing to the Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee, included transcribed voicemails. All comments received by the close of the public comment period will be available after the meeting as supplemental materials and will become part of the official meeting record. *However, to ensure that the Board Members will be able to review your comments prior to the close of the meeting, please submit your public comment by no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021.* Please try to limit your written comments to no more than 300 words. The Park District cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted. To ensure that the Park District receives your comments, you are strongly encouraged to submit your comments in writing in advance of the meeting.

For future meetings, the Park District is exploring additional ways for the public to submit comments.

If you have any questions about utilizing the video stream, please contact the Recording Secretary of the Committee, Koka Yamamoto at naturalcultural@ebparks.org or at 510-544-2321. To ensure the best opportunity for Park District staff to address your question, please contact the Recording Secretary prior 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

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The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website (www.ebparks.org), the Headquarters reception desk, and at the meeting.

Accommodations and Access

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AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
12:30 pm	1. Roll Call (Virtual)		Kelchner
12:35pm	2. UC Berkeley Cultural & Natural Resources Management Class Partnership	(I)	Montano
1:05pm	3. Review District Policy to Protect Endangered Species at Risk of Predation by Free-Roaming Cats	(R)	Kelchner
2:05pm	4. Public Comments Public comments may be submitted one of three ways: 1) Via email to naturalcultural@ebparks.org . Email must contain the subject line Public Comments – not on the agenda or comments on the agenda” and indicate the item # by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021. 2) Via voicemail at 510-544-2321. The caller must start the message by stating “Public Comments – not on the agenda” followed by their name and place of residence, followed by their comments. 3) Live via zoom. If you would like to make a live public comment during the meeting this option is available through the virtual meeting platform: https://ebparks.zoom.us/j/95576717874		
3:05pm	5. Board Comments		

Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee Members
Colin Coffey (Chair), Dennis Waespi, Beverly Lane
Dee Rosario (Alternate)
Kristina Kelchner, Staff Coordinator

Next Meeting
April 7, 2021

R - Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
I - Informational
D - Discussion



AGENDA SUMMARY

2. UC Berkeley Cultural & Natural Resources Management Class Partnership (Montano)

In the fall of 2020, Archives Program Supervisor Brenda Montano began engagement with the Introduction to Cultural and Natural Resources Management class at UC Berkeley in their Community Partner Program in support of historical and archives-related project work for the Park District Archives. The program is run by UC Berkeley Professor Kurt Spreyer, and the project work is conducted by a volunteer team of undergraduate students – most being introduced for the first time to the world of Natural and Cultural Resources Management. For the Committee meeting presentation, Dr. Kurt Spreyer will provide an overview of the class and the program, including the program's benefits, both for the students and the participating community organizations and agencies (which now includes the East Bay Regional Park District Archives). Brenda Montano will then present some examples of the student projects completed in the fall semester and report on the current spring 2021 projects. This will include a request for input from the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee of future opportunities to consider.

3. Review District Policy to Protect Endangered Species at Risk of Predation by Free-Roaming Cats (Kelchner)
AGM for Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Kristina Kelchner will make a presentation on the District's current feral cat management program and recommended updates and revisions to the program. See the attached staff report for more information.

4. Open Forum for Public Comment (Dir. Coffey)

Individuals wishing to address the Committee on a topic not on the agenda may do so by contacting the recording secretary in one of three ways described above.