

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 09, 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/j0Lh81kcNb4>

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. Tuesday, June 8, 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. Tuesday, June 8, 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://zoom.us/j/91854866041>. 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/j0Lh81kcNb4> 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. Tuesday, June 8, 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, including 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. Tuesday, June 8, 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. Tuesday, June 8, 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.

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AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
12:30pm	Roll Call (Virtual)		Coffey
12:35pm	1. Present Draft Resolution to Support Conservation & Education Efforts for Pollinators	(R)	Tuden, Gomez, UC Berkeley Students
1:05pm	2. Introduction of New Cultural Services Coordinator	(I)	Holt, Guerrero
1:35pm	3. Archives Program Update: Review of Oral History Candidates for 2021	(D)	Montano
1:50pm	4. Update on Tree Die Off in Regional Parks	(I)	Beitz
2:20pm	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. Tuesday, June 8, 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://zoom.us/j/91854866041		
3:05pm	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

September 8, 2021
December 8, 2021

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

AGENDA SUMMARY

1. Present Draft Resolution to Support Conservation & Education Efforts for Pollinators (Tuden, Gomez, UC Berkeley Students)

Becky Tuden, Ecological Services Manager, and Sonja Gomez, Supervising Naturalist, will give a brief overview of the Park District's conservation and education efforts to support pollinators. Staff will also present a proposed resolution that was developed in collaboration with UC Berkeley students and Bee Campus USA. The students will describe the ongoing work they have been doing to improve habitats for pollinators and promote bee-friendly policies.

2. Introduction to New Cultural Services Coordinator (Holt, Guerrero)

Brian Holt, Chief of Planning, Trails, and GIS, will introduce Annamarie Leon Guerrero, the newly hired Cultural Services Coordinator. Annamarie will provide a brief background, focusing on selected educational and career experiences in archaeology and cultural resources management prior to being hired at the Park District. She will also discuss her workplan and highlight a few of the projects she has started to work on, such as the cultural resources management plan for the Habitat Conservation Plan.

3. Archives Program Update: Review of Oral History Candidates for 2021 (Montano)

As part of the Archives Program's intention to include the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee to participate as advisors for Park District Archives collections, Brenda Montano, Archives Program Supervisor, will briefly present a review of the list of oral history candidates for 2021 and ask for Committee members' input. Public Affairs is about to renew their contract with UC Berkeley's Oral History Center (OHC) at the Bancroft Library, and Brenda will be providing OHC a list of potential candidates to be interviewed by the end of this year. Future contracting will start annually in January so that there is more time available for the Oral History Center to conduct the interviews. However, even with the shorter amount of time this year, the OHC has the capacity to conduct up to 12 interviews with potential candidates.

4. Update on Tree Die Off in Regional Parks (Beitz)

Pamela Beitz, IPM Specialist, will provide an update on the status of eucalyptus and recent field surveys, tree conditions, and ongoing research with the UC Berkeley Garbelotto Lab. While definitive results as to the cause of eucalyptus decline may not be available, efforts are ongoing to understand the complex interactions of climate and fungal organisms and their respective roles on the amount and diversity of dramatic tree decline in the bay area.

5. 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.