

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Board Executive Committee (3/13/2014) (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), Whitney Dotson, John Sutter

Staff: Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Jeff Rasmussen, Allen Pulido, Raphael Breines, Tonya Covarrubias, Bob Nisbet, Susan Schinnerer, Eri Suzuki (Local 2428)

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m.

I. **Land Use Plan Update: Black Diamond Mines, Clayton Ranch, and Sibley**

Raphael Breines, Acting Chief of Planning and GIS Services, presented this agenda item. Mr. Breines provided the Board Executive Committee with updates on the LUP/LUPA for Black Diamond Mines, Clayton Ranch, and Sibley.

Black Diamond Mines: The LUPA will incorporate five open space areas comprising 575-acres into the Park. Highlights include opening up several new access points and developing a recreation/staging unit to provide for staging, staff offices, and nature/interpretive center. Director Sutter inquired about staging along Deer Valley. Robert Doyle, General Manager, responded that it is not in the LUPA. Staff will look into a staging area when preparing the Deer Valley LUP. Staff will be scheduling public meetings at the end of the year, with the goal of bringing the draft LUPA to the full Board in early 2015.

Clayton Ranch Regional Preserve: This new regional park, to be called Clayton Ranch, is approximately 4,195-acres of steep-sloping hillsides that contain a diversity of habitats and wildlife corridors. This area does not share the same history as Black Diamond Mines. The proposal is to have the new park operated by Black Diamond Mines staff. Director Wieskamp asked if there are existing trails connecting Black Diamond Mines and Clayton Ranch. Mr. Breines responded that there are existing trail connectors. The LUP proposes a new staging area, backpack camps, and trails. Director Sutter asked if there are potential sites for group

camp. Mr. Breines responded that there may be opportunities for group camps and staff will look into it. Staff plans to hold public meetings at the end of the year and to bring a draft LUP to the full Board in 2015. Mr. Doyle recommended that staff thorough research the history of Black Diamond Mines and Clayton and that LUP/LUPA should correctly reflect the history of the area.

Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve: Staff initiated land use planning on two parcels—Western Hills Open Space and the McCosker property—comprising 630-acres. The Western Hills Open Space property will not be transferred to the Park District until 2016. Staff is proposing a staging area, group camp, and destination facility. Currently, oral histories are being undertaken and a consultant has been hired to undertake a riparian study. Director Wieskamp asked if the Park will include a security residence. Mr. Breines responded that a security residence is being proposed, and that access to the site is limited. Staff intends to bring the draft LUPA to the full Board in 2015.

Director Sutter asked if staff was on schedule with the LUP/LUPA for Pleasanton Ridge and Miller-Knox. Mr. Breines responded that planning is active and on schedule. Staff will bring updates on other LUP/LUPA as the projects move forward.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

2. Update on Strategic Energy Plan

Dave Collins, Assistant General Manager, introduced this agenda item. The Strategic Energy Plan project is being undertaken by Newcomb-Anderson-McCormick (NAM). In January 2014, the Park District was notified that two key members of NAM had left the company. After review and discussion, staff determined that despite the departure of the two key members, the firm is able to provide the services as originally contracted. Since the project began, electrical engineering data has been collected and the consultant and staff have visited and examined several Park District facilities. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014. Mr. Collins and Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, thanked Tonya Covarrubias for her work on the project.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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