

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Board Executive Committee (10/9/2014) (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), John Sutter

Staff: Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Becky Pheng, Jim O'Connor, Chris Barton, Jeff Rasmussen, Bob Nisbet, Audrey Som, Kelly Barrington, Debra Auker

Public: Whitney Dotson, Mike Wintz (Consultant), Peter Scanlon (Consultant via phone conference)

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

I. Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project Update

Director Whitney Dotson participated as a member of the public.

Chris Barton, Acting Environmental Programs Manager, provided the Committee with an update on the Breuner Marsh restoration and public access project at Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline. The project area is approximately 150-acres, and consists of restoration of 65-acres of tidal and seasonal wetlands, construction of 1.5 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail, picnic areas, and staging area.

Phase I grading work commenced in early May and is expected to be completed in November. The total budget for Phase I is approximately \$4.6 million. Staff anticipates that Phase II work will go out to bid in January 2015, and is estimated to cost \$5 million. The total project budget is \$12 million. The District received over \$8 million in grant funds, most of which is for restoration work. Mr. Barton discussed the methods used to protect sensitive habitat and showed a video of the vegetation clearing methods, which have been approved by the USFWS. The Committee discussed some of the project challenges including project approval and obtaining permits from 10 public agencies, and acknowledged that this is a complex project.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

2. Recommendation to Implement the District Wide-Asset Management Software System

Dave Collins, Assistant General Manager, and Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, presented this agenda item. In 2012, the Board of Directors, in recognition that many facilities are now aging past their expected life, and that the long-term major renovation and/or replacement costs of the assets has not been planned for or funded at a sustainable level in the annual budget, directed staff to establish Fund 553 to start a program to provide for the necessary major renovation and replacement of District infrastructure. One of the first tasks in developing an estimate of the financial liability posed to the District is to establish an inventory of existing assets and an assessment of their age, condition, and cost of replacement. Staff researched the idea of an asset management software system to accurately quantify and estimate, using industry standards, infrastructure replacement/renovation needs of the District. The intent is to provide staff with the tools to set efficient short and long-term project priorities that ensure the continued safety and serviceability of these public facilities.

Staff reviewed various software systems and visited Santa Clara County to review their asset management system. Following these reviews, staff issued an RFP for an asset management software system. The District received proposals from three firms and after review, recommends the selection of VFA Inc. for the District's asset management software system. Consultants Mike Wintz and Peter Scanlon gave an overview of the asset management software system which will allow the District to accurately inventory assets and develop an estimate of replacement costs and useful lives of infrastructure in each category. The initial proposal is to conduct a pilot project at four parks: Tilden, Anthony Chabot, Lake Chabot (including South County Corporation Yard), and Coyote Hills. If successful, the remaining District assets would be added to the system each year.

The Committee asked if the data will be owned by the District. Staff responded that the District will have access to and own all the data. General Manager Robert Doyle commented that having this data is important in planning for the future. The Committee concurred with his comment, and recommended approval of the project.

By motion of Director Dotson and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to forward a favorable recommendation to the full Board to implement the project and to award a contract to VFA Inc. to conduct a pilot project at four parks.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng