

The Board Meeting, which was held on January 14, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board President John Sutter.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: John Sutter, President
Ayn Wieskamp, Vice President
Whitney Dotson, Treasurer
Beverly Lane
Carol Severin
Doug Siden

Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President John Sutter.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Ted Radosevich, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Dave Collins, Carol Johnson, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Diane Althoff, Carol Victor, Liz Musbach, Anne Scheer, Mimi Waluch, Kelly Barrington, Jason McCrystle, Jeff Rasmussen, Erich Pfeuhler, Mona Koh, Matt Graul, Doug Bell,

ANNUAL ROTATION OF OFFICERS:

Board President Sutter announced that new officers have been selected for 2014, and introduced Ayn Wieskamp as the incoming President for 2014. Director Wieskamp announced the other officers for 2014:

Vice President	– Whitney Dotson
Treasurer	– Ted Radke
Secretary	– Doug Siden

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Ayn Wieskamp announced the following revisions to the Agenda:

1. Adding “Swearing-in Ceremony of Dan McCormick as the new District Fire Chief”; and
2. Continuing items C-3-a and C-3-b to a future Board meeting as both these items require the unanimous vote of all seven Board members and there is one Board member absent at today’s meeting.

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Severin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as revised.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

Tim Anderson, Police Chief and AGM of Public Safety, conducted the swearing-in of Dan McCormick as the new District's Fire Chief.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several members of a volunteer group spoke about the presence of the endangered Snowy Plover overwintering on Alameda Beach, and the need to provide education and protection for these birds. They also asked for more enforcement of the "no-dog" policy.

GM Doyle stated that this is an exciting opportunity for staff and that meetings are already being conducted in-house to come up with recommendations. He added that the District has a successful program at Hayward Shoreline for the Least Tern and Snowy Plover.

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, mentioned that meetings have been conducted with park and interpretive staff on this issue. Work is being done to come up with a press release as well as educational signs for the public in key areas. Mr. Graul added that over 1,400 volunteer hours are expended for the successful program at Hayward Shoreline, and over the past six years, 15 pairs of plovers showed up with only five nesting successfully; he expressed concern with plovers being encouraged to nest on Alameda Beach due to the number of urban factors to be considered and the work already being done at Hayward Shoreline. However, he added that if plovers were to nest, then more restrictive, protective measures will have to be done as required by Fish and Wildlife.

Directors Siden and Wieskamp thanked the group for the 45 visits that they have conducted to monitor and protect the Snowy Plovers on Alameda Beach, noting that some of them do not come from Alameda.

In response to a question from Director Lane, Mr. Graul noted that if the plovers were to nest, they would have to be protected for about three months.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Siden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 18, 2013 through December 8, 2013
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 001 (attached)

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of December 3, 2013

C-I-c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Director Doug Siden to Attend the 2014 American Camp Association National Conference in Orlando, Florida from February 5 - 8, 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 002 (attached)

- C-I-d. Authorization of a Sole Source Contract with EDesignC, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services for the Equipment Maintenance Shop Replacement: South County Corporation Yard
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 003 (attached)
- C-I-e. Authorization to Extend Existing Sole-Source Contract with United States Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Wildlife Services to Conduct Predator Damage Management to Protect Federal and State-listed Species
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 004 (attached)
- C-I-f. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Augment the Construction Contingency for Tree Removal along Vargas Road as Required for Phase I Opening: Vargas Plateau Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 005 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Sutter, District Counsel Ted Radosevich stated that the trees will be planted in an area of considerable distance from the roadway and will not be eucalyptus. These will be addressing the city code issue and is consistent with the agreement.

- C-I-g. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Accept the Bid for Restroom, Parking and Access Upgrades Near the Fishing Pier: Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 006 (attached)
- C-I-h. Authorization to Enter into a Special Use Agreement with Alameda Hospital for Day Use Parking: Crown Memorial State Beach
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 007 (attached)

Director Siden stated that he was pleased to see this item but expressed his concern regarding the use of security lighting at night. Mimi Waluch, Revenue Manager, clarified that the agreement is for day-use only and lighting, if needed, will be for about an hour during the fall season to provide lighting for employees. She added that the agreement is for weekday use only to avoid conflicts with special events, and that District events will take priority. Staff will present an update to the Operations Committee at a future meeting.

- C-I-i. Authorization to Enter into a Concession Agreement with James and Casper Hett, dba *Eat, Drink, & Be Merry!*: Temescal Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 008 (attached)
- C-I-j. Authorization to Renew a Special Use Agreement with Hobie Woods, dba *Roughing It Day Camp*: Briones Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 009 (attached)
- C-I-k. Authorization to Renew the Contract for Youth Employment Services with Civicorps Schools
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 010 (attached)

Directors Siden and Sutter commented that this provides a great experience to youth who would not otherwise have an opportunity.

- C-I-l. Authorization to Encumber Funds in the Quagga Mussel Program Project for Boat Inspections: Contra Loma Regional Recreation Area and Lake Chabot Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 011 (attached)

- C-1-m. Authorization to Accept Bid, Amend the 2014 Budget, and Purchase One Trail Dozer
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 012 (attached)
- C-1-n. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Apply for Federal Grant Funds for Replacement of
Campground Restrooms: Del Valle State Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 013 (attached)
- C-1-o. Authorization to File an Application for Grant Funds under the Habitat Conservation Fund,
California Wildlife Protection Act, 1990: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 014 (attached)
- C-1-p. Authorization to Grant a 5,885-square foot Drainage Inlet and Storm Drain Easement to
Todd and Kay Mink: Briones Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 015 (attached)
- C-1-q. Authorization to Renew the Contract with The Houston Group for
Legislative Advocacy Services
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 016 (attached)
- C-1-r. Authorization to Purchase Sungard Public Sector Yearly Hosted Application Services Agreement
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 017 (attached)
- C-1-s. Authorization to Purchase Four Chevrolet Vehicles
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 018 (attached)

2. **PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- C-2-a. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Goals for 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 019 (attached)

By motion of Director Sutter and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-a:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

Erich Pfuehler, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Manager, gave a brief presentation on this item.

Director Sutter asked that line #19 under *II. 2014 Goals* in the Resolution be revised to delete “proposed” and replaced with “created”.

PAC President Glenn Kirby also addressed the Board, stating that it has been a busy year with work on the Master Plan and land use plans. He also stated that a subcommittee was formed so that a report and recommendation can be prepared on the Chabot Marksmanship Range.

3. **LAND DIVISION**

Items C-3-a and C-3-b were continued to a future Board meeting:

- C-3-a. Authorization to Convey Fee Title to 300 square feet of Real Property to Rufino and Diana C. Torres at 2143 Cypress Avenue, San Pablo, CA: San Pablo Bay Regional Shoreline
- C-3-b. Authorization to Exchange Real Property with and Accept Additional Consideration from Redwood Ranch, LLC and Transfer Funds: Redwood Regional Park *
- C-3-c. Authorization to Enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer Funds for Acquisition of the 191.45± Acre Moller Ranch Property from the Antioch Unified School District: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 020 (attached)

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-c:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

Liz Musbach, Land Acquisition Manager, provided a presentation on this item's significance: completes the northern entrance and gateway to Black Diamond Mines, contains habitat known to support rare and endangered species, provides the opportunity for regional and neighborhood trail connections, and includes structures that lend themselves to educational programming. Ms. Musbach added that the property will be purchased at \$305,782 with an escrow period of 3 years. District Operations staff has been able to work on the property due to an access agreement the District entered into with the school district in 2012 to perform maintenance tasks such as mowing, clean-up, etc. In addition, security surveillance cameras installed have allowed public safety personnel to monitor area and reduce trespassing and vandalism.

If approved, the action will also provide funding from Measure WW/Black Diamond Mines:

Initial Deposit	\$ 10,000
Second Deposit	76,445
Safety & Security	<u>79,000</u>
Total Current Action	\$165,445

4. **BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager Robert Doyle reported on the items listed on the staff report.

5. **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

GM Doyle provided a presentation on 2013, some of the highlights included:

- Balanced budget, issued \$80 million in Measure WW bonds with AAA rating;
- Recovered from worst national economic recession in history without any layoffs or furloughs;
- Added more than 2,320 acres, with total acreage at 114,302 acres;
- Obtained \$11.3 million in grants for 28 projects;
- Initiated construction on four TIGER II-funded regional trail projects;
- Board approval of 2013 Master Plan update;
- Obtained \$1.8 million in funds from the Cosco Busan Oil Spill fund;
- Finalized terms and conditions of an agreement with Dumbarton Quarry Associates for the development of a new park and campground at the quarry location near Coyote Hills Regional Park;

- A 30-year operating and management agreement for the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park with the State of California, with a \$5 million commitment for CA State Parks;
- Completed the replacement project at Crown Beach with more than 82,000 cubic yards of sand at a project cost of \$5.6 million;
- Lifeguards ended the swim season with zero drowning deaths;
- Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta hosted more than 18,000 visitors in its first year of operation.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

President Wieskamp announced that the Board unanimously voted 6 – 0, with one Board member absent, to deny the claim of Joan Roe.

Denial of Claim of Joan Roe
Resolution No. 2014 – 01 - 021 (attached)

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

7. BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Executive Committee (12-6-2013) (Sutter)

Director Sutter mentioned that the Regional Parks Foundation exceeded their fundraising target. Regarding the SRI report furnished at the meeting, he asked that the entire Board be provided a copy.

b. Natural/Cultural Resources Committee (8-28-2013) (Lane)
c. Operations Committee (11-21-2013) (Wieskamp)

Director Siden asked that copies of Supervising Naturalist Dave Zuckermann's Powerpoint presentation on Olmsted Parks be provided to the Board.

Director Lane asked that there be a discussion of the impact on area resources if dogs were off-leash on South Park Drive.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the retirement for Chief Ken Blonski in Alameda;
- Attended the District Retirees Lunch at the Trudeau Center where recent retiree Di Rosario spoke about his experiences in the District. Director Sutter asked that the statistics for minority hiring be provided to the Board to clarify some comments made by Mr. Rosario. A suggestion from Mr. Rosario was also relayed regarding having more overlap in trainings between staff as it related to "Acting" positions. Director Sutter also commented that he spoke to Jerry Kent regarding a possible presentation of his study of the fire fuels program costing to either the Board or the Finance Committee.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting and looked forward to being a member of that committee in 2014.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Visited Martin Luther King, Jr Park;
- Attended the Alameda County CSDA meeting;
- Attended an event wherein Supervisor Wilma Chan spoke;
- Attended a meeting of the MLK Rally Committee;
- Attended the EB EDA Legislative Reception in Richmond;
- Attended Chief Ken Blonski retirement on January 11;
- Attended the District Retirees Luncheon and the San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting on January 13
- Will attend the Friends of Crown Beach meeting tonight;
- Will attend Brian Wiese's retirement at Temescal on January 16;
- Will attend the MLK Rally on January 20.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Congratulated John Sutter on his work as President in 2013;
- Attended a District hiking program at the Iron Horse Trail;
- Went to Big Break and met with Supervising Naturalist Mike Moran regarding a fish exhibit;
- Visited Sycamore Valley;
- Attended the EB EDA Legislative Reception in Richmond;
- Attended the Northern Waterfront Forum on January 10;
- Attended the District Retirees Luncheon on January 13;
- Attended the LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee meeting on January 13;
- Urged more green practices by staff in 2014 in meetings and events.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Expressed appreciation for John Sutter's service as Board President in 2013;
- Attended her regularly scheduled Board and Board Committee meetings;
- Will be attending the CARPD Board meeting in Sacramento on January 15;

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Expressed appreciation for the service of John Sutter in 2013;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting and the Alameda County CSDA meeting;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting and Alameda County LAFCO the same day;
- Attended the LARPD Liaison Committee meeting on January 13;
- Attended the Elected Women's meeting.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board