

The Board Meeting, which was held on February 4, 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 Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: Ted Radke, Doug Siden.

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 2:00 p.m. by President Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: Ted Radosevich (Acting GM), Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Carol Johnson, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Liz Musbach, Kelly Barrington, Jason McCrystle, Jeff Rasmussen, Jim Townsend, Nancy Kaiser, Nancy Krebs, Emily Hopkins, Mona Koh, Steve Myli, Pam Burnor, Cinde Rubaloff.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Mellon, speaking as a resident of Castro Valley, requested that the District take the time to solicit input from the residents of Castro Valley who have been long suffering with the conditions at Willow Park Golf; he stated that there have been rumors that the District will be seeking an RFP as the lease expires. President Wieskamp stated that Mr. Mellon will be notified accordingly.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of December 9, 2013 through December 29, 2013
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 022 (attached)
- C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of December 17, 2013
- C-I-c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 023 (attached)
- C-I-d. Authorization of the Sole Source Purchase for Replacement of the State-Mandated 911 Telephone System from AT&T for the Public Safety Communications Center
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 024 (attached)
- C-I-e. Authorization to Renew the Contract with Milliman, Inc. to Provide Investment Advisory and Performance Services for the East Bay Regional Park District's Retirement Plan (Transamerica)
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 025 (attached)
- C-I-f. Authorization to Amend the 2014 Budget and Appropriate Funds for Hazardous Tree Removal and Fire Fuel Management: District-wide
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 026 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Lane, Police Chief Tim Anderson stated that projects are prioritized by the Fire Department's Chief and Assistant Chief through a complicated matrix as part of the District's Vegetation Management Plan. District Counsel Radosevich explained that the plan is brought to the Executive Committee every year, and, at the request of Director Lane, stated that the information presented at the committee level will be provided to the rest of the Board for their information.

- C-I-g. Authorization to Purchase Microsoft Enterprise Software Assurance Agreement
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 027 (attached)
- C-I-h. Authorization to Increase the Purchase Amount for Replacement Computers
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 028 (attached)
- C-I-i. Authorization to Appropriate Funds Received from Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation for Riparian Restoration at Arroyo del Cerro: Diablo Foothills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 029 (attached)
- C-I-j. Authorization to Revise the Annual Lease Agreement for the High Volume Copy/Print Equipment at the Administration Building
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 030 (attached)
- C-I-k. Authorization to Apply to the California Energy Commission's Energy Partnership Program to Identify Energy Efficiency Improvements at the District's Administration Building
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 031 (attached)
- C-I-l. Authorization to Purchase Eight Kawasaki Mules
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 032 (attached)
- C-I-m. Authorization to Purchase One Vermeer Brush Chipper
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 033 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Sutter, Fleet Manager Jason McCrystle stated that the National Joint Powers Alliance's (NJPA) contract pricing being used to purchase the equipment is already the result of a competitive bid process that is open to federal, state and local government entities, and that it is a public JPA.

- C-I-n. Authorization to Purchase Ten Mowers and Two Tractors
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 034 (attached)
- C-I-o. Authorization to Re-Appropriate Unspent 2013 Fund 554 Appropriations for the Completion of Three Type-IV Fire Engines
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 035 (attached)
- C-I-p. Authorization to Award a Contract for Services to Susan Imboden to Research and Develop Oral Histories
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 036 (attached)
- C-I-q. Authorization to Amend the Contract for Services with Pacific Studio for the Exhibit Development Project: Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 037 (attached)
- C-I-r. Authorization to Transfer and Encumber Funds and Amend the Contract for Architectural Consulting Services for Public Safety Headquarters Study
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 038 (attached)
- C-I-s. Authorization to Accept a Deed Restriction and Declaration of Covenants from Old Republic Title (Patterson Properties) for the Benefit of Coyote Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 039 (attached)

Director Lane stated that she was pleased to see this item move forward, given the Board's desire to do more agricultural activities within District lands per the Master Plan. Asst. District Counsel Carol Victor added that it allows the District to have farming, grazing, grassland/trail development, wildbird food plots, etc.

- C-I-t Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Laura McCreery to Conduct Two Executive Oral Histories
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 040 (attached)

2. **LAND DIVISION**

- C-2-a. Authorization to Exercise the Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Accept, Appropriate and Transfer Funds for the Acquisition of 231.57± Acres of Real Property from the Castleridge Property Ownership: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 02 - 041 (attached)

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

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

Liz Musbach, Land Acquisition Manager, provided a brief presentation on this item, stating that it will be acquired at \$200,000 below its appraised value. Ms. Musbach acknowledged the generosity of the property owners for their donation of the cost differential, and enumerated the significance of the acquisition as follows:

- Preserves a Wildlife Corridor for Several Endangered/Threatened Species
- Protects Eastern Viewsheds of Pleasanton Ridge from the Tri-Valley area
- Prevents Development within Property area zoned Rural Density Residential
- Provides a Trail Connection from Foothill Road to the top of Pleasanton Ridge

Appraised Value	\$2,400,000
Purchase Price	<u>\$2,200,000</u>

Proposed Funding:

Alameda County Altamont Landfill	
Open Space Fund:	\$1,000,000
EBRPD WW funds:	<u>1,200,000</u>
	\$2,200,000

Christopher Schlies, whose family owns a 20% interest, addressed the Board and extended his compliments, stating that District staff looked after the public's interest, were fair and conducted an open process with them, adding that "good taste is in the mouth" should the item be approved by the Board. He described the beauty of the property as well as the views throughout.

Bill Hirst, who with his wife have a 10% interest in the property, also addressed the Board and stated that they felt that District staff treated them fairly and expressed their support of the proposed acquisition.

David Lunn of the Livermore Hill Hikers addressed the Board to indicate his support for this item, stating that his group has enjoyed hiking the area with special permission from the property owners.

President Wieskamp read an email from Pleasanton resident Dick Quigley indicating his support for this item.

Board members stated that this acquisition will provide better access to Pleasanton Ridge and that a broader range of hikers will now be able to enjoy the park. They expressed their gratitude to the property owners and District staff for their extensive work. Directors Lane and Sutter also commented that staff should ensure that future plans include provisions for sufficient parking.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

District Counsel Ted Radosevich, acting on behalf of GM Doyle, reported on the items listed on the staff report.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Acting Recreation Services Manager Nancy Krebs and Acting Recreation Supervisor Jeremy Saito provided an update on the Outdoor Recreation Department's 2013 activities. They indicated that teen services and boating programs have become a larger focus after their move to Tidewater in 2011. A crucial aspect in 2013 was the receipt of funding from the Regional Parks Foundation for Park'n It, CO-OP, teen outdoor and boating programs that helped with transportation, food and supplies costs. Teen outdoor programs included Afterschool Leadership, Afterschool Biking, Eco-action Weeks, and Leaders in Training. In addition, the

department served various local school and community groups, and partnered with other service groups to enhance their community outreach efforts. For 2014, they plan to implement year one of the grant-funded programs from the Cosco Busan Oil Spill (in partnership with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District), as well as the Dubai Star Oil Spill (for City of Alameda residents). They also plan to continue building connections in the Tidewater service area through outreach and programs. There was a discussion and agreement that progress has been made and that the Tidewater area has been very busy with program participants.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

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| a. | Executive Committee | (01-09-2014) | (Wieskamp) |
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Director Sutter asked staff to consider drafting a policy on how the District should recognize donations/gifts received and have this presented to the Executive Committee for consideration.

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| b. | Finance Committee | (11-20-2013) | (Dotson) |
| c. | Operations Committee | (12-19-2013) | (Wieskamp) |
| d. | Pinole/Hercules/EBRPD JPA | (08-28-2013) | (Radke) |

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Commented that driving to attend events at the Brazil Bldg during the winter when South Park Drive is closed can prove hazardous and asked if exceptions to Ordinance 38 can be made by the General Manager to allow for the opening of South Park Drive on certain occasions;
- Attended the CARPD Board meeting in Sacramento on January 15;
- Attended the Operations Committee on January 16;
- Attended the Union City RDA Oversight Committee on February 3.
- Asked if the annual event with grazers will be affected by the drought conditions; Chief of Stewardship Matt Graul stated that planning is being done but the event may be postponed to early fall if the current dry conditions do not change.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Stated she is currently working on the subject of Ranching in the San Ramon Valley exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley;
- Suggested that a tabletop exhibit be set-up in the Administrative Building lobby that showcases the "Story of the Regional Parks", especially given the 80th Anniversary this year;
- Attended the grand opening of the Pleasant Hill Community Center wherein \$1 million of the cost came from District's Measure WW Local Grant program;
- Served on a panel for a Bay Area League of Women Voters meeting on February 1. She added that Andrea Mackenzie spoke on behalf of Santa Clara County who will be producing a report on the economic value of natural areas and working landscapes;
- Inquired if a date has been set on the Iron Horse Trail Dedication in Pleasanton; AGM Johnson stated it is may be mid-April but is still tentative.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting last month;
- Attended the joint meeting between the Executive Committee and Foundation Board;
- Participated in the Regional Parks Foundation Board meeting;
- Reported on the ill effects of the drought when he went fishing at Lake Berryessa;
- Mentioned that he received a call regarding a “dirt hauling project” adjacent to Breuner Marsh and asked staff to provide him any details available.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Thanked HR staff for providing the summary report on hiring, which clarified that the correct numbers for minority hiring was more than what was claimed by a recent retiree;
- Commented that at its last meeting, the Legislative Committee recommended that the full Board pass a resolution generally supporting public funding for wetland preservation along the San Francisco Bay;
- Attended the League of Women Voters meeting wherein Director Lane participated as a panelist;
- Attended the retirement party for Brian Wiese;
- Attended a meeting of the SF Bay Restoration Authority, wherein their project list was expanded for its possible ballot measure, and also reported that the Authority will be proceeding with a joint powers agreement with ABAG and the Coastal Conservancy;
- Attended a meeting of the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club;
- With staff, will be attending a meeting with Col. Baker of the Corps of Engineers regarding the Bay Trail connection at High Street.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended meetings of the Operations and Finance Committees;
- Attended the Regional Parks Foundation Board meeting;
- Attended the Park Advisory Committee meeting;
- Mentioned a news article on the Kaiser grant of \$23,000 to a Livermore elementary school in support of healthy meals and activities, and suggested that staff look at the possibility of coordinating a park activity with the students;
- Asked staff to research the location of an easement of 400 acres of the 1,956 acre Walker Ranch in Contra Costa County designated to protect endangered species, to see how it fits into future habitat;
- Attended a birding program led by Naturalist Cat Taylor at Shadow Cliffs.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board