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BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 18, 2014 – 12:45 p.m.
Peralta Oaks – Board Room

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.

AGENDA

<u>Status</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Staff</u>
(I)	12:45	1. 2014 Committee Work Plan Year-end Final	(Waluch)
(D)	1:15	2. 2015 Committee Draft Work Plan Review	(Waluch)
	1:45	3. Public Comments	
	2:00	4. AGM Comments	
	2:30	5. Board Comments	
	3:00	6. Adjourn	

<u>Status</u>	<u>Board Operations Committee Members</u>	<u>Future Meetings</u>
(R) Recommendation	Beverly Lane (Chair); Carol Severin; Ayn Wieskamp;	Thursday, January 15, 2015
(I) Information	Doug Siden (Alternate); Jim O’Connor (Staff Coordinator)	
(D) Discussion		

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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. Operations (Thursday, December 18, 2014) _____ (Lane)

Present

Board: Directors Beverly Lane, Ayn Wieskamp, Alternate Doug Siden, (absent)
Director Carol Severin

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Anne Kassebaum, Kelly Barrington, Mimi Waluch,
Denise Valentine, Mark Ragatz

Guests: John Maunder, Paul Tyler, Frank Burton, Jorge Rupf, Marie Lomonaco

I. 2014 Committee Work Plan Year-end Final

AGM Jim O'Connor provided an overview on the process of the plan. First step is a review of what has been accomplished in 2014, then determine what items will roll into the following year, and review the work plan for 2015.

Revenue and Administrative Manager Mimi Waluch provided an overview and detailed report of projects that have been updated, completed, and remain pending from 2014. The process is to use the previous year plan and provide an explanation of the status of each item. The document provided shows a list of the updated projects for Policy Reviews and Recommendations, Concessionaire and Special Use Agreement Reviews and Recommendations, and Informational Reports and Discussion Topics.

In reference to the ADA Project Status Update, Director Lane questioned if there was an interim approach to provide accessibility from Stanley Boulevard into Shadow Cliffs Park. AGM O'Connor stated that, due to the current design issue, the only option would be to have staff transport park users into the park. Director Wieskamp inquired if this information and option is available on the District website. AGM O'Connor stated he would look into it and provide a response.

2. 2015 Committee Draft Work Plan Review

Revenue and Administrative Manager Mimi Waluch stated that uncompleted projects on the list from 2014 were moved into the 2015 work plan. The document provided shows a list of approximately fifty items. The plan is to proceed with these items, and request comment and assignments from the incoming Committee to add to the list.

Director Lane expressed her appreciation for the updated list and stated it provides a better sense of what is happening in Operations.

Director Wieskamp inquired on the solar installation plan at Shadow Cliffs. AGM O'Connor replied he's unaware of the timeline on the process or if the design process has started. Director Lane requested to add this project to the list. In addition, Director Siden requested to add the implementation of the Camping Task Force to the list.

Director Wieskamp inquired about the status of the Dumbarton Quarry project and which committee would review the project. AGM O'Connor stated Operations is a large part of the project and Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz is working through the evaluation regarding the staffing plan for the park, the design process, and obtaining the required permits. In the initial phase they'll create the pad and have the utilities planned out. The approximate size and ground location have been determined. AGM O'Connor stated that the Dumbarton Quarry update will be added to the 2015 project list.

3. Public Comments

Paul Tyler – Oakland resident who resides on Golf Links Road expressed concern regarding the Chabot Gun Club noise and the physical discomfort it causes. He has been in communication with District staff and management over the year in regards to issue. He requested that the Committee either close or relocate the gun range.

Frank Burton – Hayward resident with acquaintances who live in Oakland and Castro Valley expressed the same concerns as Mr. Tyler. His concern is that District staff is focused on the lead abatement. He requested the Committee to instruct staff to look into the noise abatement, and take the study into consideration in preparation for the Request for Proposal.

Marie Lomonaco – Oakland resident who resides on Sun Valley Drive. She requested the Committee to look into the noise and the possibility of the option of reducing the days or hours of the range use.

Jorge Rupf - Oakland resident who has reviewed the noise studies completed in the past. Due to the atmospheric conditions, the noise varies. He stated he's measured conditions with an iPhone app with peaks over 60 decibels. His belief is that these type of studies do not help. He requests the Committee to instruct staff to take steps towards contracting with a noise study specialist.

Peter Volin – Stated that in the last five years the storm water runoff's EPA limit has been high. This is measurement of streams that run into Vasco and Lake Chabot. According to EBMUD, they have not tested the lake for lead in the past five years. He's viewed postings on the District website of people fishing and eating their catch. Stated that they could be potential exposed to

these substances. In reference to the noise, he stated that the gun shots are louder with the higher caliber weapons that the police typically use.

John Maunder – Range Master for Chabot Gun Club inquired on the status of his request submitted for a rate increase.

AGM O'Connor responded to Mr. Maunder and assured him that Revenue and Administration Manager Mimi Waluch would respond to his request before the end of the year.

AGM O'Connor explained that staff is committed to complete the noise studies needed. The information provided today in Public Comments is appreciated. The study will encompass a range of locations and environmental conditions. Director Wieskamp stated a part of reduction noise might be days of the week, as well as times. AGM O'Connor responded that all those options will be looked at.

AGM O'Connor stated it is staff's intent to conduct fish tissue studies as part of the overall evaluation. The District will work in conjunction with EBMUD on the studies, as well as lake level studies. Staff anticipates providing a report on this issue to the Committee in May to provide the completed studies and the draft staff report internal review. In June, staff will determine the correct forum at which to present, whether it be the full Board, the Board Operations Committee, or the Executive Committee.

Director Lane stated the Board has made it clear that the discussion at this point is going to be on hearing from users, environmental issues, and noise. The Board will decide if they want to continue with the gun range. All this information will assist with making the final decision and looking at alternatives.

4. AGM Comments

AGM O'Connor stated that Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz has completed the first round of interviews for Unit Managers. The second round of hiring interviews will be set up in the beginning of 2015. The two current vacancies are for the Delta Unit and Parkland Unit Manager positions.

The drought recovery plans are in process. The District received the allocation letter from the Department of Water Resources in reference to the South Bay Aqueduct and the water in Del Valle, and the District was issued a ten percent allocation, which is approximately forty acre feet of water. Director Wieskamp inquired on the water status of Del Valle. AGM O'Connor replied the water is now running down the creek. There was minimal storm damage, mainly trees down with no mudslides reported.

AGM O'Connor stated one of his AGM goals is to form a better connection with University of California Berkeley. He was invited by Susan Moffett, Project Director for Global Urban Humanities, to attend a symposium. He provided a presentation on Mission Peak with an overview of existing problems and how the District is addressing them. Also covered was the impact of social media, how social media affect visitation, is social media the driving force for park users, and can they provide more detailed information on why and who is visiting Mission Peak. The next step is to meet in January, with Associate Professor Greg Niemeyer of UC

Berkeley, to choose a graduate student to work with the District next spring on this topic. Director Wieskamp inquired about looking at visitor capacity at Mission Peak. AGM O'Connor indicated that this would probably not be the group for that item. Director Wieskamp indicated it's possible they might know someone who might. AGM O'Connor agreed and stated as the relationship is built and interest is generated, it could possibly become a research project. Director Lane suggested the visitor capacity study should be considered at other parks.

AGM O'Connor expressed appreciation for the support of Directors Ayn Wieskamp, Carol Severin and Beverly Lane as members of the Committee in 2014.

AGM O'Connor shared with the Committee that, in light of occurrences at Huckleberry, a group is being formed between Public Safety and Operations to start looking at cameras at trail heads in various parts of the District. Cameras are being installed at Huckleberry. The group will determine placement priorities and make equipment recommendations.

5. Board Comments

Director Wieskamp expressed what a great job Revenue and Administration Manager Mimi Waluch has done this year in dealing with numerous tough issues, and noted the potential difficulties in handling these items.

Director Lane stated as she will not be serving on the Committee in 2015, she'd appreciate updates to park insights in 2015.

Director Siden expressed his appreciation to the Committee members and staff for their services this year. He also expressed appreciation to AGM O'Connor for engaging in relationship-building with UC Berkeley, and believes in its importance.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next Board Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 15, 2015** in the Board Room, Peralta Oaks.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Valentine
Executive Secretary
Operations Division

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