

The Board Meeting, which was held on February 3, 2015 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board President Whitney Dotson.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, President
Beverly Lane, Treasurer
Dennis Waespi, Secretary
Diane Burgis
John Sutter
Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: Doug Siden, Vice President

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 Dotson.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Sukari Beshears, Liz Musbach, Mimi Waluch, Kelly Barrington, Erich Pfuehler, Chris Barton, Anne Riviere Thomson, Ira Bletz, Larry Tong, Linda Wu, Matt Graul, Anne Kassebaum, Brian Holt, Carolyn Jones, Mona Koh, Renee Patterson, Jason McCrystle, Suzanne Lusk, John Bouyea

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp,
Dennis Waespi
Directors Absent: Doug Siden.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-1-v was pulled to allow Director Dotson to recuse himself due to the proximity of his residence to the park:

- v. Authorization to Accept a Grant of Easement for a Public Recreational Trail and Emergency Vehicle and Maintenance Access from San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 017 (attached)

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve **item C-I-v**:

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Recused: Whitney Dotson.
Directors Absent: Doug Siden.

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **balance of the Consent Calendar**:

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Absent: Doug Siden.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of December 8, 2014 to December 28, 2014
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 018 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of November 18, 2014
- c. Authorization of Out-of-State Travel for Director Doug Siden to Attend the 2015 American Camp Association National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from February 3 - 6, 2015
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 019 (attached)
- d. Approval of the Appointments of Bruce Kern and Richard Godfrey to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 020 (attached)

Director Waespi stated that it was his honor to appoint both Bruce Kern and Richard Godfrey.

- e. Authorization to Adopt a Revised Conflict-of-Interest Code for the East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 021 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Laura McCreery to Conduct Executive Oral Histories for Park District Board President Whitney Dotson and General Manager Robert E. Doyle
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 022 (attached)

Director Sutter asked staff to confirm if Mr. Sproul was indeed on the original District Board as stated on the staff report.

- g. Authorization to Award a Contract to Expert Tree Service for Wildland Fuels Reduction T1007 Project: Tilden Regional Park
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 023 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Purchase One John Deere Mower
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 024 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Purchase One Toro Mower
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 025 (attached)

- j. Authorization to Purchase One Toyota Vehicle
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 026 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Purchase Four Ford Pursuit Vehicles
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 027 (attached)
- l. Authorization to Renew the Special Use Agreement with the City of Fremont to Operate the City of Fremont’s Patterson House: Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 028 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Sutter, Ira Bletz, Acting Interpretive Services Manager, stated that any capital improvements made will belong to the City of Fremont if the District were to vacate Ardenwood, especially since the District only has a long term lease agreement with the city. The funds will be used to operate the Patterson House.

- m. 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. 2015 – 02 - 029 (attached)
- n. Approval of a Special Use Agreement with the South Bay Soaring Society: Mission Peak Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 030 (attached)
- o. Approval of Special Use Agreement with the Wings of Rogallo: Mission Peak Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 031 (attached)
- p. Approval of a Special Use Agreement with Shadow Cliffs ORCAS Open Water Swim Club: Shadow Cliffs Regional Park
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 032 (attached)
- q. Approval of a Special Use Agreement with Shadow Cliffs Open Water Aquatic Team (SOWAT): Shadow Cliffs Regional Park
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 033 (attached)
- r. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 034 (attached)

William Yragui, a resident of Fremont, addressed the Board regarding item C-I-r. He stated that he belongs to an organization called Mission Peak Conservancy, and this item will begin the process of the District negotiating with the City of Fremont regarding the purchase of 837 acres of Mission Peak Regional Preserve which they currently own. He offered suggestions on how the District should proceed to improve public access to the area.

General Manager Robert Doyle clarified that passing this consent item does not mean that the District is acquiring the property from Fremont; the District is in a landlord-tenant relationship with the City of Fremont and if any changes are requested by either party, this first step is needed prior to discussions. He reiterated that there are no plans to use public funds to re-acquire the property already owned by another agency.

- s. Authorization to Accept a Recreational Trail Easement from the City of Livermore:
Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Regional Trail
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 035 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Sutter, Liz Musbach, Land Acquisition Manager, stated that the District is responsible for the operation and maintenance of this particular trail segment. Kelly Barrington, Chief of Maintenance, added that the District is not responsible for the entire trail, just specific trail segments.

- t. Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Management Agreement with the National Park Service:
Concord Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 036 (attached)

Gretchen Stromberg of the National Park Service addressed the Board to offer support for its approval of this item. She stated that the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial's Enabling Legislation included language that allowed the National Park Service to partner with the District to co-manage a visitor center and other unspecified amenities in the future Concord Hills Regional Park. Ms. Stromberg added that NPS and EBRPD have developed a cooperative management agreement which, if approved today, will serve as an umbrella agreement for both agencies.

Director Sutter commented that it is a first for the District, and a wonderful opportunity to have a partner to serve an area that is underserved. Director Lane added that while the name "Concord Hills" has not been finalized, it is really important to have this partnership with NPS.

- u. Authorization to Purchase Microsoft Office 365 Software Agreement
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 037 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Exercise the Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement for Acquisition of 11.38± Acres of Real Property from Scott and Karen Lothamer and Transfer and Appropriate Funds: Las Trampas Regional Wilderness
Resolution No. 2015 – 02 - 038 (attached)

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

Suzanne Lusk, Land Acquisition Specialist, provided a brief presentation on this item, stating that the District entered into an option to purchase this property for its appraised fair market value of \$1,850,000 in December, 2014, with funding coming from Measure WW acquisition funds for Las Trampas acquisition area. Under the terms of the Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement, the District has until February 20, 2015 to exercise the option and until February 27, 2015 to close escrow and purchase the property.

Director Sutter expressed his appreciation to the work of staff, especially since it will serve the residents of the Lafayette – Moraga – Orinda area well. Director Lane also expressed her appreciation for this acquisition, and hoped that it will be opened soon.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

General Manager Robert Doyle discussed those items listed on the report.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle provided a 2014 Year-in-Review presentation, highlighting the following:

- Celebration of the District's 80th Anniversary with various events throughout the District, with Free Friday events as well as a Gala event;
- Balanced budget with AAA rating
- Negotiated a new four-year contract with the Police Association that is both fiscally responsible and fair to employees
- Continued to recover from worst national economic recession in history without any layoffs or furloughs
- Hired and/or promoted 67 regular employees
- Obtained \$22 million in grants for 26 projects
- Board approved \$8 million investment in zeroing out the District's carbon footprint at District facilities – including an approval of funds for a 1.9MWatt solar facility at Shadow Cliffs
- Completed two of the four current TIGER II-funded regional trail projects
- Hosted a roundtable discussion with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and local leaders on the successful East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan
- Sponsored enacted legislation to raise revenue for local bike infrastructure enhancements (SB 1183)
- Supported the successful Alameda County Transportation measure with \$651 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Secured commitment by the Army to clean up upland portion of Gateway Park property
- Secured key priorities in the Water Resources Development Act
- Resolved lawsuit with City of Alameda to protect Crown Beach
- Obtained the full \$798,080 of mitigation monies owed from Lyon Homes without resort to litigation
- Continued low rate of new claims submissions with no high value liability claims, and the successful resolution of older high value workers' compensation claims
- A significant reimbursement for insured expenses arising from the Tilden Corp Yard fire
- Borel property transferred, with a successfully defended probate claim
- Added 5,187 acres of land valued at \$37.4 million
- Total acreage = 119,000
- Obtained more than \$9.6 million in grants to assist with land purchases
- Received the record-breaking donation of the Patterson Family's 296-acre property worth \$14 million adjacent to Coyote Hills
- Continuation of Youth Engagement programs
- Over 6,500 participants in the Trails Challenge program
- Continued monthly HPHP Bay Area hikes with naturalists and Kaiser doctors, including instructors in stretching and yoga
- Launched model Parks Rx program in the Bay Area with UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland

GM Doyle also showed photos of various completed infrastructure projects such as the Tilden Corporation Yard and the Big Break Visitor Center.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Dotson stated that there are no announcements from the Closed Session.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Executive Committee | (01-08-2015) | (Dotson) |
| b. | Operations Committee | (11-25-2014) | (Lane) |

Director Sutter stated that he was glad to see that the shuttle program at Pleasanton Ridge was coming along, adding that additional publicity may be necessary to advertise it as it may also be applied to other parks such as Las Trampas.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Alameda County CSDA meeting at the Castro Valley Library;
- Attended her oral interviews with Laura McCreery for the oral history project;
- Attended the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy in Napa;
- Will be attending the meeting of the 100 Club tomorrow, which benefits the immediate family of police and fire personnel killed in the line of duty
- Will be attending the Board workshop next week;
- Regarding Mission Peak, have been having discussions for the addition of more portable toilets soon to serve the increased need at the park;
- Suggested that staff check on possible uses of the olives at Pleasanton Ridge.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended the Special District Leadership Academy in Napa with other Board members;
- Attended an orientation with Legal and Operations Division staff;
- Conducted an East County tour with GM Doyle;
- Attended last month's January Legislative Committee meeting

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Referred someone's inquiry on Lyme disease to Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship;
- Complimented staff on the latest version of the park and trail statistics book;
- Visited Black Diamond Mines and received information about the historic programs being conducted;
- Visited Sycamore Valley to check out the newly-constructed bridge;
- Took a hike at Bishop Ranch from Paddock Drive;
- Attended the Special Districts Leadership Academy in Napa;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the State of the East Bay talk by the Leadership Council.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the legislative reception sponsored by East Bay EDA in Richmond;
- Went to Lake Chabot with a hiking club;
- Attended the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area conference on Climate Change, where maps presented showed that some District parks are forecasted to be underwater in the future.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Alameda County CSDA meeting hosted by Castro Valley Sanitary District;
- Attended the East Bay EDA Legislative reception;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Special Districts Leadership Academy in Napa;
- Was invited to attend the Citizens for East Shore Park meeting;

- Attended the January 22, 2015 meeting of HASPA, wherein retired District Boardmember Carol Severin was recognized;
- Attended the Board Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended an orientation with Legal and Operations Division staff;
- Hiked Sycamore Valley, commenting that the bridge was beautifully built by District staff;
- Visited Hayward Shoreline and Quarry Lakes;
- Appreciated the District's official swearing-in ceremony last month.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Visited Point Pinole on several occasions to view the restoration of Breuner Marsh;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting last month.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm by Board President Dotson.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board