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12:30 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Tiffany Margulici, Reservations Supervisor

DATE: February 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Discussion of Special Event Expansion Proposal; Two-Day Town at Del Valle

Reservations Supervisor Tiffany Margulici will introduce James Benney of Two Day Town Inc., and lead a discussion on the proposed special event expansion of the Two-Day Town at Del Valle Regional Park. This “Family Camping and Community Music Weekend” has occurred on the west-side of Lake Del Valle for over twenty years the last weekend in April. The event uses all volunteer performers and staff and all participants practice the “Leave-No-Trace” philosophy.

As part of the special event agreement, attendees are allowed to pitch tents on the west-side lawn and camp in RV’s the parking lot, which is not normally permitted. Some attendees choose to reserve space in the family campground and walk back and forth to the festival; however, the campground is not currently part of the special event agreement. Two-Day Town pays for a special event permit, reservation fees and staffing for Public Safety (overnight security) and EBRPD Lifeguards.

Two-Day Town has drawn over 1,300 participants/year the last several years. The west-side parking lot fills up quickly and approximately 300 cars park on the road that runs from the west-side to the main park entrance. A shuttle brings campers and their gear to the festival area. Two-Day Town Inc. would like the attendance to increase while also finding a way to have less cars parked on the road.

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1:15 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Noah Dort, Administrative Analyst II

DATE: February 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Review Caretaker Contract for Services, Big Break Regional Shoreline

Big Break Regional Shoreline requires Caretaker services to monitor the property of this 1,648 acre mostly offshore Delta Park. The Caretaker shall live on a designated residence site in a self-provided stand-alone livable mobile unit. Duties will include gate and restroom open/close responsibilities, as well as monitoring of the ADA fishing/observation pier and routine patrol of the site.

In March, 2012, Mr. Nathan Lawrence was selected, after an open application and interview process, as the best candidate to provide Caretaker services during the final phases of construction and development of Big Break Regional Shoreline. The current Caretaker Contract for Services will end March 11, 2015. The construction and development of the Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta is complete, however Public Safety reports show that there are still regular attempts to access the park by unauthorized, after-hours visitors. The frequency of these attempts has decreased during Mr. Lawrence's term as Caretaker, and it is hoped that this trend will continue.

Mr. Lawrence is familiar with East Contra Costa County and the surrounding area, has experience in facilities maintenance and security and has enjoyed being a part of this newly developing park, as well as being an asset to the District by providing Caretaker services at Big Break Regional Shoreline.

Staff recommends extending the current Caretaker Contract for Services for Big Break Regional Park with Mr. Nathan Lawrence for one year, commencing March 12, 2015 and ending March 11, 2016. The cost to the District for this action is \$6,274.08 for the one year term. The annual contract costs compute to \$522.84 per month for providing Caretaker services at Big Break Regional Shoreline. Staff will reassess the need for a Caretaker prior to the end of the one year extension. If there continues to be a longer term need for a Caretaker, an open application and interview process will be initiated.

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1:30 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst
DATE: February 19, 2015
**SUBJECT: Review of Point Isabel Dog Owners Special Use Agreement:
Point Isabel Regional Shoreline**

Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends (PIDO) is a non-profit charitable organization that has worked with the District since 1987 to maintain an off-leash dog area, assist with informing visitors of their responsibilities as users of the dog area and the rules at the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline. PIDO also sponsors monthly cleanup days, weather and participants permitting.

PIDO may sell merchandise, logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps, at their cleanup days and special events but is not permitted to sell any item in conflict with the current concessionaire located at the park. PIDO may also hold up to three fund raising events per year; District will waive the fee. A bulletin board at the west end of the park allows PIDO to post pet-event announcements, lost and found notices, and information of interest to all park users.

PIDO membership is open to all who wish to support and protect the dog use area at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline as an open and natural place to walk and play with their dogs off-leash. The \$10 membership fee, as well as funds from donations and merchandise sales, partially pays for a quarterly newsletter, as well as brochures with park rules and description of PIDO's organization.

PIDO will also contribute to the cost of Mutt Mitts with payment to the Regional Parks Foundation. In 2014, the District purchased Mutt Mitts totaling \$32,588 to which \$2,500 was contributed by PIDO through the Parks Foundation. PIDO also paid \$3,475 to the Foundation for a new bulletin board.

Staff recommends a five-year term for this Special Use Agreement with an annual fee of \$100 plus 10% of gross sales from their merchandise posted to the park, coding 101-5151-407-3899.

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1:45 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst
DATE: February 19, 2015

**SUBJECT: Review of Golden Gate Audubon Society Special Use Agreement:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline**

Staff recommends the authorization of the agreement option to extend the Special Use Agreement with the Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS) and authorize the agreement option to continue the implementation of habitat restoration projects at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline (MLK) through its Eco-Oakland Program. GGAS has worked with District staff and volunteer groups conducting marsh restoration projects at MLK for over 15 years.

The original restoration area for Eco-Oakland was established in 2000 and 5,500 square feet has been successfully restored on the upper tidal zones from the Arrowhead Marsh Boardwalk to the Arrowhead New Marsh Bridge. In the past seven years, District staff and volunteer groups have planted California sage brush, pacific reed grass, red fescue, marsh grindelia, western goldenrod, sticky monkey flower, California rose and seaside wooly sunflower.

The Eco-Oakland programs outreached successfully, three to five classes a month during the school year. The program focuses on 5th grade classes that come from under-resourced areas in Oakland. Activities include children catching plankton at the pier and studying it under microscopes; learning about the importance of maintaining healthy food chains in the bay and how pollution can impact the health of the food chains, including our own. They review strategies for reducing toxicity in the bay. They also restore and pick up the shoreline litter on the upper tidal transition zones of Arrowhead marsh and learn about the habitat in the zone. GGAS uses a storage area under the Arrowhead Marsh overlook ramp to store the restoration and educational equipment to provide their volunteers and students the tools needed to successfully accomplish their tasks. Trash removal along the shorelines of Elmhurst Creek Trail, San Leandro Creek Trail, Arrowhead Marsh Trail, and Airport Channel is accomplished during their volunteer days and the Eco Oakland programs. GGAS has partnered each year with the District on Martin Luther King Day of service, International Day of Service and Earth Day assisting in the restoration and shoreline cleanup from Elmhurst Creek to Airport Channel.

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The GGAS volunteer programs and the Eco Oakland program have begun working on restoring the transition zones southwest of the Arrowhead Marsh Boardwalk and will continue to restore the shoreline. Restoration at the Elmhurst Creek and San Leandro Creek spit is still ongoing. A new area to restore will be the fence line area of the Edgewater Seasonal Wetland area by Damon Slough.

The Program will continue to be monitored by Stewardship and Park Operations departments to ensure the protection of threatened and endangered species and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Staff recommends authorizing to approve the five-year option period of the Special Use Agreement with the Golden Gate Audubon Society. In exchange for restoration projects and the water quality and bird data collected by students and volunteers, there is no use fee and there is no cost to the District.



2:00 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst
DATE: February 19, 2015

**SUBJECT: Review of Save the Bay Special Use Agreement:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline**

Staff recommends the authorization of the agreement option to extend the Special Use Agreement with Save the Bay for the tidal wetland restoration through community based restoration programs at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline. Save the Bay values its partnership with the District and looks forward to continuing public education and stewardship activities at the site. Save the Bay is committed to restoration practices and conservation techniques which foster community engagement in shoreline habitat restoration and ecosystem level function enhancement. For over fourteen years, activities at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline (MLK) have met the goals of both endangered species habitat improvement and public education of these species.

Save the Bay is committed to continuing to build partnerships with local civic groups, schools, businesses and resource agencies to restore tidal wetland at MLK and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The projects at MLK include wetland enhancement and re-vegetation, through monthly public Saturday projects, and weekly private projects with local middle and high schools, community and church groups, and corporate employee volunteer groups. Restoration projects focus on removal of invasive non-native plant infestations and tidal marsh re-vegetation with site-specific native plants. For example, areas that were once dominated by *Invasive Spartina* are now being re-vegetated with native marsh plantings propagated on site in the native California plant nursery. The program will continue to be monitored by Stewardship and Park Operations departments to ensure the protection of threatened and endangered species and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

The first project in Arrowhead Marsh is now complete. The next project will include East Creek Slough, Damon Marsh Trail, Damon Slough, as well as operating and maintaining the native plant nursery at Garretson Point. The restoration projects shall be adapted as conditions warrant in consultation with the District and within the parameters of the rules listed in the agreement.

Staff recommends authorizing the option to extend the Special Use Agreement with Save the Bay for five years beginning March 7, 2015. In exchange for restoration projects and monitoring of wetlands through activities such as non-native plant removal, native plant propagation and planting, site monitoring, and shoreline cleanups, there is no use fee, and there is no cost to the District.

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2:15 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Mark Ragatz, Chief Park Operations

DATE: February 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Discussion of Save the Bay Smoking Ban Proposal: District-wide

Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz will lead a discussion with Save the Bay representatives regarding a proposal on a smoking ban policy District-wide.

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