

AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

**Friday, February 13, 2015**

**LOCATION:** Fern Cottage (Map and Directions on reverse)  
Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area  
6351 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante

**TIME:** 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** I. **BOARD WORKSHOP**

The Board of Directors and General Manager will meet in Open Session for a discussion regarding future District priorities related to the District's and Board's operations.

2. Public Comments (approximately 4:30 p.m.)

- No formal public action will be taken at the workshop; items requiring formal Board action will be referred to subsequent Board Meetings for consideration.
- In view of space limitations, it is requested that anyone interested in attending notify the Clerk of the Board at (510) 544-2020.

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Board of Directors

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6531 SAN PABLO DAM ROAD

# KENNEDY GROVE REGIONAL RECREATION AREA

To Sobrante Ridge Regional Preserve

No Entry

There is a fee for parking and for dogs. Volleyball and horseshoe equipment may be rented at the park.

No vehicle access. Limited pedestrian access. No entry weekends and holidays.

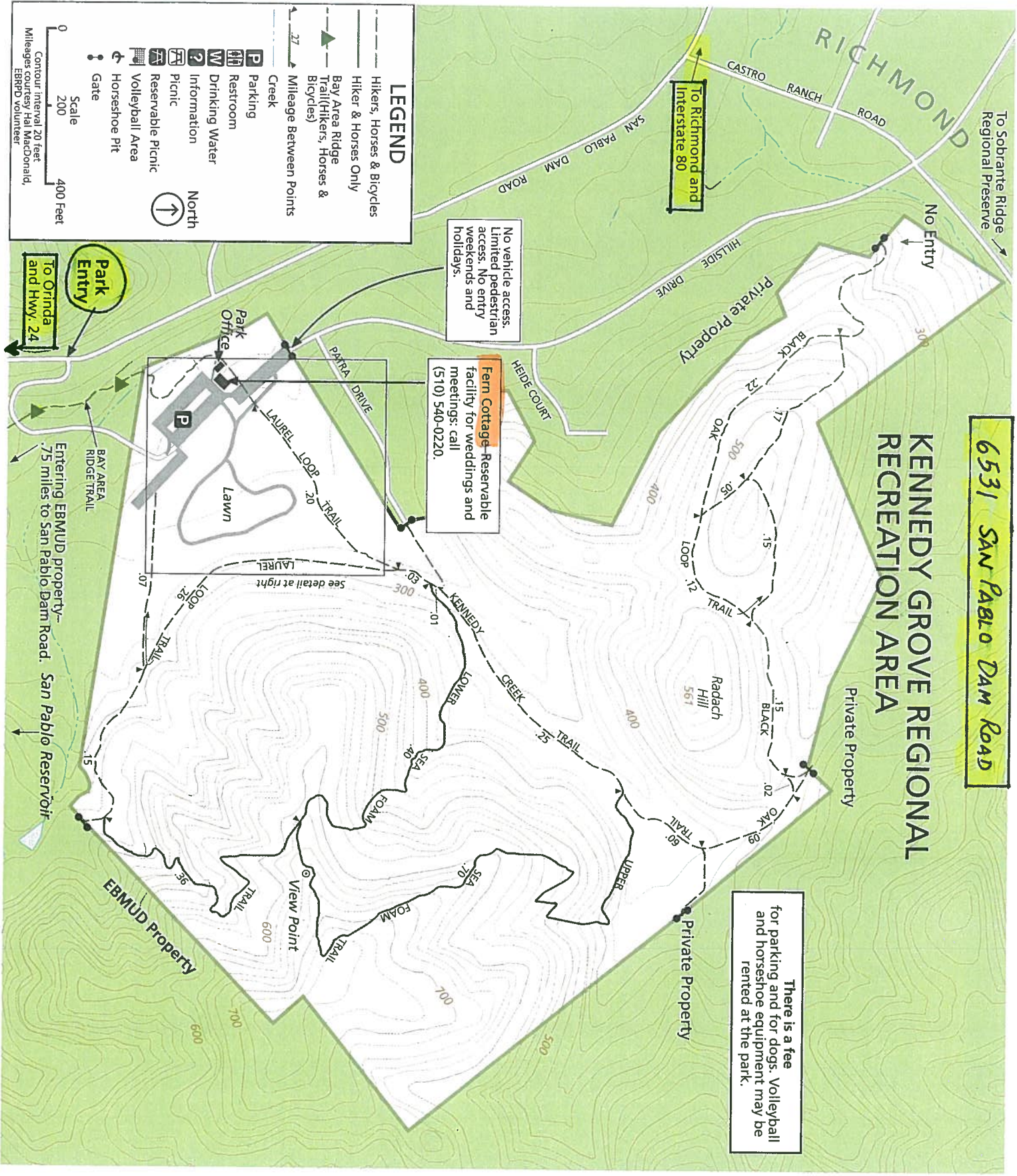
Fern Cottage—Reservable facility for weddings and meetings: call (510) 540-0220.

### LEGEND

- Hikers, Horses & Bicycles
- Hiker & Horses Only
- Bay Area Ridge Trail(Hikers, Horses & Bicycles)
- Mileage Between Points
- Creek
- Parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Information
- Picnic
- Reservable Picnic
- Volleyball Area
- Horseshoe Pit
- Gate

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Mileages courtesy: Hal MacDonald, EBRPD volunteer

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## EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2015

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager  
Dave Collins, Assistant General Manager, Finance/Mgt. Services

Subject: February 13 Board of Directors Workshop

The format of this first of five Board Workshops is similar to that of prior years – providing a structured, but informal opportunity for each Board Member to name their interests, discuss them with the full Board, and to identify major issues facing the District in 2015, 2016 and beyond. The Board will select several issues for focus discussion at this meeting and will discuss options and alternatives to achieving the District's goals.

This meeting is held in a workshop format to encourage Board member comment and discussion; however, per the requirements of the Brown Act, no formal actions may be taken at this Workshop. Therefore, any items requiring formal Board action will be referred to future Board Meetings for consideration.

At the Workshop, each Board member will be offered an opportunity to verbally outline their interests and suggest discussion priority topics for the full Board. All Board Members' interests will be referred to one of the following: this February 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop, a future Workshop, a Committee or Board meeting; or to staff for further research.

Please find attached the Summary Notes from the first two 2014 Board Workshops, with several brief 2015 status updates by staff.

Future workshop packets will provide information on the District's capital funding, acquisition, development, maintenance and resource projects and similar topics. The Board's discussion of these matters will help update the District's priorities and guide the preparation of the 2016 District Budget.

Staff is preparing background information for several items intended for the second, March 24<sup>th</sup> Workshop including: Initial Measure CC renewal poll results, potential uses of Measure CC and WW Contingency funds, WW Urban Creeks funding and suggested funding sources for the Atlas Road Bridge project.

**Draft Agenda, Friday, February 13, 2015:**

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| 12:30 p.m. | Call to Order & Workshop Procedure<br>Opening Comments<br>Outline of 2015 Workshops                | President Dotson<br>GM Robert E. Doyle<br>AGM Dave Collins |
| 12:45 p.m. | Identify Board Members' Interests<br>Individual Priorities (5 minutes each)                        |  |
| 1:20 p.m.  | Consensus on priorities for today's discussion<br>and disposition of remaining issues              |  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Break – 15 minutes   |  |
| 2:15 p.m.  | Discussion of priority issues - 90 minutes<br>Consensus solution or action plan                    |  |
| 3:45 p.m.  | Recap Consensus Review of Issues<br>Confirm March 13, 2015 Workshop Priorities<br>Workshop wrap-up |  |
| 4:15 p.m.  | Public Comments  |  |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Adjournment  |  |

**TOPICS REFERRED TO WORKSHOPS:****• BOARD WORKSHOP #1 – FEBRUARY 14, 2014, CONSENSUS FOCUS TOPICS:**

- McLaughlin/Eastshore
- Point Pinole
- Tilden EEC Projects
- Gateway Project
- Board Communications with staff
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
- Regional vs. Municipal role of EBRPD

**• BOARD WORKSHOP #2, MARCH 10, 2014:**

*(Topics in Italics are Staff Recommendations)*

- *Land Use Plan Schedule for 2014 (Althoff/Breines)*
- *'Pipeline' schedule for 2015 (Collins)*
- Status Updates:
  - Briones Access at Buckeye (Althoff)
  - Vargas Opening schedule (Althoff)
  - Dumbarton timeline (Althoff)
  - Pleasanton Ridge: Garms, Castleridge & Tyler (Althoff/Nisbet)
  - *Miller Knox (Althoff)*

**• CAPITAL FINANCE WORKSHOP – APRIL 21, 2014:**

- AA Spend-down
- Measure CC Update
- Opening Parks: Land Bank

**• CAPITAL/TRAILS/MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP – MAY 23, 2014:**

- Future Project priorities
- CIP schedules
- Infrastructure – Paving & staff facilities
- ADA program status
- Park/Project status updates (include timelines)
- Bay Trail Updates: Richmond

- **LAND ACQUISITION SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL)—JUNE 23, 2014:**

- Land Acquisition Strategy
- ECC HCP
- Project Updates:
  - Las Trampas Access – Burton Ridge
  - Bay Trail Update—Oakland/MLK reach

- **BOARD MEETING:**

- Re-organization – to Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Closed Session
- Drought update/Grazing impacts
- Staff turnover/replacement – update/report

**TOPICS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- Land Use Plan Updates
  - Clayton Ranch LUP
  - Breuner/Dotson Marsh – LUP and trail to Pt. Pinole
  - Sibley/McCosker
- Foundation Update (*Committee report to full Board*)
- Gateway Update
- Weapons Station Updates: Alameda, Concord

- **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

- Concessions:
  - Length of term
  - Condition of facility at end of contract
- Tours/Shuttles:
  - Pleasanton Ridge – expand beyond seniors?
  - Vasco – are costs being covered?
  - Other Locations? (Camp Arroyo?)
  - Land Bank Public Tours
- Camping Update (*Committee report to full Board*)

- **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - Measure CC renewal (*Committee report to full Board*)
  - State Parks Bond Renewal
  
- **LIAISON COMMITTEE – RICHMOND:**
  - Access from Parchester and condition of sidewalk
  
- **LIAISON COMMITTEE – EBMUD:**
  - Status of Lake Chabot/Willow Park Lease
  - Dam project, impact on local recreation
  
- **LIAISON COMMITTEE – ALAMEDA COUNTY:**
  - Lake Chabot Road, Pedestrian Roadway Safety

**TOPICS REFERRED TO STAFF:**

- **GENERAL MANAGER:**
  - Moving Projects Along
  - Sea level rise
  
- **OPERATIONS AGM:**
  - Outreach to seniors, youth, and ‘new’ populations
  - Connect and collaborate with Scouting programs
  - Consider possibility of bonfires at Crown
  
- **PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGM:**
  - Outreach to seniors, youth, and ‘new’ populations
  - Signage:
    - Information Panel Update
    - Quarry Lakes – BART sign
  - “Fun Facts” – consider more “did you know?” items

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP –DISCUSSION OF BOARD INTERESTS:****• MCLAUGHLIN/EASTSHORE -- BRICKYARD:**

- State Budget deadline on \$5 million grant
- Draft plan is prepared, reviewed by state
- “Phase I” \$ 5 million should cover:
  - Grading
  - Utilities
  - Circulation and Parking
- “Phase 2” needs money for:
  - Sea Breeze Concession bld.
  - Staff Service Facility
  - Interpretation
  - Future concession facility
- Grading expected to start in 2014
- Art Plan:
  - Staff will review policies regarding guest installations of large, outdoor sculpture.
- *Updates will be provided to Executive Committee.*
- ***2015 Update: \$5 million in State Funds are secured. Phase I Brickyard grading expected to start in 2015. Review of Sculpture Policy pending. GGF Trail ROW still in Litigation.***

**• POINT PINOLE:**

- Bridge will go to bid in 2014
- Right of Way issues being resolved
- Funded project (WW, City of Richmond) includes:
  - Bridge
  - Utilities
  - Rest room/staging
  - ADA trail connector
  - Service Yard (GF or Promissory Notes)
- Visitor Center
  - Visitor Center is not currently funded
  - GM recommends architectural study for location
  - Interest in naming facility for Jean Siri
- ***2015 Update: Right of way secured, Bridge expected to go to bid in 2015, Construction in 2016. Visitor Center location study underway, construction funding not yet identified.***



- **TILDEN EEC:**

- Sewer project waiting on permits
- Completion anticipated for March 2014
- Walk-in access to EEC OK
- EEC internal “updates” desirable
  - Carpets/Exhibits
  - Design Concept for major renovation
- ***2015 Update: EEC project completed.***

- **GATEWAY:**

- Draft EIR to be prepared
- Opening tentatively planned for 2017 (considered unlikely)
- Bridge demo being delayed
- Major Operating and Governance issues to be determined
- Budget:
  - Operations cost likely to impact the District General Fund
  - Design to EBRPD standards to minimize cost
  - Seek operations funding from other sources (CC?)
  - Identify ‘baseline’ cost
  - extra amenities need other funds
- ***2015 Update: Bridge demolition underway. Design discussions continue.***

- **BOARD INTERESTS RE: STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Train new (mgt/sup) staff in Board Communications
- Invite Board Member(s) to orientation/manager’s meetings
- Staff contact with Board Members – general protocol:
  - AGM’s directed to call Board members
  - Extend instruction to Chief’s and Unit Managers?
  - Information requests are good
  - Work requests (direct or implied) by chain of command
- Board Input:
  - Seek early in planning processes
  - Seek before release of important documents and/or positions

- **80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:**

- Schedule distributed by Carol Johnson
- To be reviewed in detail with Executive Committee
- Theme – connecting parks to people
- Several media publications planned
- Annual/Community reports
- Olmstead events, Temescal reception and Waterfall Dedication
- Three exhibitions (EEC/San Ramon Valley/Ala. Co. Fair)
- Several free park days planned
- Big event in August. Venue being sought.
- Written info will go to all Board Members
- **2015 Update: Over 50 anniversary events were completed.**

- **REGIONAL VS. MUNICIPAL ROLE OF EBRPD FACILITIES:**

- District standards for facilities do not seem consistent
- Termination of 'Heritage' or 'legacy' uses/facilities can be difficult
- District land is frequently targeted for uses that can't find a 'home' elsewhere
- Current/past practice of what is permitted and what it not seems 'ad-hoc'
- Open space is not 'wasted space'.
- We don't want to compete with cities, though collaboration has resulted in the Tom Bates Sports Fields and other examples
- Should the District treat 'reclaimed' land differently from 'protected' land? (i.e.: Oyster Bay?)
- Should we more precisely limit/permit types of permitted uses?
- The current pattern and practice is implemented in the context of the Master Plan and individual LUP's.
- Current policy delegates individual park decisions on uses to the LUP/public comment process.
- The current system has a lot of Board flexibility
- Current system of LUP/Operations/Staff review generally works to vet new activities.