

The Board Meeting, which was held on March 17, 2015 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Board President Whitney Dotson.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, President  
Doug Siden, Vice President  
Dennis Waespi, Secretary  
John Sutter  
Ayn Wieskamp  
Diane Burgis

Directors Absent: Beverly Lane, Treasurer

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pete Volin, Frank Burton, and Ed Bennett (Mr. Bennett representing the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club) addressed the Board to express their opposition to the continued operation of the Chabot Gun Club. They stated that previous studies show lead leaching into Lake Chabot, and that the Board should also consider the issue that the SF Gun Club is facing in terms of the high cost of clean-up to remove lead contamination accumulated through years of operation. It was pointed out that the District's applicable EIR was done in 1984 and is probably no longer applicable.

District Counsel Carol Victor assured the speakers that all discussions will take place in public meetings, properly noticed, before any action on this item is taken up by the Board.

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: Dave Collins (Acting GM), Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Mark Ruppenthal, Carol Victor, Kristina Kelchner, Mimi Waluch, Mark Ragatz, Kelly Barrington, Liz Musbach, Jeff Rasmussen, Ira Bletz, Sukari Beshears, Matt Graul, Anne Kassebaum, Carolyn Jones, Mona Koh, Dave Zuckermann, Sara Rieck, Erich Pfuehler, Kim fisher,

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ed Bennett, representing Citizens for Eastshore Parks (CESP) commented on the proposed construction of a service yard at the Brickyard area, adding that he recently attended a presentation by District staff at the

Berkeley Parks and Waterfront Commission meeting and was pleased to see some progress has been made with the site plan. He stated that CESP had concerns regarding the placement of a proposed service center – what exactly is it and where it will be located. Mr. Bennett suggested that it be located south of the present ballfield along the frontage road as it will provide better access. He added that the placement of a visitor center is also important.

Mr. Jesse Lane suggested that the District adopt a “drone permit process” to allow members of the public to operate drones in the parks, stating that he has sent letters on this suggestion to the Board previously. He added that without a permit process, he is concerned that individuals may likely camouflage themselves and just hide from District staff. Mr. Lane added that a permit process will generate income, and any film footage taken may benefit the District as well.

Members of the Tri City Horsemen’s Association addressed the Board to offer a proposal to put a horse arena at Pt. Pinole Regional Park. They advised that they have the funds to operate and maintain an arena, and will be a willing partner in its management and operation. They added that they have met with John Hitchen, Park Supervisor as well as park staff who are supportive of the idea. They said that there is no other arena available in the west county area. In response to a question from Director Sutter, they stated that the arena would be approximately 150 feet x 250 feet in size, and while bleachers will not be needed, an announcer’s booth will be necessary plus parking for 20 – 25 trucks. A member of the Livestock Emergency Rescue Team also stated that having a horse arena will allow them to have another location to evacuate livestock in an emergency.

Micheal Mejia expressed thanks on behalf of mountain bikers who are very happy with the recent trail development in the Crocket Hills area for the bicycle community, adding that it helps him and his bicycle group in their quest to rebuild the relationship between the District and the bicycle community.

## **C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of February 2, 2015 to February 15, 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 067 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meetings of February 17, 2015 and March 3, 2015
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 068 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Transfer 2015 Board Contingency Funds for the Placement and Maintenance of Three Temporary Chemical Toilets at Stanford Staging Area: Mission Peak Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 069 (attached)

- e. Authorization to Accept the Bid and Execute a Contract for Fiberized Slurry Seal and Striping and Transfer Funds between Project Funds: Anthony Chabot Regional Park Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 070 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Purchase Six Mowers and Three Gator Utility Vehicles Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 071 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Appropriate General Fund EBMUD/JPA Restricted Funds and Amend the 2014 and 2015 Budgets Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 072 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Establish the Classification, Unit Designation and Salary Range for Management Analyst; Retitle Revenue and Administration Manager to Business Services Manager and Establish the Salary Range; Retitle Interpretive Services Manager and Recreation Services Manager to Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager and Establish the Salary Range; and Amend the 2015 Budget: Operations Division Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 073 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Upgrade 2.0 FTE Administrative Aide Positions to Administrative Analyst I; Increase the Hours of the Following Three Part-time Positions to Full-time: 0.83 FTE Construction Inspector, 0.50 FTE Office Assistant and 0.53 FTE Secretary; and Amend the 2015 Budget: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 074 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Execute Contracts for Appraisal Services with Andrew C. Plaine & Associates, Paul Rowan, ASA, and Smyers & Krauss Appraisal, LLC: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 075 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Enter into a Lease Agreement with the Department of the Army Under Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC): East Bay Gateway Regional Shoreline Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 076 (attached)
- l. Authorization to Accept the Bid and Award a Contract for the Tidewater Entry Modification to Bay Construction Company: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 077 (attached)
- m. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Coyote Hills Special Revenue Funds for Service Yard and Utility Connections: Coyote Hills Regional Park Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 078 (attached)
- n. Authorization to Purchase Brocade Switches and Installation Service from Lilien Systems, Inc. Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 079 (attached)
- o. Authorization to Sponsor the 2015 Bay Area Open Space Council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and Conference on May 13 - 14, 2015 Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 080 (attached)

- p. Authorization to Execute a Contract with NBS to Provide Professional Administration Services for Community Facilities District (CFD) Formation and Assessment District Engineering Services  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 081 (attached)
- q. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2014  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 082 (attached)
- r. Authorization to Establish a Liaison Committee with the City of Alameda  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 083 (attached)

## 2. LEGAL AND OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

- a. Authorization to Rename “Willow Park Public Golf Course” to “Redwood Canyon Public Golf Course”  
Resolution No. 2015 – 03 - 084 (attached)

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Siden, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-a

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

Directors Absent: None.

District Counsel Carol Victor provided a brief background on this item, stating that a group composed of two Board members and staff and others met and extensively discussed the various options for renaming the golf course. She added that while the normal procedure for renaming District venues would be for staff to go to the Board Executive Committee and the Park Advisory Committee before the full Board, the time constraints presented by the agreement with the former operators called for going directly to the full Board.

## 3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

Acting GM Dave Collins discussed those items listed on the staff report. He also mentioned that a total of five (5) portable toilets have been installed at Mission Peak - 3 at the Stanford Staging area and 2 at the Ohlone College side. Director Wieskamp expressed her appreciation as these additions will greatly reduce the lines for park users.

## 4. GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Mona Koh, Community Relations Manager, provided a brief presentation on the 2015 Community Relations Plan, stating that it will be used to inform and engage residents on District highlights and will include progress on the work/projects financed via Measures CC and WW, various partnership such as with Kaiser Permanente and the UCSF Beniof Children’s Hospital, and focus activities such as the Healthy Parks Healthy People initiative.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor announced that in Closed Session, the Board, via a vote of 6-0 with Director Lane absent, approved settlement of a condemnation proceeding entitled EBRPD v. Louie et al, in the amount of \$495,000 to acquire an approximately 6 mile segment of a recreational trail and emergency and maintenance access as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

## 6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Executive Committee | (02-12-2015) | (Dotson) |
| b. | Finance Committee   | (01-28-2015) | (Lane)   |

## 7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the groundbreaking of the water park in Dublin;
- Attended the District's Supervisors Academy graduation;
- Attended meetings of the Board Executive Committee and the Alameda County Lafco;
- Attended the Elected Women's meeting in Danville;
- Attended the Board field trip on March 16;
- Will be attending the opening of the new trail in Livermore;
- Will be interviewing a potential PAC appointee.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended the Board Operations and Legislative committee meetings;
- Attended meetings with Save Mount Diablo and the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy;
- Had a tour of District parks;
- Attended the Board field trip as well as the CPRS conference in Sacramento;
- Attended the City of Antioch Chamber of Commerce Gala event;
- Met with members of the District union leadership this morning.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting on behalf of Director Siden;
- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors conference in Martinez;
- Attended the Elected Women's meeting in Danville;
- Hiked Morgan Territory and Mount Diablo;
- With Brian Holt and other staff, toured the future regional park at CNWS;
- Attended the Board field trip on March 16;
- Regarding the various plans for expansion, asked staff for an update and next steps. AGM for Operations Jim O'Connor stated that there will be discussions at the AGM level for a process, with Acting GM Collins adding that there will be relevant discussions at the upcoming Board workshops;
- Extended her appreciation to GM Doyle and Land Acquisition Manager Liz Musbach for attending the San Ramon Open Space Advisory Committee meeting;
- Spoke about numerous activities in looking at accesses to Las Trampas – Alamo side/Westminster property, Povda property, Elworthy, Faria and also the western access from Moraga.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- On March 6 attended the ABAG State of the Region symposium;
- Attended the meeting on the renaming of Willow Park Public Golf Course;
- Attended the CPRS Annual Conference in Sacramento;

- Attended the March 16 San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting as well as the Board field trip;
- Will conduct his regular coffee appreciation meetings for staff at MLK, Jr. Regional Shoreline and Oyster Bay and Crab Cove staff this week;
- Will attend the Operations Committee meeting;
- Will attend Councilmember Reid's breakfast meeting this Saturday;
- Will be attending the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame event, Bay Nature Magazine dinner event, the Board workshop on March 23, the Alameda County CSDA annual dinner event on March 26, and the Alameda Eggsscrumble on March 28.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Regarding drones, suggested that staff investigate the topic since the District will be confronted with this issue, such as with model airplanes before;
- Attended the Supervisors Academy graduation;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors conference in Oakland wherein Mayor Schaaf was a speaker;
- Attended the March 16 field trip;
- Attended the Measure DD advisory committee meeting on March 16 wherein there was a discussion of the Bay Trail, and the problems in having it completed in Oakland;
- Attended a meeting of a new organization called the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, which is a merger of Friends of Oakland Parks and another group whose mission is to work on parks and its maintenance;
- Spoke at Leadership Oakland conference called Transportation and the Environment.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Invited to the Meet the Candidates Night as the EBRPD representative, wherein he gave a brief talk on what the District is about and its goal for the coming years;
- Attended the Willow Park Naming committee meeting;
- Attended the March 16 Board field trip;
- Attended the Supervisors Academy graduation event;
- Attended the CPRS conference in Sacramento, where he attended various educational sessions.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Board field trip on March 16;
- Spoke about a March 4 SFChronicle article on San Joaquin Delta and the move by legislators to designate it as a National Heritage Area.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm by Board President Dotson.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido  
Clerk of the Board