

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 21, 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  
Beverly Lane, Treasurer  
Dennis Waespi, Secretary  
John Sutter  
Ayn Wieskamp  
Diane Burgis

Directors Absent: None.

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 2:30 p.m. by President Dotson.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Kristina Kelchner, Chris Newey, Kelly Barrington, Chris Barton, Liz Musbach, Allen Pulido, Doug Bell, Matt Graul, Mark Ragatz, Anne Kassebaum, Carolyn Jones, Carol Johnson, Mona Koh, Renee Patterson, Noah Dort, Brian Holt, Annie Thomsen.

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carol Spindler addressed the Board to express her concern that the trees were dying at Quarry Lakes and to inquire about the long term sustainability of the park.

John Nicoles, President of the EBRPD Retirement Association, addressed the Board about some discrepancies regarding health benefits for retirees and his desire to attend an executive committee meeting where this will be addressed.

Frank Imhof, addressed the Board and said that he did not get a chance to bid on renting ground at Patterson Ranch.

Hugh Henderson, briefly talked to the Board about the Fire District Fire Suppression Assessment board item and his willingness to answer questions if there were any.

## **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: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Dennis Waespi,  
Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of March 9, 2015 to March 22, 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 103 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 17, 2015
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 104 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with 2M Associates to Prepare a Convenience Camping Pilot Program  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 105 (attached)

Director Siden commended staff for moving forward on the contract with this organization.

- e. Authorization to Enter into an Access Easement and Emergency Vehicle and Maintenance Access Agreement with John T. Roddy and Donna M. Roddy, Trustees of the Roddy Trust dated August 2, 2010: Deer Valley Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 106 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Amend the Consulting Contract and Encumber Additional Funds to Expand the Scope of Consulting Services for Site Electrical and Telecommunications Design Coordination: Coyote Hills Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 107 (attached)
- g. Approval of the Appointment of Ms. Olivia Sanwong to the Park Advisory Committee  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 108 (attached)

Director Wieskamp commented on her appointee to the Park Advisory Committee who is highly qualified and is an asset to the committee.

- h. Resolution to Support the East County Emergency Fire Response and Prevention Assessment  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 109 (attached)

Director Burgis urged the Board to support this item. Director Lane asked if the Districts annual fee is \$2,500. District Counsel responded in the affirmative.

- i. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of Annual Report for Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (Two-County LLD)  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 110 (attached)
- j. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of Annual Report for East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (ECCC LLD)  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 111 (attached)
- k. Resolution Urging the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to Reconsider and Deny the Appeal of Altamont Winds Inc. (“AWI”) for the Extension of the Conditional Use Permits through 2018, and also Urging the Board of Supervisors to Deny Adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations and to Support the Decommissioning and Repowering of the AWI Project as Required by Existing Permits: Brushy Peak Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 112 (attached)

Brian Holt, Senior Planner, Acquisition Stewardship and Development, gave a presentation explaining the background and the justification for this resolution. The District has made significant investment in protecting habitat, cultural sites and visual resources and has been a leader in the science on the impact of wind turbines on avian mortality. Board members commented on the work that staff has put into creating a complete staff report. Doug Bell, Wildlife Program Manager, spoke on the efficiencies of the existing turbines which will replace 7 to 12 small turbines which would result in a 60% reduction in the kill rate.

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

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Diane Burgis,  
Dennis Waespi  
Director Absent: None.

- l. a. Authorization to Amend Contract for Professional Services with Questa Engineering Corporation: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 113 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item l (a).

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Diane Burgis,  
Dennis Waespi  
Director Absent: None.

- b. Authorization to Transfer and or Appropriate Funds and Accept a Bid from San Rafael Rock Quarry, Inc. for Construction of Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project  
Phase I: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 04 - 114 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item l (b).

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

Director Absent: None.

Chris Barton, Acting Environmental Programs Manager, began with a powerpoint presentation pointing out the location of Phase I: South Albany Neck which is the subject of this resolution. He gave the project's goals, a thorough project history, permits and approvals, funding sources, costs and additional funding needed.

- 2 Grants \$2,461,000 (CA Coastal Conservancy and CA Urban Greening)  
Measure WW \$420,000  
Measure CC \$70,000  
Other District Funds \$192,000
- Total Phase I Budget: \$4.3 million
- Total Budgeted to Date: \$3,143,000
- Phase I Cost: \$3,452,012
- Additional Funds needed \$1,565,569

In response to Board Member's questions Mr. Barton stated that responses that the \$150,000 in post construction permit compliance is for maintenance that will be done by an outside contractor, the elevation of the trail is fully armored, resilient and at sea level and the building is ADA compliant.

## **2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

a. Presentation – Lake Chabot Campus Modernization Project Update: Lake Chabot Regional Park  
On the advice of Counsel, Director Waespi recused himself based on the proximity of his home to this project.

Chris Barton, Acting Environmental Programs Manager, gave history and background on this project. The Public Safety Headquarters will be 32,000 sq. ft. for police, fire and aquatics. The size of the building is based on a programmatic survey of police needs in the future. The District has a budget of \$21,560,000. Indigo Architects was hired to complete the project. They have completed the geotechnical investigation, the utility and topographic survey, the hazardous material investigations, the relocation planning and sound/noise study, cultural and biological resources and aesthetics. Indigo Architects Bruce Playle and Candace Harrison also gave a very comprehensive site plan for all of the buildings on the Lake Chabot Campus.

## **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**

Sukari Beshears, AGM Human Resources introduced Leonard Bellow, HR Analyst, and Adora Nnoruka, Benefits Manager. Bismarck Blanco, HR Analyst provided a brief presentation presentation on the use of technology to communicate to diverse audiences. The Board requested a sample of intern projects and an introduction of interns at board committee meetings. Director Lane asked for the number of applications that the District receives and the number who apply for internships.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor announced that in Closed Session, the Board, voted 6 – 0 with Director Waespi recusing himself, to deny the claim of Katie Stone.

## 6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the State of the City of Newark;
- Attended the Board's Finance Workshop;
- Attended the Wildflower Festival at Sunol;
- Attended the Butterfly Festival;
- Will tour Pleasanton Ridge with Dennis Waespi and Park Supervisor;
- Will attend the Dumbarton Groundbreaking;
- Will attend the Board field trip to Lake Chabot.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Board Workshop at Fern Cottage;
- Attend the Board's Finance Workshop;
- Attended Save Mt. Diablo's 7:30 a.m. breakfast;
- Attended Earth Day in Danville;
- Attended Mark Ruppenthal's retirement;
- Met with Bob Nisbet and staff on Tassajara Valley.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the San Leandro Trail Greenway meeting;
- Had an appreciation breakfast for the Spring Egg Scramble people;
- Attended for Mark Ruppenthal's retirement reception;
- Had a coffee appreciation for Crown Beach Shoreline staff;
- Attended Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board's Finance Workshop;
- Will attend the Alameda City Council meeting;
- Will attend retirement celebration for John Hitchens;
- Extended appreciation to Carolyn Jones for timely press releases.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended Alameda County Mayors Conference in Pleasanton;
- Attended and is the chair for Bay Trail Subcommittee/Measure DD committee meeting;
- Attended the City Parks Alliance meeting at the Greener and Greater Conference;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Scottish Festival at Ardenwood.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board's Finance Workshop;
- Held a Lutheran church service at Breuner Marsh and a picnic/hike at Pt. Pinole.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting;
- Attended Supervisor Miley's staff member, Bob Swanson's retirement reception;
- Attended the Day of Service/Earth Day/Dig Deep Farms event adjacent to Dry Creek Park;
- Attended the Sunol Wildflower Festival.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended the Decisionmakers Conference;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended two events for Oakley science week;
- Attended the Board's Finance Workshop;

## **7. WORKSHOP TO REVIEW DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR CAPITOL HILL MEETINGS**

The Board moved into the Board Conference Room to review priority topics for discussion during meetings with Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill scheduled April 27 – 30, 2015.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm by Board President Dotson.

Respectfully submitted:

Yolande Barial Knight  
Acting Clerk of the Board