

The Board Meeting, which was held on January 12, 2016 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Board President Dotson.

ROLL CALL

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

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 2:00 p.m. by Board President Dotson.

Staff Present: Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Erich Pfuehler, Aaron Roth, Rob Lim, Mimi Waluch, Anne Kassebaum, Matt Graul, Liz Musbach, Alicia Gonzales, Mimi Waluch, Bob Nisbet, Debra Auker, Bill Zenoni, Renee Patterson, Chief Dan McCormick, Katy Hornbeck, Linda Wu, John Bouyea, Larry Tong, Michele Julene, Julie Bondurant, Chris Barton, Kristina Kelchner, Mark Pearson, Mona Koh, Glen Gilchrist, Eri Suzuki, Noah Dort, Kelly Barrington, Elaine Deshaies, Jason McCrystle, Jeff Rasmussen, Nadine Vargas, Tim Anderson.

Guests: Bruce Kern, PAC Chair; Rick Rickard, PAC member

ANNUAL ROTATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

President Siden assumed the gavel and presided over the meeting.

Doug Siden, President
Beverly Lane, Vice President
Dennis Waespi, Treasurer
Diane Burgis, Secretary

President Siden presented a framed picture of Point Pinole Regional Shoreline to Director Dotson for his year of service as the 2015 Board President. Director Dotson expressed his appreciation and is looking forward to continued service on the board of East Bay Regional Park District.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elaine Connolly and Randall Dutra spoke about Lake Chabot Modernization project. They expressed their opinion that the CVMAC board and the community advised that they will not approve any development unless there is a new master plan for development of the site.

Director Siden explained that he attempted to attend the CVMAC meeting, but was unable to find a parking space at the meeting location.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

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

Directors Against: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 16, 2015 to December 6, 2015
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 001 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of December 15, 2015

- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 002 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Establish the Classification, Unit Designation, and Salary Range for Capital Program Manager, Project Manager, Project Coordinator, and GIS Supervisor; Add 5.0 FTE Positions and Delete 2.368 FTE Positions and Amend the 2016 Budget: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 003 (attached)

Director Sutter had a question about the additional expense for staff. AGM Nisbet explained that the expense will be ongoing.

- e. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Grazing Revenue Funds for the Operation and Maintenance of Land Leased from Ohlone College: Mission Peak Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 004 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Extend an Existing Lease Agreement with Flexi-Van Leasing, Inc.: Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 006 (attached)

Director Sutter asked when the work will begin and be completed; adding this is a high priority. AGM Nisbet stated the District plans to put this effort into the project development work plan and bring to the Board at

one of the workshops and have that discussion. Director Siden thanked staff for moving forward with this project.

- h. Authorization to Amend Sole Source Contract with Hawk's Eye Studio to Provide Maintenance and Preservation Services for the Merry-Go-Round: Tilden Regional Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 007 (attached)

Director Siden commended staff on continuing to preserve and upgrade the Merry-Go-Round.

- i. 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. 2016 – 01 – 008 (attached)
- k. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Directors Doug Siden, Dennis Waespi and Whitney Dotson to Attend the 2016 American Camp Association National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from February 9 - 12, 2016
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 010 (attached)
- l. Authorization to Extend the Contract with Strategy Research Institute (SRI) for One Year
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 011 (attached)

Director Siden inquired if the new board members have met Dr. Manross and both Directors Burgis and Waespi replied they have met him.

- m. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation S. 2257 (Cantwell) and H.R. 3556 (Grijalva) The National Park Service Centennial Act
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 012 (attached)

By motion of Director Burgis and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item f. Director Dotson recused himself.

Directors For: Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Director Recused: Whitney Dotson.

- f. Authorization to Award a Contract to Go Native, Inc. to Provide On-Call Habitat Restoration Maintenance Services: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 005 (attached)

Item f will be removed for a separate vote. Director Dotson recused himself due to the proximity of his home to the park. President Siden sought clarification from District Counsel regarding when a Board member recuses himself. District Counsel explained the law on this matter. Director Lane asked what steps will be taken to convey to the operating staff their responsibilities emphasizing that there are new supervisors. Chris Barton, Environmental Programs Manager, said that he will be the project manager and will coordinate with park staff.

Item j is being removed for discussion and a separate vote.

- j. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Apply for Grants for Water Trail Access & Shoreline Improvements: Point Isabel Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 009 (attached)

Directors For: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, John Sutter, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Against: Beverly Lane, Doug Siden

By motion of Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted five to two to approve item j and refer the general issues of other water trail access and bay water trail to the Executive Committee for discussion and report.

GM Doyle clarified that the District will bring back to the Executive committee a robust discussion of the water trail and a discussion of camping.

Director Lane and Director Sutter asked for clarification on the monies being spent at this one site and what other sites may need funds. Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer, explained each of the 13 project sites. The remaining sites have been evaluated and were found to have many challenges. Rasmussen can provide the Board with the list of sites. Sutter asked if there were any additional funding sources other than this one. GM Doyle explained that WW development money could include water access for shoreline parks and development of park sites. The District is not restricted to solely using the water trail money. Rasmussen stated that there is over \$4 million in acquisition funding that the Board could choose to use for development of the bay water trail. Director Burgis asked if the water trail will go all the way to Big Break and Discovery Bay. Rasmussen said it will go by Big Break which has a wonderful kayak access.

Lane said that as a water trail stop overnight camping is desirable but is it possible at Pt. Isabel. Rasmussen replied he met with the Division of Boating and Waterways at the site and they agreed that the Pt. Pinole site has challenging water access; however, it would be a premier camping destination on the bay. Rasmussen continued that Pt. Isabel has wonderful public access and Pt. Pinole has good camping. GM Doyle added that there is an existing campsite at Pt. Pinole, however there needs to be special arrangements made with staff because vehicles are not allowed. Staff has accommodated several kayaking/canoeing excursions with shuttle service. Lane is supportive of the water trail and commented there is a need to prioritize what happens along the water, and spend money on accommodating kayakers. Lane questioned if the District should spend this much money at Pt. Isabel. Rasmussen explained that anything we do at Pt. Isabel must be done in context of the Eastshore State Plan process. Lane asked the General Manager to have this go to a board committee to discuss.

Jim McGrath is on the board of SF Board Sailing Association and the Bay Access Board. He stated this is the only windsurfing site in the parks. This sight needs more improvements which would benefit habitat and provide access for kayaks, currently beach is too rocky. He believes this site is appropriate.

GM Doyle stated that this decision has not been made in a vacuum, but with the consultation of many of the water trail leaders. This is our first opportunity to get this project done, it is ready to go and will be beneficial to the community. GM Doyle stated he is hopeful that there will be other funding sources. President Siden asked if the bridge replacement is included. Rasmussen replied that is separate and the bridge is currently being completed by the ASD department. Siden stated that since this is our first water trail project it should be a model for other projects, and as a first proposal it should include a model for camping.

Sutter said that Mr. McGrath has persuaded him that this is a special place and is a good site for windsurfers. He added that he is in favor of going ahead even though it will take a fairly large amount of money to complete the project. Lane stated that it is a great idea and would be appropriate to have a board committee vet it. Siden said that staff has made a review, however the Board has not seen it. Director Wieskamp said if a decision can be made today, it can be sent on to a board committee.

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

Director Lane moved and Director Waespi seconded to delay authorization of the item and return it to the executive committee to put on the agenda as soon as possible. The motion was defeated by a vote of 5 to 2.

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

By motion of Director Burgis, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item C-2-a.

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

- a. Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy of 76.46± Acres of Real Property from Save Mount Diablo, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation: Deer Valley Regional Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 013 (attached)

John Bouyea, Senior Acquisition Specialist gave a PowerPoint presentation. Bouyea provided background on the property, including maps of the property, and photos of the residence on the property, and details of the acquisition.

Director Burgis commented that this is a great step towards completing the puzzle piece. Director Lane wanted to make sure that there is a process to evaluate the buildings. Bouyea stated that the District requested as part of the deal, that the single family residence and 2 sheds will be demolished by Save Mt. Diablo as they are an unattractive nuisance and in poor condition. It was built in 1980 and have no historical significance. Director Sutter asked where the \$730,000 will come from. Bouyea answered that 75% is coming from East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy. Director Siden asked if the property is being grazed by cattle. Bouyea replied that due to the drought it is not being grazed this year at the request of Save Mt Diablo. Director Wieskamp asked about the condition of the septic system. Bouyea said that staff will look at that during the escrow period.

3. PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 3a.

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

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Goals and Work Plan Activities
For 2016
Resolution No. 2016 – 01 – 014 (attached)

Erich Pfuehler, Legislative and Government Affairs Manager thanked the Board for their appointees to the PAC and introduced Bruce Kern, PAC Chair and Rick Rickard, PAC member. Pfuehler touched on the five key issues of the PAC's goals which are: managing resources, funding for acquisition and development, outreach about programming, the budget and fiscal responsibility, and Ordinance 38 and planning. Pfuehler touched on 3 other contributions; participation in community outreach, special projects and periodic reports to appointing authority. PAC Chair Kern thanked the Board again for excellent appointees that represent the various constituents very well. Kern explained the process of dialing through all of the pressing issues.

Director Sutter congratulated Pfuehler on focusing on and creating a Plan Bay Area subcommittee. Director Wieskamp thanked the PAC members for attending the Board field trips. Director Lane asked when her appointees' terms were up. Lane suggested that bringing the Measure CC ballot measure before the PAC would be beneficial. Director Siden asked about the process for adding additional goals and dedication of parklands. Pfuehler said it would have to go to the Executive Committee for approval. GM Doyle remarked that this is an annual process that goes through Operations. Sutter asked about the gun range. Pfuehler said that it has been placed on hold in case there is a need for a decision.

Director Wieskamp moved and Director Waespi seconded approval of the 2016 PAC Goals.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

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

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

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager, Robert Doyle expressed great appreciation for staff and the Board throughout the year. GM Doyle began his 2015 Year in Review presentation commending the focus of the Board and Senior staff on their fiscal responsibility which has led to a AAA bond rating, which is a high priority. He touched on staffing levels, legislative advocacy, progress of trails, leveraging other peoples' money, conservation partnerships and legal work. Director Sutter asked if we have a policy on hover boards. District Counsel replied that this is new technology, and after doing research will respond to the Board.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor announced none.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Legislative Committee (06-19-15) (Burgis)

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended an event for Supervisor Nate Miley;
- Attended December's Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the MLK Rally Committee meeting;
- Attended the EBRPD's Retiree luncheon;
- Visited the Nike site two times;
- Attending the Special Districts meeting;
- Attending and presiding over the Alameda County Watershed luncheon exploratory meeting;
- Attended Alameda County Mayors Conference;
- Attending the Executive Committee meeting;
- Nominated the MLK Freedom Center for the LWV award on Advancing Democracy.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Commented on Measure CC renewal;
 - Good Opportunity now, the economy is good;
 - 79 % of people polled by Dr. Manross will vote yes;
 - Economy is good;
 - Polling by SFBRA suggests marginal voters will come out;
- The Foundation should acknowledge a gift from Mr. Baird;
- Met with folks who organize Art in the Park at Redwood Park;
- Teleconferenced with SFBRA regarding tax measure;
- Attending the SFBRA meeting;
- Attended the EBRPD's Retiree luncheon.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Visited the Nike site to see the story poles;
- Took a Las Trampas hike;
- Spoke with folks in Alamo on proposed staging area;
- Tesla is on EBRPD master plan and we need to be articulating reasons why it is important;
- Congratulated staff for a successful charity luncheon;
- Congratulated Carolyn Jones on an article;
- Attended the EBRPD's Retiree luncheon;
- Talked to folks about Measure J with Erich Pfuehler;
- Attended Alameda County Mayors Conference;
- Thanked staff for helping with Ted Wieskamp's memorial.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Climbed Mission Peak;
- Attended the EBRPD Retirees Association luncheon;
- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting;
- Attended the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Committee field trip and meeting;

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended a Kwanzaa celebration;
- Met with Joe Keller, BART Director;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District meeting;

- Attended the Contra Costa Supervisor Reorganization Luncheon;
- Attend the CCCC Mayors Conference;
- Attended the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative meeting;
- Recognized by the CC Board of Supervisors for work related to suicide prevention;
- Reminded folks the Youth Fair is on January 30;
- Will attend the Marsh Creek Trail meeting;
- Reminded folks about trails challenge.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the LARPD Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended Ecology Committee meeting;
- Advocated for Tesla Park as a supporter;
- Visited Lake Chabot to view the story poles;
- Suggested expanding youth employment opportunity to Tri-Valley;
- Attended the EBRPD Retirees luncheon;
- Attended the Elected Women's lunch;
- Will be attending the special district meeting;

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Ecology Committee meeting;
- Attended a meeting on future planning for the meeting on the Bay Trail;
- Met with EJCW on next years' festival;
- Attended the EBRPD Retirees luncheon.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm by Board President Doug Siden.
Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board