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## BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, February 5, 2016

12:30 p.m.

**EBRPD - Administrative Headquarters**

**2950 Peralta Oaks Court**

**Oakland, California 94605**

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website ([www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)), the Headquarters reception desk, and at the meeting.

### AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
12:30	1. Niles Canyon Trail Connectivity Study	(I)	Dougan
12:50	2. Restatement of General Employees and Sworn Safety Retirement Plans	(R)	Beshears
	3. Public Comments		
	4. Board Comments		

(R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration  
 (I) Information  
 (D) Discussion

**Executive Committee Members**

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 Ayn Wieskamp, Alternate  
 Robert E. Doyle, Staff Coordinator

**Future Meetings:**

<del>January 14</del>	July 1
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**Project Manager(s):**

Sean Dougan  
 Sukari Beshears

**TO:** Board Executive Committee

**FROM:** Robert Doyle, General Manager

**STAFF REPORT  
PREPARED BY:** Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Niles Canyon Trail Connectivity Study

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Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

**BACKGROUND**

EBRPD's 2013 Trails Master Plan Update indicates a proposed long-distance regional trail titled the San Francisco Bay to San Joaquin River Trail (#8). Proposed segments of this trail running through the Niles Canyon corridor (and connecting the existing Alameda Creek Regional Trail) include (8A) Niles Canyon and (8B) Niles Canyon to Shadow Cliffs. These alignments are of regional importance, linking parklands on the west side of the County to those on the east.

EBRPD in partnership with the County of Alameda, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), and the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) completed the Niles Canyon Regional Trail Connectivity Feasibility Study in December 2015. This study includes alternatives for a six-mile Class I trail connecting Niles to Sunol identified in EBRPD's Master Plan Update in 2013.

Several public meetings were held to collect comments and concerns about the components of the study between October 2014 and October 2015. Three alternative routes and the potential environmental and historical impacts of each are included in the study. The report also includes analysis of other 2013 Master Plan trail alignments including a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail (3B) which crosses the Niles Canyon Railroad at Vallejo Mill Park and a multiuse trail connecting SFPUC's Sunol Water Temple to Vargas Plateau (28).

There is no identified funding at this time to finalize design of the Class I trail alternatives or complete environmental review pursuant to CEQA. Trails Development staff is currently pursuing the design and permitting of the Bay Area Ridge Trail (3B) connection to Vallejo Mill Park. This includes the processing of an application for a Railroad crossing recently submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

## RECOMMENDATION

None. This item is for the Committee's information only. As the trails development progresses, staff will keep the Committee informed of our accomplishments. The complete study is posted at the following link:

[http://www.ebparks.org/Assets/\\_Nav\\_Categories/Park\\_Planning/Niles+Canyon+Regional+Trail/Niles+Canyon+Regional+Trail+Connectivity+Feasibility+Study.pdf](http://www.ebparks.org/Assets/_Nav_Categories/Park_Planning/Niles+Canyon+Regional+Trail/Niles+Canyon+Regional+Trail+Connectivity+Feasibility+Study.pdf)

**BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting of February 5, 2016

**TO:** Board Executive Committee

**FROM:** Robert Doyle, General Manager

**STAFF REPORT  
PREPARED BY:** Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager

**SUBJECT:** Restatement of General Employees and Sworn Safety Retirement Plans

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Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

**BACKGROUND**

The District's retirement plans have to be reviewed from time-to-time to ensure compliance with the IRS code and regulations. In 2011, the District obtained the services of Chang, Ruthenberg & Long, a law firm specializing in employee benefits in the public sector to review the District's plans. The District has subsequently contracted with the same firm again to conduct the 2016 review. The firm reviewed the District's plans and recommended changes to comply with tax law and PEPRA.

The proposed amendments have been provided to both Local 2428 and the Police Association.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the proposed changes and forward a favorable recommendation to the full Board for approval.