

The Board Meeting, which was held on June 17, 2014 at the Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta in Oakley, CA was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President
Whitney Dotson, Vice President
Doug Siden, Secretary
Beverly Lane
Carol Severin
John Sutter

Directors Absent: Ted Radke, Treasurer

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 Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Ted Radosevich, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Carol Victor, Liz Musbach, Bob Nisbet, Mona Koh, Jeff Rasmussen, Chris Barton, Nancy Kaiser, Anne Kassebaum, Erich Pfuehler, Tim Anderson, Aileen Theile, Sukari Beshears, Mike Moran, Tammy Mueller, Nancy Kaiser, Kevin Damstra.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter, Ted Radke

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Wieskamp read a Welcome Letter received from Assemblyman Jim Frazier.

Diane Burgis, Oakley City Councilmember, welcomed the Board to the City of Oakley, and thanked the Board for the District's projects in East County.

Sandra Meyers, Chairwoman of the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Commission, introduced Bruce Mulder, the new Brentwood Director of Parks. Mr. Mulder thanked the Board for partnering with the City.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Siden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar without items C-I-m and C-I-n which were pulled for separate consideration:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,
John Sutter, Ted Radke.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of May 5, 2014 to May 18, 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 143 (attached)

C-I-b. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 144 (attached)

C-I-c. Authorization to Accept Renewal of Existing Insurance Programs
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 145 (attached)

C-I-d. Authorization to Purchase Three Tractors and One Rotary Mower
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 146 (attached)

C-I-e. Authorization to Amend the 2014 Budget and Appropriate Major Infrastructure
Replacement and Renovation Funds to Stabilize the Water Treatment and
Distribution Systems: Del Valle Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 147 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Lane, AGM for Operations Jim O'Connor stated that this is an interim action to allow the existing system to continue to operate until the design process for a new system is completed.

C-I-f. Acceptance of Bid for Repairs to Carquinez Strait – Eckley Pier Road
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 148 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Sutter, GM Doyle confirmed that the repairs will be for the access to the small pier which is District-owned.

C-I-g. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation AB 2193 (Gordon) –
Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 149 (attached)

C-I-h. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation ACR 96 (Olsen R-Merced) –
The 150th Anniversary of the California State Park System
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 150 (attached)

C-I-i. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation ACR 130 (Rendon D-Lakewood) –
Parks Make Life Better Month!
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 151 (attached)

C-I-j. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation H.R. 188 (Kaptur) -
21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 152 (attached)

- C-I-k. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation H.R. 750 (Thompson) - Congressional Gold Medal for Stewart Lee Udall
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 153 (attached)
- C-I-l. Resolution to Support Pending Federal Legislation H.R. 956 (Kind) – Personal Health Investment Today (PHIT) Act of 2013
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 154 (attached)
- C-I-o. Authorization for Budgetary Closure of Completed Projects and Related Amendments to the 2014 Budget
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 155 (attached)
- C-I-p. Approval of Appointment of Diane Burgis and Adele Ho to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 156 (attached)
- C-I-q. Authorization to Contract for Youth Employment Services with Student Conservation Association
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 157 (attached)

Items C-I-m and C-I-n were pulled from the Consent Calendar to allow Director Dotson to recuse himself due to the proximity of his residence to Point Pinole Regional Park.

By motion of Director Radke and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the items C-I-m and C-I-n:

Directors For: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter, Ted Radke.
Directors Recused: Whitney Dotson.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

- C-I-m. Authorization to Appropriate Grant Funds and Accept the Bid for Construction of Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project – Phase I Grading: Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 158 (attached)
- C-I-n. Authorization to Amend Contract for Professional Services with Questa Engineering Corporation for the Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 159 (attached)

Regarding item C-I-n, Directors Siden and Sutter asked if a new RFP would have been appropriate due to the increase in contract amount. District Counsel Ted Radosevich stated that after staff discussion and review, it was deemed appropriate to extend the contract with Questa Engineering, and that this is actually a continuation of the original RFP. It was also stated that Questa Engineering is the “engineer-of-record” and is familiar with the project.

2. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

C-2-a. PUBLIC HEARING

Approval of Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, Adopt Resolution Confirming Diagram and Assessment, Order Maintenance, Improvements and Levy Annual Assessment For East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1; Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 160 (attached)

By motion of Director Radke and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-a:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter, Ted Radke.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Adopt Resolution Regarding Protests
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 161 (attached)

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Severin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution regarding protests:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter, Ted Radke.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

AGM for Finance and Management Services Dave Collins provided a brief presentation and spoke about the history on the East Contra Costa County Landscape and Lighting Assessment District, adding that the LLD began its first year of operation in 1992 with an annual assessment of \$19.70 which has not changed. Mr. Collins stated that \$701,527 in assessment revenues, disregarding delinquencies, is expected to be raised, with 2014 appropriations totaling \$652,460.

Director Lane commented that not all costs incurred are funded by proceeds from the LLD.

President Wieskamp opened the Public Hearing; there being no one to comment, the Public Hearing was subsequently closed.

Director Sutter commented that he hoped the public recognizes that the LLD proceeds will not be enough to cover the expenses, especially given the expansion of the District in the area. The amount of \$19.70 assessment was based on conditions 20 years ago. An example is the soon-to-be acquired Roddy Ranch wherein the estimate is \$160,000 per year just to manage it as a land-banked area. He hoped that there would be a mechanism whereby the District can source increased funding.

Director Lane added that District staff should discuss with County officials the need for them to facilitate getting funds from areas being served but not covered by any assessment.

3. LAND DIVISION

C-3-a. Authorization to Exercise the Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement (“Agreement”) and Accept, Appropriate and Transfer Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership with the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy of 1,885.2± acres of Real Property from Roddy Owner, LLC: Deer Valley Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 06 – 162 (attached)

By motion of Director Radke and seconded by Director Siden, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a:

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter, Ted Radke.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

AGM for Land Division Bob Nisbet provided a brief presentation on this item with a map describing the land, and explaining the funding details as follows:

Acreage: 1,885.2 ± acres
Purchase Price: \$ 14,245,000
Closing Date: July 23, 2014

- Fulfills Commitment of Master Plan and Measure WW
- Allows for a Major Regional Trail Connection between Black Diamond Mines and Round Valley
- Preserves a Wildlife Corridor for Several Endangered/Threatened Species
- Creation of New Park: Deer Valley Regional Park...A Park that can strike a perfect balance between Public Access, Recreation, Conservation, and Education

Funding:

ECCCCHC/WCB/Section 6 Federal	\$	4,841,875	(33.4%)
ECCCCHC/WCB/Prop 84 State		4,841,875	(33.4%)
Moore Foundation Grant		1,000,000	(6.9%)
EBRPD Measure WW/Morgan Territory		1,064,083	(7.4%)
Round Valley		1,064,083	(7.4%)
Delta Access		1,064,084	(7.4%)
<u>Designated for Land Fund</u>		<u>600,000</u>	<u>(4.1%)</u>
Total Funding	\$	14,476,000	

Other Costs:

Appraisal, Environmental, Staff Time and Title Fees	\$	79,500	
Safety and Security Funds		<u>151,500</u>	
Total Other Acquisition Costs	\$	231,000	(1.6%)

Abigail Fateman, Director of Land Restoration Programs of ECCC HCP, stated that they have found a wealth of rare plants in the area. From the conservancy perspective, they are excited about the habitat corridor, diversity of grassland, oak woodland, and chaparral.

Seth Adams, Land Conservation Director of Save Mount Diablo thanked the Board, staff and the ECCC HCP for their work on the acquisitions in the area.

The Board expressed their appreciation of the longtime commitment of Director Radke to the area, the Conservancy, Save Mount Diablo, and the Roddy family.

Director Radke stated that the Roddy acquisition was made possible because it was not broken up into smaller parcels.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Robert Doyle reported on the items listed on the staff report.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle discussed those activities listed from the Public Safety Division, stating that it is starting to get busy at the parks. GM Doyle also stated that staff is looking at increasing the pace of hiring for officers. In response to a question from Director Sutter regarding the possibility of contracting with other agencies for police services, AGM for Public Safety and Police Chief Tim Anderson stated that while they have not considered that option, it is unlikely that other agencies will have the capacity to provide such a service since they are currently undergoing staff reductions well due to pension reform. As an example, Chief Anderson stated that the Alameda County Sheriff's Department could lose up to 400 deputies within the next four months.

AGM for Operations Jim O'Connor updated the Board on the water situation at Del Valle Regional Park, stating that water will be drawn down this week, with increasing impacts to recreation as the water levels drop. He foresees that swimming will be ending at Del Valle by the end of next month. Another lake of concern is Shadow Cliffs, where the pumping system from Cemex next to it is not working. Zone 7 has also requested that all entities drawing from the Arroyo Del Valle stop drawing water from it. He expects the marina will be closed in about three weeks. He added that Quarry Lakes is a little better at this time compared to last year. GM Doyle indicated that staff will be providing an update to the Legislative Committee on ABAG's priority conservation areas.

Director Lane suggested that signs or handouts be provided to patrons of Del Valle and Shadow Cliffs to advertise Quarry Lakes as an alternative. She also asked that more information be added to the District's website on this issue as well.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Alameda County/EBRPD Liaison Committee
- b. LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Directors Dotson, Radke and Severin did not report on meetings attended.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the reception for Bart O'Brien, the new Supervisor for the Botanic Garden;
- Visited the Tilden Nature Area/EEC for its soft opening;
- Attended the Regional Parks Association meeting at the Trudeau Center;
- Commented that the Big Break Visitor Center looked great and thanked staff for their work;
- Announced that County Flood Control is setting up a special conference/meeting on July 21st with Cong. Thompson in recognition of the success of the Water Bill.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Thanked Big Break Visitor Center staff;
- Attended the San Leandro City Council meeting and spoke about the Citizen's Initiative in Alameda to preserve the government surplus land near Crab Cove as open space;
- Attended the ceremony at Public Safety to dedicate the monument to honor the District pilot who was killed in an accident 40 years ago;
- Attended the East Bay EDA meeting;
- Alameda County Mayors Conference in Piedmont;
- Attended the birthday event for Supervisor Nate Miley;
- Announced the start of the 15th season of Concerts at the Cove, with about 2,500 in attendance;
- Attended the MLK, Jr. Rally Committee meeting to prepare for next year's event;
- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting;
- Attended retirement event for CFO Cinde Rubaloff, then the meeting of San Lorenzo Heritage Society.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Complimented the BBVC staff on the new interactive exhibits, hoped it can be done at other centers;
- Thanked Director Radke for his work, stating that without it Big Break will not be in existence;
- Spoke before the Rossmoor Rotary Club about EBRPD
- Attended the HARD/EBRPD joint meeting;
- Attended the Board's Capital Trails Maintenance Workshop;
- Stated that although he wanted the Lucas Museum to be located in Gateway Park, it appears that Chicago is being considered instead;
- Will be attending a meeting of the SF Bay Restoration Authority to decide on whether they will submit a ballot measure for the November 2014 elections.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the interviews conducted for the new CFO/Controller;
- Attended the meeting of the Regional Parks Association at the Trudeau Center;
- Attended the first Annual Cowgirl Luncheon;
- Attended the Elected Women's Luncheon;
- Toured Shadow Cliffs with Supervisor Wayne Gilfillan;
- Would like a tour of the parks on July 4 with Public Safety;
- Sunol water center comments

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board