

The Board Meeting, which was held on September 2, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:45 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.

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 2:05 p.m. by President Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Jim O'Connor, Ted Radosevich, Dave Collins, Debra Auker, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Bob Nisbet, Carol Victor, Diane Althoff, Raphael Bienes, Carol Johnson, Mona Koh, Liz Musbach, Anne Kassebaum, Jason McCrystle, Jeff Rasmussen, Mark Ragatz, Erich Pfuehler, Capt. Mark Ruppenthal, Jeff Lebow, Matt Graul.

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

## **B. I. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

President Ayn Wieskamp presented a Certificate of Appreciation to District Counsel Ted Radosevich, who, after serving as District Counsel for 25 years, will be retiring on September 5. President Wieskamp cited some of Mr. Radosevich's significant accomplishments, stating that his service has been invaluable to the District and the public as well. The Board members were unanimous in their expression of appreciation of his talents, skills, sense of humor, and his humble and practical approach to legal matters. There was a brief break for cake and refreshments.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Miriam de la Grange addressed the Board, stating that she was riding her horse on Horseshoe Trail at Anthony Chabot Regional Park when two bikers speeding down a blind curve caused her horse and her horse to fall off the cliff. She requested that the trail be revisited and reevaluated for safety, and clarified that she was not against bicyclists, but the line of sight is inadequate in that particular area of the trail. Board members commented on her positive outlook and recommendation; GM Doyle stated that the park supervisor and trail

staff will inspect the area. Lee Rutter asked the Board to re-examine the Horseshoe Trail, which used to be a “No Bicycle Trail” so that the incident that happened with Ms. De La Grange does not happen again.

Mike Udkow, current President of Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay, stated that he rode his bike on the trail himself and found it to be difficult and a poor choice for a biking trail. He suggested the installation of more signs or a gate to slow bikers down. He also stated that he will suggest to the Bicycle Trails Council Board that some kind of assistance be given to Ms. De la Grange for her doctor’s bills. Michael Mejia, a member of the Bicycle Trails Council, extended his best wishes to Ms. De la Grange, stating that what happened to her was a very serious accident and that he was looking forward to a solution.

Carol Babbington, an equestrian, suggested that various groups be consulted when trail changes are made, and that they be contacted especially with this particular revision. Paula Geiger relayed her experience with speeding bikers; she asked that the trail be closed to bicycles, or at least have speed bumps installed to slow them down.

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

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

At the request of staff, items C-I-e and C-I-j were pulled from the Consent Calendar and will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

C-I-e. Authorization to Grant a 33,317-Square Foot Recreational Trail Easement and 7,982-Square Foot Utility Easement to the City of Richmond: Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

C-I-j. Authorization to Apply for a Federal Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a Longhorn Fairy Shrimp and Vernal Pool Study

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

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

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of July 7, 2014 to July 27, 2014  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 215 (attached)

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board meeting of July 1 and July 15, 2014

Directors Sutter, Lane and Siden provided brief clarifications to their comments regarding the Summary of Board Comments to the Camping Program Update, which will be updated accordingly.

AGM for Operations Jim O’Connor, in response to a question from Director Sutter regarding the Summary of Board Comments, stated that it intended to capture for the record Board comments regarding the Camping Update, which will later be included when the implementation phase is discussed during future Board workshops.

- C-I-c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Board Members Whitney Dotson, Carol Severin and Doug Siden and General Manager Robert Doyle to Attend the 2014 National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition in Charlotte, NC on October 14 – 16, 2014  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 216 (attached)
- C-I-d. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 217 (attached)
- C-I-f. Authorization to Transfer Board Contingency Funds for the Purchase of a Full Matrix Speed Monitor and Traffic Message Trailer  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 218 (attached)
- C-I-g. Resolution to Support Alameda County Transportation Commission's Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 219 (attached)
- C-I-h. Resolution to Oppose Pending Federal Legislation HR 5220 (Graves) - No More Land Act  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 220 (attached)
- C-I-i. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation SB 633 (Pavley) - State Parks Reporting and Revenue Generation  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 221 (attached)
- C-I-k. Authorization to Apply for a Grant from the California Urban Forests Council for Tree Planting: District-Wide  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 222 (attached)
- C-I-l. Authorization to Purchase ESRI Software Maintenance Agreement  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 223 (attached)
- C-I-m. Authorization to Purchase Four Ford Pursuit Utility Vehicles  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 224 (attached)

In response to a question from the Board, Jason McCrystle, Fleet Manager, stated that the average life span for a police vehicle is anywhere from five to six years accumulating up to 110,000 miles.

- C-I-n. Approval of the Renaming of the Martinez Intermodal to Crockett Segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail the *George Miller Trail*  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 225 (attached)

Board members commented that Congressman George Miller has been a champion of the environment, a great supporter of the Park District and will be missed when he retires at the end of this year. Director Lane also asked that staff consider the reprinting of the East Bay - Skyline National Trail map, since this is no longer available.

## 2. PLANNING/STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

C-2-a. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds for Design Implementation of a Staging Area at Tyler Ranch: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2014 – 09 – 226 (attached)

By motion of Director Severin and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item C-2-a:

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

Diane Althoff, Acting AGM for Planning/Stewardship & Development and Julie Bondurant, Senior Park Planner, provided a brief presentation on this item. Ms. Althoff stated that with the adoption of the Land Use Plan for this park in 2012, the Tyler Ranch staging area was identified as having the highest capital development priority over other potential entry points. She described the conceptual design as including an entrance drive, a 92-car staging area and equestrian parking. Ms. Althoff stated that the estimated cost of this design work is \$100,000 and is proposed to be appropriated from Measure WW Development funds, with estimated construction in 2016. Future work may include development of a park office and security residence when additional funding becomes available. Director Lane suggested that staff consider adding trees near the picnic areas to provide adequate shade, and, if possible, tot lots/children play areas near the staging area. Staff indicated that a tot lot was not considered since the area is close to the freeway, will have high vehicle traffic, the trails are challenging, and the area will be exposed to the sun. Board members also asked staff to review the current proposed placement of the restrooms to see if it could be placed farther from the parking lot to be less visible from the neighbors.

## 3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

GM Doyle reported on the items listed on the staff report: Town of Danville/Magee Ranch and the City of Richmond/Chevron Refinery Modernization Project.

## 4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle introduced Andrew Green, Sanitation/Recycling Coordinator, who gave a brief presentation on the District's recycling and waste reduction program, including the benefits of recycling, the history of California rules and regulations and the various District partner agencies.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

## 6. BOARD COMMITTEES

a.	Executive Committee	(8-14-14)	(Wieskamp)
b.	LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee	(8-11-14)	(Wieskamp)
c.	Operations Committee	(2-20-14)	(Lane)
d.	Operations Committee	(4-24-14)	(Lane)
e.	Operations Committee	(5-15-14)	(Lane)

## 7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Executive and Legislative Committee meetings;
- Attended his one-on-one meeting with the GM;
- Reported receiving a call from Mayor Quan of Oakland advising him of the pending proposal for redevelopment around the Oakland Coliseum. He also advised Mayor Quan that the Board representative for that area is Director Doug Siden. The proposed development will be in phases; however, phase 2 will be from the Coliseum towards/on District land, with the idea to trade EBMUD land for District land. He asked staff to look into it.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- In addition to the full Board meetings, attended the Executive, Natural/Cultural Resources and Finance Committee meetings;
- Will reschedule his one-on-one meeting with the GM;
- Attended the Legislative staff luncheon in Sacramento.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Alameda Leadership Breakfast meeting;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative staff luncheon in Sacramento, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance meeting in Danville and the CPRS event led by Nancy Krebs;
- Attended the dedication for the new Ardenwood car barn;
- Will be attending the San Leandro City Council meeting tonight to signify his opposition to the proposed installation of a neighborhood gate that will impede access to the Bay Trail;
- Will be attending the retirement event for District Counsel Radosevich;
- Announced that the City of Alameda plans to upgrade their boat ramp, and is trying to arrange a meeting with the Alameda Parks and Recreation Director;
- Will attend the District's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the Claremont Hotel;
- Handed out a NY Times editorial dated 9/2/14 regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the law establishing the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Muir Heritage Land Trust event, the Taylor Family Foundation Day in the Park at Camp Arroyo, and the Iron Horse Trail dedication in Pleasanton;
- Gave a presentation at the Danville Library on the District's 80<sup>th</sup> and Contra Costa County's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries;
- East Bay Leadership Council Land meeting wherein there was a discussion of the North Contra Costa Waterfront;
- Toured Black Diamond Mines with staff; suggested a discussion for possible Foundation funding for some projects there, particularly the stairway;
- Attended her one-on-one meeting with GM Doyle;
- Appreciated staff work on the water system at Las Trampas, especially due to increased community use;
- Will be attending the retirement event for District Counsel Ted Radosevich and the 80<sup>th</sup> Gala event.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended her regularly scheduled Board and Committee meetings;
- Attended the Legislative staff lunch in Sacramento.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Executive and Operations Committee meetings;
- Attended the Taylor Family Day in the Park event at Camp Arroyo;
- Asked if staff can report on Measure BB and its impacts on the District. Erich Pfuehler, Legislative Affairs Manager, stated that the District endorsed it, adding that there are funds being allocated for \$253 million for the Iron Horse and Bay trails and the East Bay Greenway, as well as \$153 million for trail maintenance;
- Will be meeting with City of Fremont Mayor and Councilmember this week regarding Mission Peak.

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm in honor of retiring District Counsel Ted Radosevich.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido  
Clerk of the Board