

The Board Meeting, which was held on October 21, 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
Doug Siden, Secretary
Beverly Lane
Carol Severin
John Sutter

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Vice President
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, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Mona Koh, Liz Musbach, Mimi Waluch, Larry Tong, Jeff Rasmussen, Mark Ragatz, Jason McCrystle, Jim Townsend, Kristina Kelchner, Kelly Barrington, Erich Pfuehler, Chris Barton, Noah Dort, Matt Graul, Tonya Covarrubias

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Wieskamp announced that Item C-2-a will be pulled from the agenda and will be considered at the second Board meeting in November.

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

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Bennett of Citizens for Eastshore Parks (CESP) stated that he was pleased to see that work is progressing for Phase I of Albany Beach, and hoped that work will continue into the other phases. However, he added that he is disappointed that work on the Brickyard is moving very slowly and encouraged the Board and staff to expedite the project.

Steve Soderstrom expressed concern regarding the lack of District support for the citizen's group opposing Measure KK. He stated that if it passes in the November General Election, the measure will threaten open space in the Garin/Dry Creek.

Frank Mellon, a resident of Castro Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Willow Park Golf Course, stating that there is currently only an interim operator and that it was troubling that only two bids were received for

its permanent operation. He asked the Board to investigate the deeper issues involved with the local groups who are now being affected by the absence of a permanent operator.

District Retirees Association President John Nicoles addressed the Board, stating that they have not received any response to a letter they sent to the District sometime ago regarding the ongoing issue of retiree benefits being subject to taxes, and their request to make a presentation to the Board on that issue. Carol Victor, District Counsel, stated that a response will be sent to the association shortly, adding that there have recently been transitions in key staff directly related to their concern.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Siden asked that item C-I-c be pulled for separate consideration, stating that he recommends revising the resolution such that the District will shoulder the roundtrip airfare from the United States to Australia since the General Manager is representing the District on an official capacity. Director Wieskamp stated that the recommendation is reasonable, adding that this is an event that only occurs every 10 years. Director Sutter commented that approval of this revised resolution should be considered with the understanding that this will not be a precedent.

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Severin, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-I-c:

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

C-I-c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for General Manager Robert E. Doyle to Attend the 2014 IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia from November 12 - 19, 2014 ~~Excluding the Cost of Roundtrip Airfare to Australia to be Personally Financed by the General Manager~~
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 254 (attached)

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

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

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of September 8, 2014 to September 21, 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 255 (attached)

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 2, 2014

C-I-d. Approval of 2015 Consolidated Fee Schedule
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 256 (attached)

C-I-e. Authorization to Purchase One LeeBoy Paver
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 257 (attached)

- C-1-f. **Authorization to Purchase One Ford Vehicle**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 258 (attached)
- C-1-g. **Authorization to Accept a Proposal, Enter into an Agreement and Encumber Funds for Consulting Services to Perform Construction Management, Hazardous Materials and Labor Compliance Services for Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project - Phase I Shoreline Repair: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 259 (attached)
- C-1-h. **Authorization to Apply to the Association of Bay Area Governments for Grants from the San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program: District-wide**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 260 (attached)
- C-1-i. **Authorization to Purchase Replacement Computers**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 261 (attached)
- C-1-j. **Authorization to Partner with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for Trails Maintenance: Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Regional Trail**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 262 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Sutter, Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, stated that LARPD is already responsible for the operation of the trail and has asked for additional assistance in its maintenance.

- C-1-k. **Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds from the Urban Areas Security Initiative for Mobile Command Satellite Downlink System**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 263 (attached)
- C-1-l. **Authorization to Appropriate Committed Funds for Unexpected 2014 Expenses: Legal Department**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 264 (attached)

2. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- C-2-a. **Election of Board Officers for 2015**

This item was pulled and will be considered at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting.

3. **LAND DIVISION**

- C-3-a. **Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy of 260.02± Acres of Real Property from the Viera Family: Morgan Territory Regional Preserve**
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 265 (attached)

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

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

Michael Reeves, Senior Planner, provided a brief presentation on this item, stating that the property may be purchased at a price of \$1,950,000. The property is proposed to be acquired in partnership with the ECCCHC utilizing federal and state grant funds, and today's action will authorize staff to enter into funding agreements with the Conservancy and the State Wildlife Conservation Board as needed to secure those funds.

Funding Appropriations this Action

Measure AA Funds:	
Option Payment	\$20,000
ECCCHC Funds:	
Appraisal	5,400
Environmental Site Assessment	6,000
Staff Time	<u>8,000</u>
Total Current Action	\$39,400

He added that the acquisition is significant since it will:

- Connect protected lands along Marsh Creek corridor
- Preserve open space on east flank of Mount Diablo
- Future trail connections into surrounding public lands
- Partnership with East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

He described that property as comprised of two separate parcels and included 1/3 mile of Marsh Creek, has a large meadow (about 6 acres), and dense oak woodlands in the lower elevations giving way to grasslands on upper hillsides and ridgetop.

Seth Adams from Save Mount Diablo addressed the Board, stating that he is very excited for the proposed acquisition given its significance; it consolidates recent purchases by the District and Save Mount Diablo.

Director Sutter also recognized the contributions of the Conservancy, as they were responsible for starting this

4. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

C-4-a. Transfer and Appropriation of Funds and Authorization of Staffing and Consultant Contract to Implement a Strategic Energy Plan: District-Wide
Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 266 (attached)

By motion of Director Sutter and seconded by Director Severin, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-4-a:

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

Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, provided a brief presentation on this item and enumerated the requested actions from the Board.

John Newcomb, Principal for Newcomb, Anderson and McCormick Energy Engineering and Consulting (NAM), provided a presentation to the Board on the estimated costs and potential savings of the project. He also provided illustrations of example projects as well as the proposal for Shadow Cliffs. Mr. Newcomb emphasized that the proposal is a 30-year project but will pay for itself in about 13 years.

Director Lane expressed her concern that the design be appropriate for the park setting and asked that it be made aesthetically pleasing.

Director Siden expressed his objection to the process in that this project became more important than other pending projects in the District, stating that he does not know how this project came up in the priority list.

Director Sutter indicated that there was a discussion of the project as a priority, and that it became quite attractive since there was a specific payback period. He added that the savings to the District increases as PG&E rates go up, which is likely to happen.

GM Doyle reminded the Board that the “greening” of the District was discussed as a priority during the recent Board workshops and that it was also a GM priority. He clarified that since funds are coming from unreserved fund balance, the project will not take away funding from other projects.

In response to a question from Director Sutter, CFO Debra Auker explained that the Board’s approval of the proposed resolution will set aside the funding for the project into an account wherein funds will only be drawn as necessary. District Reserves will be refunded from utility savings and other opportunities and will be paid back in 13 years.

C-4-b. Authorization to Award a Consultant Contract for Asset Management System: District-wide Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 267 (attached)

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-4-b:

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

Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, provided a brief presentation on this item.

5. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

C-5-a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Doyle discussed the item listed on the staff report regarding the City of Pittsburg City council’s action to certify the Final EIR for the James Donlon Boulevard Extension project which will build a 1.71 mile extension from its terminus west of Somersville Road to a rural portion of Kirker Pass Road.

Regarding the earlier public comment on the lack of District response to Measure KK in Union City, GM Doyle clarified that the District has not been contacted nor had any discussions regarding the acquisition of the entire 38-acre property in question.

6. GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENTS

The scheduled presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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| a. | Executive Committee | (10-9-2014) | (Wieskamp) |
| b. | Operations Committee | (8-21-2014) | (Lane) |

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Workforce Diversity Committee meeting;
- Attended the NRPA Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina;
- Attended the meeting of the San Leandro Creek Alliance yesterday;
- Will attend the Finance and Legislative Committee meetings this week;
- Will attend the Service Awards and the EB Greenways Dedication event.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Visited Martinez Shoreline;
- Attended the dedication of a park in Dougherty Valley established with developer fees;
- Attended the Action for Beauty Lunch in Walnut Creek;
- Gave a presentation at the Danville Senior Center wherein attendees were impressed with the District's short loop trails;
- Attended the Grazers Dinner on Sunday, October 19;
- Visited Shadow Cliffs and viewed the beach, which was still being used although the water was low;
- Will not attend the Service Awards dinner on Friday, October 24
- Asked that the rest of the Board be provided the draft 2015 Budget at the same time as the Finance Committee members.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the NRPA Congress at Charlotte, North Carolina
- Attended her regularly scheduled Board and Board committee meetings.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the YMCA's 135th Anniversary event on October 15, where the District was also recognized among other agencies;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a hike at Redwood Regional Park and reported the beautiful fall colors there;
- Attended a meeting of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce with a discussion of various election measures.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a program in Dublin honoring Assy. Joan Buchanan;
- Attended the workshop on Nilas Canyon;
- Attended the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Mixer;
- Attended the Grazers Dinner on Sunday, October 19;
- Will attend the Service Awards on Friday, October 24;
- Attended a few political events wherein Doolan Canyon issue came up.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm in honor of former Alameda County Fire Chief William (Bill) McCammon who passed away on October 13, 2014. District Police Chief and AGM for Public Safety Tim Anderson also spoke about Mr. McCammon, stating that he was currently serving as the Executive Director of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority, and the Treasurer of the National Fire Protection Associations' Board of Directors. He was the first fire chief for Alameda County, was a longtime Fire Chief for the City of San Leandro, implemented hazmat, paramedic and water rescue programs. He was also the immediate and past president of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board