

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF BOARD MEMBERS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

December 7, 2010

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison Committee (11/8/10) (Siden)

Attendees:

EBMUD

Board Members: Bill Patterson

Staff: Dennis M. Diemer, General Manager; Cheryl A. Farr, Special Assistant to the General Manager; Xavier Irias, Director of Engineering and Construction; Dave Williams, Director of Wastewater; Linda Hu, Senior Engineer; Michelle Blackwell Community Affairs Representative; Casey LeBlanc, Associate Civil Engineer

EBRPD

Board Members: Doug Siden, Beverly Lane, John Sutter

Staff: Pat O'Brien, General Manager; Rosemary Cameron, AGM, Public Affairs; Mike Anderson, Assistant General Manager of Planning, Stewardship & Development; Jeff Wilson, Chief of Operations; Carol Johnson, Community Relations Manager

Guests: None

EBRPD President Doug Siden called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. at the East Bay Regional Park District's Board Room.

I. Indian Valley (Bruzzone Property)

EBMUD General Manager Dennis Diemer described recent investigations into purchasing property in Indian Valley (in the Upper San Leandro Reservoir Watershed west of Moraga and north of Canyon Road). The property is an important site to both districts due to its location within the open space and adjacency to the reservoir. Mr. Diemer said a preliminary estimate valued the property at more than \$1 million based on its land use designation. No funds are available to purchase the property and the Bruzzone family, which owns the site, has expressed

no interest in selling the property. Staff of EBMUD and EBRPD will continue to communicate regarding potential purchase opportunities.

2. Schapiro Reservoir

EBMUD Associate Civil Engineer Casey LeBlanc reported on work underway to replace Schapiro Reservoir, which is next to Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. The large embankment reservoir will be replaced with a smaller partially-buried tank. A small portion of Wildcat Canyon Regional Park adjacent to the site will be used for staging during construction. In response to a question about landslide issues in the area, Mr. LeBlanc noted that the site has been monitored since the 1960s and there have been no issues. The smaller footprint of the new tank will further reduce concerns about land movement. Demolition of the existing reservoir is planned for December 2010 to January 2011. Construction will be completed in early 2012. The reservoir site will be landscaped with California-native plants using a landscape design prepared in coordination with EBRPD and reviewed by local residents. Regular updates on the construction work and related trail access will be sent to local residents and EBRPD via email.

3. Pinole Valley Mitigation Bank and Oursan Ridge Conservation Bank

Mr. Diemer provided an update on work to create mitigation and conservation banks on EBMUD property in the Pinole Valley. As an initial step, EBMUD plans to establish a small conservation bank on 370 acres. The Oursan Ridge Conservation Bank will establish California red-legged frog and Alameda whipsnake credits, and revenues from this bank will fund development of the larger bank. EBMUD submitted the final prospectus for this project to resource agencies in May 2010 and anticipates receiving all comments by December 2010. EBMUD will address comments and move forward with steps necessary to establish the initial bank.

When developed, the Pinole Valley Mitigation Bank will preserve approximately 3,000 more acres as open space while generating revenue through sales of mitigation credits for Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog, wetlands, oak woodland, and steelhead. The mitigation credits can be used by EBMUD directly, or sold to public agencies or private entities to mitigate for environmental impacts of their projects within the bank service area.

4. Gateway Shoreline Park Update

EBRPD AGM of Planning, Stewardship and Development Mike Anderson provided an update on planning for a shoreline park that CALTRANS is required to complete as mitigation for the new Bay Bridge eastern span. He said the preferred alternative focuses on a 275-acre area that begins at the foot of the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge and extends east under the Highway 880 connector and south along Maritime Street. The estimated construction cost is \$670 million. No funds for operating the facilities have been identified.

Mr. Anderson said EBRPD's chief concerns relate to plans for the 15 acres near the landing of the new bridge, which EBRPD views as a good location for a passive park and also believes

should provide staging facilities for people who want to access the bridge's planned walkway. The preferred plan proposes an active park at this location with a level of development far beyond the operational commitment anticipated by EBRPD. EBRPD is willing to fund the costs of operating a passive park in this area but any costs for operation and maintenance that would exceed that amount would have to be provided from a stable funding source that is from non-Park District revenue. An issue distinct from funding the costs of operation is whether EBRPD would support this level of intense development on its property.

Mr. Diemer recapped EBMUD's concerns. These include:

- Ensuring that new land uses in the area accept the aesthetic realities of the wastewater treatment facilities that serve 640,000 East Bay residents and businesses and will be expanded over time to meet public safety needs and to ensure Bay protection.
- Protecting EBMUD's outfall, a partially-buried 90 inch pipe that runs through the park property and submarines at the point after sampling and dechlorination at facilities located there. The pipe is relatively early in its life cycle and EBMUD has no plans to replace it for 50-100 years. The outfall requires protection because it is in shallow ground.
- Ensuring operational access and security for wastewater facilities that exist in the park's footprint and vicinity. EBMUD's routine daily work includes taking samples at various locations along the outfall, and delivering chemicals to the point every three days. EBMUD's wastewater treatment facility also houses chemicals that must be kept secure from public access per federal regulations.

In conclusion, Mr. Anderson noted that next steps will be to gain stakeholder concurrence on a plan, form a joint-powers authority and establish a lead agency for the purpose of applying for funding in the 2011 transportation funding cycle. Due to the use of the site for staging bridge construction work, the earliest anticipated timeframe for any facilities being constructed is 2015-2016. Many complexities remain to be addressed to coordinate among major landowners in the area and interested parties and to identify funding for new facilities.

5. EBMUD Recycled Water Program Update

EBMUD Senior Engineer Linda Hu described EBMUD's recycled water program. EBMUD currently provides an average of 9 million gallons a day (mgd) of recycled water to customers. EBMUD's long-range plan identifies potential future projects and three of the potential future projects include irrigation of EBRPD sites: Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline, Eastshore State Park, and Anthony Chabot Regional Park. Ms. Hu noted that recycled water projects are costly to implement so funding assistance will need to be identified and secured to implement these projects. EBMUD will be seeking appropriate federal, state, local, and private funding sources to implement future recycled water opportunities and will continue to update the EBRPD on its long-range plans for water recycling.

Mr. Anderson reported that Oyster Bay's bridge was constructed with the ability to carry a recycled water pipeline in the future. He said that EBRPD is configuring the park using fill, and that work should be done in about five years.

6. Invasive Mussel Prevention Program/Quagga Mussel Inspections Update

EBRPD Chief of Operations Jeff Wilson summarized EBRPD's ongoing program to inspect boats at DelValle, Contra Loma, Lake Chabot and Quarry Lakes. He discussed funding for the program, the reciprocal banding program between the cooperating agencies in the area, and the expectation that the work will continue in the same manner for the foreseeable future. Mr. Diemer added that about 1% of all boats inspected are prohibited from launching on EBMUD reservoirs, mostly due to water or moisture in hull, motor, etc.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Next Meeting

Board members commended the staffs of both agencies for informative presentations and thanked retiring General Managers O'Brien and Diemer for their efforts over the years to strengthen and maintain relationships between the two districts. The Committee agreed to schedule its next meeting in the spring. Director Lane requested that the next agenda include an update from EBMUD on the Coast to Crest Trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm by Director Siden.