

The Board Meeting, which was held on October 19, 2010 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by Board President Doug Siden.

ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: None.

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the Board Meeting Closed Session Agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Board President Doug Siden.

Staff Present Included: Pat O'Brien, Ted Radosevich, Bob Doyle, Carol Victor, Dave Collins, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Mike Anderson, Jeff Rasmussen, Nancy Wenninger, Jeff Wilson, Carol Johnson, Diane Althoff, Jim Townsend, Erich Pfuehler, Emma Koh

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Severin, the Board voted to unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Sutter and seconded by Director Radke, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of C-1-b, which was voted on separately.

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

Directors Absent: None.

- C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of September 20, 2010 Through October 3, 2010
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 265 (attached)
- C-I-c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Board Member Doug Siden to Attend the 5th National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, Galveston, TX, November 13 – 17, 2010
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 266 (attached)
- C-I-d. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Board Member Whitney Dotson to Attend the 20th American Trails National Symposium, Chattanooga, TN, November 14 – 17, 2010
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 267 (attached)
- C-I-e. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 268 (attached)
- C-I-f. Authorization to Enter into an Operating Agreement with the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) for Seventy Five Public Safety Radio Units and to Transfer Funds
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 269 (attached)

Police Chief Tim Anderson explained that 32 member agencies have already signed on, with 4 agencies, which includes the District, still waiting for approval. He added that this item, if approved, finalizes the District's participation and that the radios will be used as secondary or mutual-aid radios for interagency operability.

- C-I-g. Resolution to Reject All Bids Received for Concrete Debris Removal:
Bay Point Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 270 (attached)

Director Sutter asked what caused staff to recommend the rejection of all bids received. Assistant District Counsel Carol Victor explained the irregularities in the bid process and stated that staff would change the bid specifications to better clarify the scope of work. All of the bidders would have an opportunity to rebid project.

- C-I-h. Authorization to Amend the Existing Consulting Contract with Wildlife Science Consulting for Monitoring of the Landslide Repairs at East Ridge Trail Near Skyline Gate: Redwood Regional Park
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 271 (attached)
- C-I-i. Authorization to Augment the Construction Contingency for Landslide Repairs at East Ridge Trail Near Skyline Gate: Redwood Regional Park
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 272 (attached)

C-1-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meetings of September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2010

Item C-1-b was voted on separately to reflect the absence of certain Board members at specific meetings:

- Moved by Director Lane, and seconded by Director Severin, the minutes for the September 7, 2010 Board meeting were approved unanimously

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

Directors Absent: None.

- Moved by Director Radke, and seconded by Director Sutter, the minutes for the September 21, 2010 Board meeting was approved unanimously

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Abstaining: Carol Severin, Doug Siden

Directors Absent: None.

- Moved by Director Radke, and seconded by Director Sutter, the minutes for the September 21, 2010 Board meeting was approved unanimously

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Abstaining: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin.

Directors Absent: None.

2. LAND DIVISION

- C-2-a. Authorization to Enter into Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and to Transfer Funds for 798± Acres of Real Property from Reesa Vogt, et al., in Partnership with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 273 (attached)

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

Bob Doyle, Asst. General Manager for Land Acquisition, presented a slide show, stating that the property is located in an area between the Clayton Ranch land bank and the existing Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, and is also within the Mount Diablo coal mining district. He also clarified that staff will be re-submitting a new resolution due to a change in the option payments: the District will be providing an initial option payment of \$50,000, with a second payment of \$600,000. Today's requested Board's action will fund the District's portion of the acquisition, while the majority of the funds required will be provided by the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (ECCCHCP).

AGM Doyle enumerated the funding for the acquisition:

East Contra Costa County HCP	\$	2,302,600
EBRPD/Measure WW		<u>650,000</u>
Appraised Fair Market Value	\$	2,952,000

AGM Doyle added that the HCP has a commitment to funding the maintenance and habitat improvement costs, while the District will be responsible for the costs to provide recreation. These funds are separate from the acquisition funding, and will be considered only after a management plan is developed.

Director Radke commented that this item is another example of the great partnership the District has with the Conservancy.

The Board also unanimously expressed its appreciation, as well as to Director Radke for his participation in HCP meetings spanning several years.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

C-3-a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Pat O'Brien announced that the Department of Transportation has informed the District's Congressional delegation that the District, through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (Tiger II) program, has been awarded a federal grant of \$10.2 million for its Green Transportation Initiative. GM O'Brien also stated that the District's application was selected from 700 applications, and is one of only four grants awarded in California.

GM O'Brien also confirmed that a ceremony announcing this award will be held at noon tomorrow at the Hacienda Business Park area and will be hosted by Cong. Jerry McNerney.

The Board congratulated staff in its successful efforts in securing funds from the Department of Transportation's Tiger II Grant program, which, at \$10.2 million, is the largest single grant received in the history of the District.

He also discussed the other item listed on the staff report regarding the City of Fremont Planning Commission's recommendation for the approval of the Patterson Ranch project, which provides 308 acres of permanent open space at the entrance of Coyote Hills Regional Park.

Director Radke left the meeting at 2:50 pm.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Carol Johnson, Community Relations Manager and Acting AGM for Public Affairs, gave a presentation on the District's program providing "Communication to Diverse Audiences" and discussed the strategy: Translations, Development of Ethnic Media Relationships, Connection to the Disabled Community and Future Plans.

Ms. Johnson illustrated how the District's website currently includes a tool to translate the Regional In Nature (RIN) program guide to different languages, such as Spanish, Chinese, Persian, etc. using Google Translations. In print, is also available in Spanish.

She also stated that staff hosted a luncheon for 20 ethnic media executives (African-American, Vietnamese, Chinese, Hispanic, Korean, Indian), adding that there currently is a partnership with New America Media and Univision.

As an indication of the District's increasing outreach, Ms. Johnson stated that RIN inserts will be increasing from 27 newspapers with 9 ethnic focus in 2010 to 36 newspapers with 15 ethnic focus in 2011. Ethnic newspapers involved include Sing Tao Daily, World Journal, India West, Alianzanews.com, Vision Hispanica, Oakland Post News Group, and Globe. To augment ADA-related communication, the District also hired Bob Coomber to write about "accessible hikes". Future plans include the sponsorship of and participation in ethnic cultural fairs and festivals, follow trends in cultural interest for media story ideas, and the recruitment of multi-language speakers in conjunction with the District Ambassador program, wherein currently 25% are bi-lingual.

Police Chief Tim Anderson, AGM for Public Safety, provided a brief overview of the Urban Shield exercises held from October 16 – 18, 2010, in which District Public Safety Officers participated in.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

President Siden announced that the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Denial of the Claim of Ciera Gray-Hart (Daughter of Deceased Christopher Gray)
Resolution No. 2010 – 10 - 264 (attached)

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

Directors Absent: None.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee (9-23-10) (Lane for Siden)
- b. Legislative Committee (7-16-10) (Radke)

7. BOARD COMMENTS

President Siden appointed Board members Whitney Dotson and Ted Radke to serve with him as the Nominating Committee that will determine the nominees for Board Officers for 2011, noting that they will meet and announce their nominees at the next Board meeting on November 2, 2010.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Schroder/Treat Overcrossing bridge dedication;
- Attended the Cambridge Park dedication in Concord, wherein Measure WW local grant funds were used;
- Visited several District parks;
- Commented that the newest edition of RIN had excellent formatting;
- Spoke before the Concord Rotary club;
- Spoke at the recent Stewardship Seminar at the Trudeau Center, and commented on the discussion on increasing raptor deaths at wind farm areas;
- Attended the CCSDA meeting on behalf of Director Radke;
- Suggested that when maintenance activities and issues are examined, that staff look at what and how these can be done in the most efficient way possible. As an example, she cited that vehicle maintenance, such as oil changes, be done such that it need not be driven to a far location;

- Suggested that staff examine how regular Board field trips to land bank areas can be scheduled for the Board next year;
- Missed the recent Board field trip to attend the

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the CSDA conference in Southern California where she attended several education sessions, and felt that the District is leading in use of Social Media;
- Attended the International Public Managers Association-Human Resources conference in Seattle wherein the District received the Agency Award for its Internship Program;
- Attended the annual Safety Fair at Little Hills;
- Attended the Garin Apple Festival;
- Attended the recent Board field trip to Doolan Canyon;
- Thanked District staff for the George Roeding Picnic site dedication at Quarry Lakes;

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Workforce Diversity Committee meeting;
- Attended the press conference on vegetation removal on Wildcat Creek by the Army Corp of Engineers, which was also attended by Congressman John Garamendi and Supervisor John Gioia;
- Went on a tour with the Regional Parks Association, wherein there was a discussion of Alvarado Park and the process followed for improvements at the area;
- Attended a community shoreline picnic at Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Board field trip to Doolan Canyon;
- Attended a Zone 7 as well as a LAFCO meeting;
- Met with 2 Fremont City Council members;
- Attended the Tri-Valley Conservancy event;
- Attended the George Roeding Picnic dedication at Quarry Lakes;
- Will attend the Employee Service Awards on October 22;
- Thanked District Design staff in getting car barn project at Ardenwood moving forward.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Alameda City Council meeting with Design Chief Diane Althoff to show District plans for dredging and replenishment of sand at Crown Beach;
- Attended the Workforce Diversity Committee meeting;
- Attended the Eden Area League of Women Voters candidates forum for the HARD Board;
- Will attend the Employee Service Awards on October 22;

Director Siden left the meeting at 4:05 pm

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the recent Board field trip to Doolan Canyon and SF PUC area;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Emeryville;
- Attended the Stewardship Seminar at the Trudeau Center, and was impressed at the quality of research done by District Stewardship staff;
- Visited the slide repair at Redwood Regional Park.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned by Vice President Lane at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Visitors Log, Resolution Nos. 2010 – 10 – 264 to 2010 - 10 – 273
Board Committee Reports