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## BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Thursday, January 28, 2010**  
**12:45 p.m., Board Room**

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website ([www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)), the Headquarters reception desk, and at the meeting.

### AGENDA

STATUS	TIME	ITEM	STAFF
<b><u>Joint Board Executive Committee/Regional Parks Foundation Meeting</u></b>			
I	12:45	1. Review of Regional Parks Foundation Support for 2009 and Fundraising Goals for 2010	Cameron
<b><u>Board Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>			
I	1:30	2. Community Relations Plan for 2010	Cameron/Johnson
R	2:00	3. Quarry Lakes Picnic Site Development and Recommendation to Name Picnic Site "Lampert Knoll"	Bondurant/Wiese
		4. Public Comments	

- (R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
- (I) Information
- (D) Discussion

Executive Committee Members:  
 Doug Siden, Chair; Ted Radke; Beverly Lane  
 Carol Severin, Alternate  
 Pat O'Brien, Staff Coordinator

Future Meetings:  
 Feb. 25 July 22  
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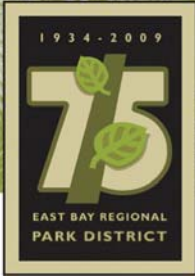
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**DATE:** January 22, 2010

**TO:** Board Executive Committee

**FROM:** Pat O'Brien, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Background Information for the January 28, 2010  
Joint Board Executive Committee/Regional Parks Foundation Meeting

**ITEM I:** **Review of Regional Parks Foundation Support for 2009 and Fundraising Goals for 2010**

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Rosemary Cameron, AGM for Public Affairs, and Jay Gilson, Regional Parks Foundation Board President, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

#### BACKGROUND

This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> year in which the Executive Committees of the East Bay Regional Park District and the Regional Parks Foundation have met jointly. As this year's joint meeting is being held in January, members of the Regional Parks Foundation Executive Committee for 2009 and 2010 have been invited to participate to highlight the Foundation's overall fundraising and program support for 2009, as well as present the Foundation's proposed fundraising goals for 2010.

As in past years, a PowerPoint presentation will be made by Mr. Gilson to illustrate in more detail the Foundation's key 2009 achievements including overall fundraising support provided to the Park District.

Since the Foundation's 2009 financial books have not yet been closed, the following figures represent staff's best estimates for Foundation support directly to, or on behalf of, the Park District during 2009:

<b>Regional Parks Foundation Support</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administrative Salary Funding Support	\$200,000
Membership Fees for Park Access	103,000
Youth Scholarships for EBRPD Recreation Programs	58,000
Total revenue to EBRPD	<u>\$361,000</u>
Park Supplies, Services & Equipment Paid by RPF	\$457,700
*Youth Scholarships Paid to Other Organizations	138,100
RPF Fundraising & Administrative Expenses	263,000
Total RPF Indirect Support of EBRPD	<u>\$858,800</u>
<b>Total RPF Support Directly to, or on Behalf of EBRPD</b>	<b>\$1,219,800</b>

*\* Funding provided for low-income school classrooms to attend Camp Arroyo & at-risk youth participation in summer day camping programs conducted by non-profits in EBRPD parks.*

Enclosed for the Committee's information and review is a draft of the Regional Parks Foundation's fundraising goals for 2010 (Exhibit A). Staff prepared these draft fundraising goals which were reviewed at the November 2009 Foundation Board workshop. The Foundation's Board is pleased to provide these draft goals to Park District's Executive Committee for review and comment.

RECOMMENDATION

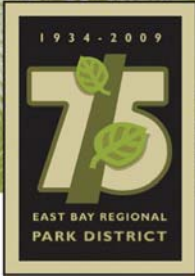
None. This agenda item is informational only.



**REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION**  
Proposed Fundraising Goals 2010

**EXHIBIT A**

<b>FOUNDATION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>2009 GOAL</b>	<b>2010 PROPOSED GOAL</b>
<b>CAMPERSHIP</b>		
▪ Summer day camping	\$160,000	\$160,000
▪ Family camping		
▪ Sunshine scholarships		
▪ Camp Arroyo		
▪ Parks Express		
▪ Special kids Fishing Derbies		
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		
▪ Membership	\$550,000	\$475,000
<b>ANNUAL FUND</b>		
▪ Unrestricted gifts	\$300,000	\$145,000
▪ Vehicle donations		
▪ Signature Event		\$155,000
<b>PLANNED GIVING</b>		
▪ Educational seminar(s)	Open	-
▪ Information publications		
▪ Check-off information option on all direct mail		
▪ Special event/donor club		
<b>FUNDS FOR PARKS</b>		
▪ Support for individual parks, trails and visitor centers	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT</b>		
▪ Caspian Tern Habitat enhancement and outreach at Brooks Island	\$25,000	\$25,000
▪ Grassland management of reptile populations		
▪ Least Tern habitat enhancement		
▪ Birds and wildlife habitat enhancement & public involvement at Quarry Lakes		
▪ Habitat Helpers: Burrowing Owl Buddies		
▪ Black Rail Habitat Restoration: Pt. Pinole		
<b>ENDOWMENT</b>		
▪ Donor option on all appeals	-	\$100,000
▪ Board giving		
<b>SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>		
▪ Tilden Carousel Restoration	-	-
▪ None identified for 2010		
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING GOAL</b>	<b>\$1,185,500</b>	<b>\$1,210,000</b>



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**ITEM 2: Community Relations Plan for 2010**

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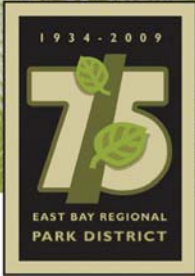
Carol Johnson, Community Relations Manager, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

At the meeting, Ms. Johnson will present the District's 2010 Community Relations Plan, which will include continuation of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the joint District/Foundation anniversary event on May 22, public information and outreach assistance with the Master Plan revision process, and a focus on social media.

RECOMMENDATION

None. This agenda item is informational only.



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**ITEM 3:** **New Picnic Site Development at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area and Recommendation to Name New Picnic Site "Lampert Knoll"**

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Julie Bondurant, Senior Park Planner, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

#### BACKGROUND

A. Accept the donation of funds from the Lampert Family to construct a new picnic site at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area

Family and friends of Art Lampert would like to fund the construction of a picnic reservation site. Their proposed donation of \$10,000 to the Regional Parks Foundation would cover the cost of a barbeque, six tables, and three Redwood trees at the crest of the Orchard picnic area overlooking Horseshoe Lake at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. (See Exhibit B for site location and photos of the site and Exhibit C for a Preliminary Cost Estimate) They are also proposing to name the designated area "Lampert Knoll" in recognition of Mr. Lampert's significant connections with Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area and the surrounding area. Park staff has determined that an additional picnic site would be a park asset that would benefit visitors. There has been no other formal recognition of Mr. Lampert's accomplishments; therefore, this project would not be redundant.

B. Recommendation to name new picnic site "Lampert Knoll" after Art Lampert

Mr. Lampert's vision and leadership are demonstrated, as noted below, by substantial contributions of service he made to the Park District and the larger Bay Area community.

During the 1960s, Mr. Lampert was one of the leading advocates for providing parks, open space, and trails in Southern Alameda County. During this time Mr. Lampert:

- Served as Chair of the Fremont Citizen's Advisory Committee on Trails. This group mapped hiking, biking, and horse trails for the new city, working with the

various agencies (including the Park District and Colonel Roberts, Commanding Officer for the US Army Corps of Engineers) to realize trails along the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel.

- Served as the Chair of the Fremont Quarry Study Committee that foresaw today's Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area, which was jointly acquired by the Park District and Alameda County Water District between 1975 and 1992 for both recreation and groundwater recharge purposes.
- Worked closely with the Park District to develop trail systems at Coyote Hills Regional Park, Mission Peak Regional Preserve, and Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area (formerly Alameda Creek Quarries).
- Was a very active and helpful board member of the organization *People for Open Space* (formerly Citizens for Regional Recreation and Parks) (*Director John Sutter*).
- Recruited and organized volunteers from the East Bay to work on the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- Worked to save the California Nursery and preserve it as a Fremont city park.

According to former Assistant General Manager Jerry Kent, "He was an informed and persistent voice urging the District to move forward on all of the above issues. In fact, he was very pushy on the area's trails and Alameda Creek Quarry's wanting them developed and available for public use in the '70s and '80s".

From 1972-1980, Mr. Lampert served as a Councilmember for the City of Fremont. As a City Councilmember and member of the Fremont Recreation Commission, he worked to create the City's Central Park and various community and neighborhood parks. During his tenure on the City Council, Mr. Lampert also served as a leader in the creation of a development/preservation policy for the City's hillside areas. This policy, enacted just prior to the 1980 election, was rescinded by the new City Council and subsequently placed before the voters by initiative. Mr. Lampert was active in collecting signatures and helping to pass the Hillside Measure in 1981.

From 1998-2009, Mr. Lampert served on the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) Board of Directors. During his tenure with ACWD, he became an ardent advocate for the creation and completion of Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. He used his skills as a civil engineer to recommend solutions and his experience in working with the community and with governmental organizations to bring all the interests together to create Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area.

He was an ACWD Boardmember when Park District staff, Diane Altoff, presented the final Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area Development Plan to the ACWD Board of Directors in 2000 for their approval. The agreement that came out of the Park District/ACWD negotiations resulted in ACWD paying for the entire two million dollars worth of grading costs rendering Quarry Lakes ready for underground water storage and safe for park development, thereby allowing the Park District to use its funds for park improvements.

When Mr. Lampert died in 2009 he was still an active Boardmember of the ACWD.

The proposal and background information were provided by the family of Art Lampert (See Exhibit D) and submitted to the Planning Department through Elias Hernandez, Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area Supervisor, and Warren Schultz, Lakes Unit Manager. It has been collaborated on by Director John Sutter; Pat O'Brien, General Manager; and Jerry Kent, former Assistant General Manager.

In light of these significant connections with Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area and the surrounding area's parks and trails (including Alameda Creek Trail, Mission Peak Regional Preserve, and Coyote Hills Regional Park), staff has determined that naming a new picnic area after Art Lampert is appropriate according to the Park District's Naming Policy.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board Executive Committee consider the proposed development and naming of one new picnic area at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area as "Lampert Knoll" under the Naming Policy. The Board Executive Committee is requested to forward a recommendation of the proposed name to the PAC and Board of Directors for consideration under the Naming Policy. (See Exhibit A)



**East Bay Regional Park District  
Naming Policy  
Resolution No. 2004-04-73 (4/20/04)**

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors is responsible for the naming and renaming of Regional Parks<sup>1</sup>, trails, features, areas, and facilities. Proposals for naming and/or renaming may come from any source including Board members, staff, volunteers, organizations and individuals.

The procedure for the naming of a Regional Parks, trails, features, areas and facilities began with the District's establishment in 1934. Naming is a way to remember shared history, to identify local natural resources and to honor individuals. Naming is also a useful way to help park users interpret parkland resources and to orient themselves while visiting the Regional Parks.

Recognition naming after persons living or deceased may be allowed in special cases. The District's preference is to express appreciation for contributions through awards, events, tributes, publicity, commemorative items, mementos and letters of appreciation. The number of features and facilities within EBRPD that may be named is finite. The decision not to accept a naming proposal does not diminish the significance of public service or the gratitude of the District to those who have contributed service or monetary donations.

**Naming Policy**

***Regional Parks, trails, features, areas and facilities will be named after natural features such as plant and animal life, geographic, topographic or paleontological features, or for cultural features such as archaeological and historic artifacts, historic persons, families or events. Existing historically related names shall be respected.***

***Naming in recognition of persons living or deceased may be allowed only in special cases, and will be considered for substantial or outstanding contributions of service, property or funds to the public good of the East Bay Regional Park District, East Bay Region, Bay Area, State, or Nation. The East Bay Regional Park District is not a venue for corporate or personal advertising. Corporate names will not be considered for Regional Parks or significant geographic features, but in special cases, may be considered for facility or area names.***

***Staff will maintain guidelines which will include more specific criteria for eligibility and procedure. The EBRPD Board of Directors always maintains flexibility interpreting the policy, and shall have final authority to name parkland features and facilities as it deems appropriate.***

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<sup>1</sup> All parkland classifications including Regional Trails

Proposed Site of "Lampert Knoll" Reservation Picnic Site



## Preliminary Cost Estimate for the Proposed "Lampert Knoll" Reservation Picnic Site

### Tables (Vendor is Outdoor Creations Inc.)

Standard (4)	\$3,200.00
ADA (2)	\$1,680.00
Group BBQ Pit	\$2,425.00
Tax and Freight	<u>\$1,118.31</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,423.31</b>

### Trees

Redwood Trees-

15 gal. (3) @ \$50.00 ea.

**SUBTOTAL: \$150.00**

### Miscellaneous Expenses

Forklift Rental \$400.00

Gravel \$100.00

**SUBTOTAL: \$500.00**

**TOTAL COST: \$9,073.31\***

\*Labor to be provided by Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area staff

## Lampert Family Proposal for Developing a Reservation Picnic Site and Naming

The family and friends of Art Lampert would like to fund the construction of a picnic section, including a barbeque, tables, and trees, at the crest of the Orchard picnic area overlooking Horseshoe Lake at Quarry Lakes Park. We would like the area to be designated "Lampert Knoll" in recognition of Art's many contributions to our region and directly to Quarry Lakes Park.

Art grew up in the Bronx in New York and was not able to enjoy the beauty of nature on a regular basis. Art's mission in life was to preserve open space and create infrastructure so everybody can enjoy the outdoors.

Art was a civil engineer and, as such, was always driven to seek a solution to problems. He was analytical, but still a dreamer. He lived his life by two basic precepts:

- Much can be accomplished when no one claims credit for the accomplishments.
- We should always work to make our world, and our environs, better for those who follow us.

We understand the District has a Naming Policy and we believe our request conforms to that policy. According to that policy, there are three criteria which must be met. We would like to speak specifically to these criteria:

**1. Did the individual's contribution provide a major benefit to the District, or on a local, regional, state or national scale?**

Art's contributions to the community include:

- Chair of the Fremont Citizen's Advisory Committee on Trails in the 1960's. This group mapped hiking, biking, and horse trails for the new city, working with the various agencies and planting the seeds for the Park District to get involved in the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel, Quarry Lakes, and Mission Peak. These trails today, are a quiet testament to Art Lampert.
- Art contacted Colonel Roberts, Commanding Officer for the US Army Corps of Engineers, and convinced him of the benefits of creating the Alameda Creek Trail as an amenity of the flood control project. The Corps had never before, anywhere in the country, created such a project and Colonel Roberts was convinced by Art.
- Art was the Chair of the Fremont Quarry Study Committee which foresaw today's Quarry Lakes Park and caused it to be preserved, again a quiet testament to Art.
- Art was contacted by Art Ogilvie, a Santa Clara County planner, who had the idea of creating the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Art Lampert recruited and organized volunteers from the East Bay to work on this project. Today, the refuge presents another quiet testament to Art Lampert's efforts.
- Art worked to save the California Nursery and preserve it as a city park; he worked to help create Fremont's Central Park and various community and neighborhood parks. He did this as a member of the Fremont Recreation Commission and as a Fremont City Councilmember. Art's impact on the park systems in Fremont serves as another quiet testament to Art Lampert.
- He was the leader in the idea of annexing Fremont and Newark to the AC Transit District to provide a bus system for the residents of the two cities. These buses today provide yet another quiet testament to Art's efforts.
- Art was a leader on the council in providing a development policy for Fremont's hills. This policy, enacted just prior to the 1980 election was rescinded by the new city council and subsequently placed before the voters by initiative. Art was active in collecting signatures and helping to pass the measure in 1981, providing another quiet testament to Art Lampert.

- When he was elected to the board of the Alameda County Water District, he became an ardent advocate for the creation and completion of Quarry Lakes Regional Park, using his skills as a civil engineer to recommend solutions and his skills dealing with the community and with governmental organizations to bring all the interests together to create this wonderful amenity. Quarry Lakes is another testament to Art's interest, abilities and efforts.

Taken individually, each one of the above accomplishments is noteworthy. Together they are a testament to a unique leader that contributed much to our community.

**2. Is the benefit sufficiently enduring so as to be apparent to future generations?**

Each of the accomplishments listed above shall provide benefits to the citizens of the East Bay for generations. For years to come, one can imagine a family experiencing the natural world, perhaps by hiking the trails of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge or by riding their bikes on the Alameda Creek Trail. Children will continue to play in the parks and experience the natural world at Quarry Lakes. People of the community will ride the AC Transit buses. And when the clouds clear on rainy days, generations will continue to enjoy the splendor of Mission Peak.

We seek no grand or great recognition, just a simple naming of a simple family picnic facility in a park which Art had such an influence upon. Naming the picnic area "Lampert Knoll" will provide a very small remembrance of Art which might cause future generations to research Art Lampert and discover his influence on the world in which they live, albeit the refuge, the creek trail, the Fremont park system, the hills of Fremont, Quarry Lakes, or any of the other elements of our community. Art believed part of the California coast, San Francisco Bay, and parklands belong to people, rich and poor, to enjoy and experience.

**3. Has the nominee already been substantially honored with recognition naming in other places...which would make this proposal redundant?**

There has been no other formal recognition of Art's accomplishments, so this simple project would not be redundant. In fact, if left to Art, there would be no recognition at all. This small effort would provide recognition for Art's family and friends of his contribution to our community and our world. We ask your approval of this small request.

Not a single one of these projects was done by Art alone. They were successful because a many people, like Art, were passionate about making their community to be a better place to live and raise a family. Through Art's vision and leadership, a great a body of work was accomplished during his life. We ask your approval of this small request in recognition of over 50 years of hard work and passion.

## Comments.

Here are a few of the wonderful things people are saying about Art. We are quoting some people, and didn't ask specific permission, so we aren't sharing some of the names.

*"We always held Art in such high regard and held him up as the best EVER role model for a Council person's behavior. I remember a night that made a big impression on me and that I attempted to model when I was on the council, years later. It was an evening when the chamber was packed with the most speakers passionately supporting a certain action (I can't recall the issue). When it came time to speak, council when on and on, in their comments, not all of them pertinent to the issue at hand. Art took the time to recognize the issues raised, both the pros and cons, and carefully explained his reasons for voting the way he felt he must, which was not the way most in the audience wished him to. No one felt unheard, in fact, the audience knew they had been heard. Having seen so many politicians sway with the wind, that moment, has remained an example of how a politician of character can live his/her convictions. You and Fremont have lost a rare treasure."*

*"I truly enjoyed working with Art when he was working with the State Treasurer. We argued and I think we BOTH had a GREAT time of it! He was a good, honest person and I always enjoyed his company."*

*"He was a fine neighbor and friend of so many. We will miss seeing him out walking the dog in our neighborhood and chatting together."*

*"He was a jolly soul who always greeted me with such kindness and never forgot the details of our last conversation, even if it was ONE year prior!"*

*"It was just a few weeks ago that I bumped into Art at Safeway, and we stood and chatted for a while about civic issues in the City. I always found him so interesting to talk to, and of course, so knowledgeable. He was a great asset to our City and was so dedicated to the community".*

*"Art was so much in the community – such a smart man and so ethical... At every election, I remember the advice he gave at a candidates night years ago , about looking at whether the candidate does their homework, studies the issues, and agenda, before every meeting. We always enjoyed a visit with him at the symphony and other community events. We'll always appreciate his service to our community."*

*"I was so sad to hear of Art's death. He was a beacon of intense intelligence and integrity for us."*

### **Gus Morrison former Mayor of Fremont said:**

*In our 53 year history, only 41 people have served on our city council, 38 elected and 3 appointed to fill vacant terms. 2009 has been a tough year so far. We have lost two former councilmembers, Art and Tony Azevedo, and we lost our first City Manager, Bob Coop. All contributed a great deal to what we are today and I mourn their passing.*

*Art Lampert was the 17th person ever to serve on the city council of Fremont. His campaign in 1972 was the first city council campaign in which I was involved. That was the year that there was a great fear that the council would swing toward a more developer friendly council and Art was running for that seat to keep the council directed toward a more moderate path.*

*I observed his service and I had the privilege of serving with him for his last two years on council. Art set the standard for being prepared for council meetings. He always understood the issues and the facts better than anyone on council and he was never afraid to ask the tough questions of applicants or staff.*

*I was pleased to read his ballot statement in the article above because there is so much in it that he actually did.*

*"The quality of our life (in) Fremont can be enhanced by preserving our attractive hills,"*

*Art was for preserving the hills eight years before the hill initiative started. While he was on council, the Hill Study Committee was formed and they drafted a thoughtful, complete set of ordinances to protect the hills. After he left office, the new council overturned all of them forcing the initiative process. Art later helped with the initiative.*

*"by leaving our portion of San Francisco Bay relatively untouched while providing access to it for people to see it and enjoy it;"*

*Art was a member of the citizen's group which originally established the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.*

*"by providing sufficient parks and recreational facilities so people can enjoy their leisure time here in our City;"*

*Art was most proud of our park system, both the city system and the work done with East Bay Regional Park District to establish both Ardenwood Farm Park and Coyote Hills.*

*"by providing a public transportation system at a reasonable cost, that gives mobility to our teenagers and to our older citizens;"*

*Art was a leader in the annexation of Fremont and Newark to the AC Transit District in 1974 when Measure J was passed for us to have a new, innovative transit system, Dial-a-Ride. While AC Transit did not continue that system, they still serve us and provide bus service for those who need it.*

*" And the City Council should make the membership of the City Commissions more representative by interviewing all people who are interested in serving on these commissions before making any decisions."*

*Art was responsible for the application process for commissions and boards. Before him, there was no formal process and the Mayor would simply place a name in nomination at the council meeting, with no advance notice for the council. Art fixed that.*

*There are many other things, but he was a man who did what he said he would do, who stood up for all of us and for the future of Fremont, and who never wavered from his end goal, as he closes his ballot statement "...a more excellent city."*

*Leo Rosten wrote, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. The purpose of life is to matter, to have it make some difference that you lived at all. Happiness, in the ancient, noble sense, is given to those who use to the fullest whatever gifts or talents God or luck or fate bestowed upon them." By that measure, Art died a happy man and we are all better for his service. I know I am.*

**Paul Piraino, Alameda County Water District said,** “Art had a long and distinguished career as an elected official in the Tri-City Area, including 8 years as a Fremont City Councilman. But I personally think Art enjoyed his ten years as an Alameda County Water District Board member more than any of his other jobs or public offices. There are some things in life that a person appears to be almost born to, both by dint of their personal qualities and life experiences; and such was Art’s case when he was elected to the water board in 1998. Art was a graduate of one of the best engineering schools in the nation, and he had a keen and inquiring mind, honed by his many years as an engineer and administrator.

He brought an unparalleled energy and enthusiasm to his work as a director—he was interested in everything, from the big picture issues of statewide water policy to the minutest item on an audit report, and everything in between! I don’t think it would be an understatement to say that Art loved the water district—he loved the issues, he loved the clarity of our mission and purpose, he loved seeing planned projects come to fruition, he loved making sure that the customers and constituents he represented got the best value for their dollar and the best service possible. John Ruskin has written that “We were not sent into this world to do anything into which we cannot put our heart.” Art truly put his whole heart into his work as a board member. I remember many a time when Art might be at a holiday party or some other function with District staff, and I’d see him come up to an employee, introduce himself, and inevitably ask: “And what do you for the district?” He had a unique way of getting people to talk about themselves - so much so that I’d inevitably get an email a day or two afterward asking me a host of questions about the activity the employee was involved in, wanting to know even more about it, how it worked, how it could be improved, and sometimes even asking why it existed at all. But even when he was a skeptic about something, if you gave him the facts, justified your reasons and appealed to that store of common sense that he had in great supply, Art would come around to become a strong supporter of the idea or project he originally questioned.

He was a person of high integrity who wasn’t afraid to speak his mind or ask the tough questions when he thought it necessary. He was politically astute, but didn’t “play politics”—he always wanted to do the right thing, not the politically expedient thing. Art was also a very gracious gentleman—as quick as he was to ask the tough questions, he was also always just as quick to praise staff for a job well done.

The following two comments that were sent to Sumi by District staff further reinforce these qualities I’ve described:

“Art’s dedication as a steward of the public trust was constant and unswerving. He always demanded the highest standards be met by the District and its staff.”

“Art was such an amazing person with his razor sharp intellect and curiosity. He always had such insightful, great questions to ask. He was such an incredibly strong ratepayer advocate, working to ask the hard questions and making things better. But he was also very good to staff with kind compliments and recognition. I’ll always remember the time he graciously passed on winning a raffle prize at our company Christmas party so that the staff could win it. This is a great loss for the District and the community.”

Above all, Art had an overwhelming desire to serve the community. Albert Schweitzer has said: “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” Being a board member of an agency responsible for water infrastructure, albeit important for maintaining the life and health of the community, probably isn’t the most high profile public office one could seek out (although it gets plenty of attention when something goes wrong, or when there’s a drought). But Art chose to serve in this capacity to the best of his ability, right up to the end. On that basis, I believe that Art died a happy man, and I’m proud to have known him, both as a mentor and as a friend.”



Art Lampert's professional experience included work on freeways, and other bond financed irrigation and water district projects throughout California. For most of his professional life, Art worked with the District Securities Division of the State of California and eventually led as Director, for bond-financed public works projects. He supervised the fiscal and physical affairs of many irrigation, agricultural, and water districts in the State of California.

**In order to help you make your decision to name the area "Lampert Knoll", here is a very short list of community members who may possibly be willing to be interviewed, if you need this sort of information:**

1. Paul Piraino – Alameda County Water District – 510-668-4200
2. Judge Richard Keller – home phone do not release
3. Tom Blalock – BART director - 510-490-7565
4. John Dutra – past City Council, State Assembly 510-657-6871
5. Gus Morrison – past City of Fremont Mayor – 510-657-0546
6. Mayor Bob Wasserman – (510) 284-4011

**Organizations Art was actively involved with:**

1. Director of the Save San Francisco Bay Association
2. Director of the Land Use Institute
3. Director of People for Open Space
4. Persuaded Ohlone College to build an Olympic size 50 meter pool, instead of a 25 yard pool.
5. Member of the Conservation Committee of the Sierra Club
6. Member of the Planning and Conservation League
7. Member of the California Roadside Council
8. Member of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association (SPUR)
9. Member of the Nature Conservancy
10. Member of the Committee for Green Foothills
11. Member of the Regional Parks Association.
12. Committee for Golden Gate National Recreation Area
13. Life member of the Parent Teacher's Association
14. While on the Fremont City Council from 1972 - 1980:
  - a. Changed General Plan for downtown Niles from high density to low density housing

b. Saved the City over \$600,000/year (in the 1970's that was a lot of money) by changing from High Vapor Street lights to High Power Sodium Vapor

c. Started City funding of non-profit social service agencies

d. Started redevelopment in Fremont with Irvington District with Geoff Steele, Don Dillion, Gene Rhodes, Jack Pimentel, Gus Morrison, Leon Mezzetti, and Tony Azevedo

15. Member of the Alameda County Water District Board of Directors from 1998 – 2009. He really loved the Water District and its people, as a continuation of his professional career in California water issues,

**People Art worked with:**

1. Hulet Hornbeck, EBRPD. Hiked and provided ground work for Briones, Mission Peak, Las Trampas, Alameda Creek Trail.
2. Dr. Edgar Wayburn, President, Sierra Club. Worked on Redwoods National and State Park.
3. Dave Brower, President, Sierra Club, and Executive Director of many national organizations. Worked on Dinosaur National Monument and many others.
4. Mr. Roeding, Director for Fremont Area, EBRPD. Art did a tremendous amount of ground work and research. He then sent packets of information for the Vision of Quarry Lakes. Art met with the San Francisco office of PG&E. The material he received from these meetings, included right of ways for possible, future trails, along the power lines, beginning from Mission Peak, and Art also gave to Mr. Roeding the Corp of Engineers informational packets for the Alameda Creek Trail.
5. Multiple California Unified School Districts. Researched and shared information with the Fremont Unified School District for the Vision to create 6th Grade Science Camp.
6. John Sutter, Board of East Bay Regional Park District. Art participated with John in People for Open Space, Save the Bay, and quite a few other organizations.

**Platform Statement of Arthur Lampert as Candidate for Fremont City Council, March 2, 1972**

"I pledge myself to two major goals: enhancing the quality of life in Fremont, and providing a City Government that is more responsive to the needs of our citizens.

The quality of our life in Fremont can be enhanced by preserving our attractive hills, by leaving our portion of San Francisco Bay relatively untouched while providing access to it for people to see it and enjoy it; by providing sufficient parks and recreational facilities so people can enjoy their leisure time here in our City; by providing well-maintained streets with continuous lanes throughout; by providing a public transportation system at a reasonable cost, that gives mobility to our teenagers and to our older citizens; and by meeting our housing needs in a variety of pleasing styles and at prices our citizens can afford, through the encouragement of high-quality housing developments that include public facilities ready for use when the people move into their homes.

Our City Government can be made more responsive to the needs of our people if the City Council holds informational meetings in the different neighborhoods of our city, so Council members can learn about and act on, local problems and desires. The Council should establish a City Goals Committee with broad-based citizen participation to meet at frequent intervals to establish goals for our City and to recommend programs by which our City Council can act to attain these goals. The Council and the City Staff should work more closely with the various volunteer groups who are trying to complete worthwhile projects. And the City Council should make the membership of the City Commissions more representative, by interviewing all people who are interested in serving on these commissions before making any decisions.

I will work for these things to enhance the quality of life in Fremont and to make our City Government more responsive if I am elected to the City Council. Please give me your vote so I can give you a more excellent city." Art Lampert