

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Executive (4/22/10) _____ (Siden)

Present:

Board: Directors Doug Siden (Chair), Beverly Lane, Ted Radke

Staff: Pat O'Brien, Ted Radosevich, Dave Collins, John Escobar, Allen Pulido

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

I. Ardenwood Regional Preserve Management Agreement with the City of Fremont

John Escobar, AGM of Operations, gave a presentation on this item, stating that the District has had an ongoing relationship with the City of Fremont regarding Ardenwood since the 1970's. The proposed agreement will state that the City owns the property while the District runs the farm, handles environmental education, and special events. Currently, a large portion of the site is subleased to an organic farmer. There is a staff of 13-14 people with a budget of \$1.5 million a year. The Patterson House is run by the City; the District has a shorter term, separate agreement regarding that issue.

AGM Escobar explained that the agreement has been in process for about two years since the completion of the LUP in 2007. Staff has worked closely with both the City and its Planning department before the 2007 expiration of the original agreement of the 1980's to ensure that a new LUP was completed, with most of the discussion transpiring during the LUP process than in the renewal of the agreement.

The District proposed a fee title interest in Ardenwood to protect the 25-year long term investment that had already been made; the City's response was the 50-year lease offer that is in the currently proposed lease.

AGM Escobar noted that the District could not offer a 50-year lease to another entity; but that we could accept them from other organizations.

AGM Escobar added that there is an option, with a few years' notice, for the District to get out of the lease, as well as an option to extend the lease for another 49 years at the termination of the 50-year term. He summarized that the agreement was to basically continue the same operation that