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AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

**LOCATION:** Fern Cottage (Map and Directions on reverse)  
Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area  
6351 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante  
**Note: Alternate entrance and directions**

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** **BOARD WORKSHOP**

The Board of Directors and General Manager will meet in Open Session for a discussion regarding future District priorities related to the District's and Board's operations.

- 12:00 p.m. Call to Order, Workshop Procedures, and Opening Comments
- 12:15 p.m. Identify Board Members' Interests - Individual Priorities
- 1:45 p.m. Identify Priorities for Today's Discussion
- 2:00 p.m. Discussion on Identified Priorities
- 3:30 p.m. Recap, Review and Confirm Workshop # 2 Priority Topics
- 3:45 p.m. Public Comment
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment

- o No formal public action will be taken at the workshop; items requiring formal Board action will be referred to subsequent Board Meetings for consideration.
- o In view of space limitations, it is requested that anyone interested in attending notify the Clerk of the Board at (510) 544-2020.

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**Alternate entrance into Kennedy Grove due to main entrance closure! See green route on map below.**

**Alternate directions:** Heading North from Orinda on San Pablo Dam Road, drive past main park entrance on right and continue to the next traffic light, turn right on Castro Ranch Road. At next stop sign, turn right on Hillside Drive. Follow road to the end and proceed through park gate.



EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager  
Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager  
Debra Auker, Assistant General Manager, Finance/Mgt. Services

Subject: February 6, 2017 Board of Directors Workshop #1

The format of this first of five Board Workshops is similar to that of prior years – providing a structured, but informal opportunity for each Board Member to name their interests, discuss them with the full Board, and to identify major issues facing the District in 2017, 2018 and beyond. The Board will identify and select several issues for focus discussion at this meeting, and will discuss options and alternatives to achieving the District’s goals.

This meeting is held in a workshop format to encourage Board member comment and discussion; however, per the requirements of the Brown Act, no formal actions may be taken at this Workshop. Therefore, any items requiring formal Board action will be referred to future Board Meetings for consideration.

At the Workshop, each Board member will be offered an opportunity to verbally outline their interests and suggest discussion topics with the full Board. All Board members’ interests not covered at this workshop will be referred to one of the future 2017 Board workshop meetings, Board Committee meetings or to the General Manager and/or his designee for follow-up.

Please find attached the Summary 2016 Wall Notes from the first two 2016 Board Workshops, with several brief 2017 status updates by staff.

Future workshop packets will provide information on the District’s planning work plan (Mar 8); capital finance and maintenance programs (Apr 17); design and development (May 22); acquisition (Jun 19) and other similar topics. Staff will provide information related to existing multi-year projects in order to evaluate the capacity for new projects. The Board’s discussion of these matters will help update the District’s priorities and guide the preparation of the 2018 District Budget.

Staff is preparing background information for several items that may be discussed at the second, March 8, Workshop including: Planning Department work plan, land use plan schedules, and improvements to park service yards.

**Agenda, Monday February 6, 2017:**

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| 11:30 p.m. | Pre-Workshop Lunch   |  |
| 12:00 p.m. | Call to Order & Workshop Procedures<br>Opening Comments<br>Outline of 2017 Workshops   | President Lane<br>GM Robert Doyle<br>AGM Debra Auker |
| 12:15 p.m. | Identify Board Members' Interests<br>Individual Priorities (10 minutes each)   |  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Break – 15 minutes   |  |
| 1:45 p.m.  | Identify Priorities for Today's Discussion<br>and Disposition of Remaining Issues  |  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Discussion on Identified Priorities - 90 minutes   |  |
| 3:30 p.m.  | Recap, Review and Confirm Workshop # 2 Priority Topics<br>Confirm Wednesday, March 8, 2017 11:30 a.m. Meeting Location<br>Workshop Wrap-up |  |
| 3:45 p.m.  | Public Comment   |  |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Adjournment  |  |

## Discussed at Workshop #1

- **Measure CC Renewal** – General Manager recommended renewal in 2018 followed by Board member discussion, **Renewal planned for 2018. Staff team assembled.**
- **Tesla possible position on State Park** – General Manager provided information
- **Chabot Modernization Project Debrief Discussion** – Board member comments included:
  - Complete debrief of project by staff – **Presentation to Board Jun 7, 2016**
  - Create action plan for next steps – **Presentation to Board Jun 7, 2016**
  - Proceed with interim improvements to facilities – **Budget of \$300,000 approved Oct 4, 2016; sewer line improvements complete using job order contracting**
  - Look for Alternatives:
    - Best access District-wide
    - Police to stay connected to organization
    - Assess use of sub-stations**- Staff recommended new facility be located within 10 miles of HWY 580/680 interchange. Staff toured 4 buildings and 3 vacant properties over past 7 months.**

## Workshop #2

- **Visitor Centers:**-How many, locations, prioritization. Analyze cost vs. benefit. Board members noted interest in the following areas:
  - Crab Cove – **\$198,000 grant authorized to expand Visitor Center and ADA improvements. Design in process.**
  - Del Valle – **\$600,000 included in 2017 Budget for Rocky Ridge Visitor Center remodel**
  - Black Diamond Mines – **\$300,000 included in 2017 Budget for expansion of coal mining tour and exhibits**
  - Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Pavilion – **\$250,000 included in 2017 Budget (and \$200,000 from RPF) for design and construction**
  - Tilden EEC – **Consultant hired to conduct feasibility (remodel or rebuild) study**
  - Coyote Hills – **Studying options**
  - Point Pinole – **Site/location determined – To Executive Committee Aug 5, 2016**
  - Additional Mobile Visitor Center-outreach to school children all grades – **Funding included in 2017 Budget**
- **Land Use Plans**
- **Land bank properties** – status/steps to open
- **Mission Peak Update** – EIR, etc. (to BOD Apr/May 2016) - **To Executive Committee Sep 2, 2016, Board approved EIR, Review of hours-Operations Committee Nov 17, 2016**
- **Update on McCosker/Sibley** (to BOD March 16, 2016) – **In process**
- **ECCC HCP Management Plan**

**2017 Update: Items discussed at workshop as planned.**

### **Capital Finance Workshop #3**

- **Urban Creeks and priorities** – To Executive Committee Oct 14, 2016, \$1.6m included in 2017 Budget
  - What are cities roles
  - WW funding
- **Measure WW and CC opportunity /contingency funds**

**2017 Update: Items discussed at workshop as planned.**

### **Capital Projects/Trails Workshop #4**

- **Point Molate** – Design in process
- **Bay Trail in Oakland**
  - Segments in our General Plan not completed
  - Quinn's Lighthouse area – Property owner not interested in selling
  - Work with City and Port – Working with Port to lease the Crowley property
- **Trail between Temescal and Sibley**-Work with City of Oakland – To Board on Dec 20, 2016 with direction to make offer for trail easement
- **Northern segment of Iron Horse Trail** – To Executive Committee May 6, 2016
- **Niles Canyon Trail advocacy/planning** - To Executive Committee Feb 5, 2016
- **Ridge Trail @ Niles Canyon/Vargas** - To Executive Committee Feb 5, 2016
  - Funding/costs v. Canyon trail
- **Delta Trail update** - To Executive Committee Nov 2, 2016
- **Ridge Trail update**
- **Rodeo Trail completion**
- **Extension of Greenway south** (staff will provide information)
- **Connecting the North Richmond Shoreline\***
- **Sylvia McLaughlin East Shore State Park\*** - To Executive Committee Dec 2, 2016
- **Pt Pinole\*** - Atlas Road Bridge nearly complete; Dotson Family Marsh nearly complete; Visitor Center Siting Study complete.

*\* Priorities submitted by Director Dotson*

**2017 Update: Items discussed at workshop as planned.**

#### Land Discussion –Workshop #4

- **Staff facilities and use of public funds**
- **Adequate facilities for staff/Public Safety - Continue to look for a facility for Public Safety and the South County Equipment Shop**
- **Plan for future Public Safety HQ**
- **Upgrade Maintenance facility at Chabot**
- **Need for updated EOC**
- **Central meeting facility options/banquet facility**
- **Concord Hills other side of park**
- **Dry Creek gladiola farm-Dig Deep Farms**

**2017 Update: Items discussed at workshop as planned.**

#### Operations Committee

- **Camping plans/facilities – To Operations Committee Apr 16, 2015, Board Apr 21, 2015 and PAC on Oct 26, 2015.**
- **Trail surfaces/permeability**
- **Become paving leaders in the field - To Executive Committee Oct 14, 2016**
- **Paving alternatives**
- **Working with veterans-employment or family outreach, benefit of parks - Regional Parks Foundation discount pass for veterans.**
- **Engage youth groups-Scouts have them recognized at Board meetings – To Operations Committee May 26, 2016 and Nov 17, 2016**
- **Redwood Canyon concession/District use of banquet facility-plan - To Operations Committee Feb 18, 2016**

#### Executive Committee

- **Water trail update - To Executive Committee May 6, 2016**
- **Naming something honoring Senator Hancock**
- **Naming/Renaming Breuner Marsh (Exec March 4, 2016) - Completed**
- **Naming facility/something honoring Director Radke – Completed - To Executive Committee Nov 4, 2016**
- **Discussion of Board Operating Guidelines – To Board Dec 20, 2016, to Executive Committee Mar 4, 2016 and Dec 2, 2016**
  - Personnel practices
  - Include Deputy GM in BOG
- **Cyber security/technology – Staff presentation to Board**
- **Vehicle idling /carbon – Climate Action Team established in April 2016, which will be addressing GHG emissions as a result of the District’s operations.**

## **Staff Assignments:**

### **General Manager to provide Update/Staff Presentation**

- **Blue Green Algae update and strategy-** BOD staff presentation - Staff presentation to Board Sep 6, 2016
- **Chabot Gun Club** – to be discussed at BOD Mar 1 – Closure completed – To Board Mar 1, 2016
- **Improve presentation skills/provide training for staff** – Staff training provided & recurring. Director Lane provided guidance at a staff initiated lunch meeting called Park Presenters on Oct 19, 2016
  - Facilitation of public meetings – Currently reviewing public engagement processes
  - Public hearings
  - Communicating project status to public
- **Doolan Canyon** –GM update
- **Engage City of Antioch: Contra Loma, Black Diamond Mines-**GM update
- **Working with City of Martinez-JPA-**GM update-work with railroad
- **Former military bases**
  - VA-Board update –Alameda liaison
  - Oak Knoll-not feasible – get update
- **Trail Safety/engagement with community**
- **Sand Creek Trail/add to General Plan**
- **John Marsh State Park-Big Break to Round Valley**
- **Art piece for future Pt Pinole VC site prior to construction**

### **Acquisition Stewardship & Development Division**

- **Working with City of Dublin interests/trail connections** – staff meeting with City
- **Working with other agencies-cities of Oakland, Richmond** – staff meeting with City

### **Public Affairs Division**

- **Lake Chabot 50th Anniversary** – Event held Jun 4, 2016
- **Vargas Plateau soft opening/strategy** – Soft opening May 4, 2016
- **Port Chicago Visitor Center Preview, including Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell-Jul 2016**
- **Groundbreaking celebrating Solar Panel facility at Shadow Cliffs-Aug 2016**
- **Celebration of EBRPD Historic Relief Map & NPS 100th Anniversary at Tilden EEC-Aug 2016**
- **Korean Delegation of Jincheon at Lake Temescal Beach House-Sep 2016**
- **U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, HARD General Manager Paul McCreary, GM Doyle and DGM Alvarez - presentations on Climate Change Legislation and Carbon Sequestration Study. HARD presented NRPA Park Champion Award to Rep. Swalwell-Sep 2016**



- Ted Radke Memorial Ceremony at Martinez Shoreline-Sep 2016
- Brazilian Building - 75th Anniversary - RPF event-Oct 2016
- Appreciation/Retirement Dinner for Directors Sutter and Siden-Dec 2016

### **Items added for discussion at Workshop #2**

- **Dog issues – Discussed at PAC Jun 3, 2016**
  - Leashed areas map
  - Designated areas
- **Vegetation Management Plan – To Executive Committee Jun 3, 2016**
  - Cost update
  - Discuss policy change and related change in cost if we kept no eucalyptus
- **Early Board involvement**
- **Status of Hiring at public safety (diversity etc)**
- **Archery**
- **Model airplanes**
- **Future marksmanship range**
- **New uses at Contra Loma (Frisbee golf)**