

The Board Meeting, which was held on March 7, 2017 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Board President Lane.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, President
Dennis Waespi, Vice President
Ayn Wieskamp, Treasurer
Ellen Corbett, Secretary
Whitney Dotson
Dee Rosario
Colin Coffey

Directors Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Board President Lane.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Debra Auker, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Tim Anderson, Liz Musbach, Aaron Roth, Alan Love, Mona Koh, Carol Johnson, Anne Kassebaum, Kelly Barrington, Deborah Spaulding, Brian Holt, Jason McCrystle, Tiffany Margulici, Al Love, Anthony Ciaburro.

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

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of January 23, 2017 to February 5, 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 045 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of February 7 and 21, 2017
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 046 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Funds to Upgrade the Electrical System: Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 047 (attached)

Director Rosario asked how the \$200,000 was arrived at and what the process is for obtaining contractors. Ren Bates, Capitol Program Manager, explained the calculations stating that the total project budget is \$725,000, \$525,000 is budgeted which leaves a shortage of \$200,000 which incorporates all project costs including design and administration. Bates also explained the Job Order Contracting process.

- e. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Funds and Amend a Contract for Services with Erler & Kalinowski Inc. for Continued Oversight of Environmental Remediation Services: Concord Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 048 (attached)

Director Rosario asked for an explanation on the incremental price increases for this project. Brian Holt, Acting Chief of Planning & GIS, replied that since this is an ongoing contract, the incremental increases are coverage to continue to provide oversight. Director Waespi remarked that the District is paying \$210,000 to make sure the Navy cleans up. Holt said that the Navy has a process for clean-up with its own rules, and it is incumbent on the District to receive the property. President Lane asked if the Navy has to remediate this site. Holt responded that the Navy is required to remediate to the level of its intended use. Lane asked what are the carve outs. Holt answered that the carve outs are munitions and burn pits and the District's LUP anticipates those properties will come to the District clean. Lane asked about the differing acreage numbers for this project. Holt replied there is a difference between what is being received in the public benefit conveyance and what will eventually become the park. Director Wieskamp expressed that this expenditure makes sense and there is a need for Holt to remain as a watchdog to ensure this site is conveyed.

- f. Acceptance of Formal Bid and Authorization to Purchase One Electro-fishing Boat and Trailer from Smith-Root, Inc.
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 049 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Purchase Four Ford Pursuit Utility Vehicles from Folsom Lake Ford of Folsom, California
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 050 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Purchase Five Mowers, Seventeen Gators, and One Tractor from John Deere Company
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 051 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Purchase Three Ford Vehicles from Elk Grove Ford
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 052 (attached)

Director Rosario asked how many charging stations are in the District. Jason McCrystle Fleet Manager, responded that currently the District has 3 charging stations located at Peralta Oaks, Shadow Cliffs, and at Crown Beach. Kelly Barrington, Chief of MAST, said that plugins are part of the solar project at Shadow Cliffs. Lane asked if there are plans to have public charging stations. Barrington explained the challenges of using off-road hybrids, adding staff are working on a long term strategy for the greening of the fleet. GM Doyle said that Operations will determine a fee associated with plugin use in the future. Director Wieskamp asked about the timeline and said that there should be an active program in Operations. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations stated that there will be a charge for the public charging stations which will include fee offset and a time limit. Director Corbett said this is an issue that takes a lot of discussion to evaluate all options with different vendors. Corbett asked about point of sales on vehicles that are purchased and requested that the point of sale be local. Barrington said that the vehicle fees are charged based on where the vehicles are delivered. Corbett said that there might be an opportunity to adjust where the sales tax resides. O'Connor said that staff will do more research and bring it to Finance. Director Waespi asked how many gators and mowers the District owns, and if any are electric. McCrystle answered 35/40 gators and about 40/50 mowers. McCrystle said that he is currently evaluating an electric Polaris, and commented that four-wheel drive electric vehicles typically have limited range and less load capacity.

- j. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 053 (attached)

Director Rosario asked about the stability of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and the 'no activity' in the Supranational Fund, and debt service. Deborah Spaulding, AFO, explained that LAIF is liquid and stable, Supranational experienced no activity because it has just been added to the investment policy and the debt service will be paid off in September 2018. Director Waespi commented that he is happy that the committee has looked into asset backed securities.

- k. Approval of the District's 2017 Investment Policy
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 054 (attached)

Director Rosario asked about the ratings of our bonds. Deborah Spaulding, AFO, explained the rating standard and how the District buys and sells bonds.

- L. Authorization to Purchase Telephone Network Equipment and Software from AMS.net to Upgrade the District's Telephone System
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 055 (attached)
- m. Authorization to Renew SunGard Public Sector Hosted District-wide Financial System Application Services Agreement
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 056 (attached)
- n. Authorization to Amend the 2016 Budget and Appropriate Funds for Costs Related to the November 8, 2016 General Elections
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 057 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 2a.

- a. Authorization to Execute a Consulting Services Contract with Adrienne Wong Associates for Phase I Improvements at Brickyard Cove and to Amend the 2017 Budget to Appropriate Earned Interest: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 058
(attached)

Ren Bates, Capital Program Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on this item. Bates provided background which will refine this concept plan and give it more definition. Staff went through a consultant selection process and contract scope and Adrienne Wong was determined to be the highest ranking firm.

GM Doyle requested a break in the presentation at 2:00 pm. President Lane resumed the meeting at 2:30.

Bates said that the site plan was developed and design staff came up with the concept to grade the hill down to accommodate for sea level rise, increase views to the Bay and clean the site of debris. The plan was brought before BCDC, Berkeley Water & Parks Commission and the District. The diagram before the Board showed Phase I. GM Doyle injected that this is a much more scaled down plan with state parks to have a more passive park facility that is consistent with a natural surroundings, and can be funded. Director Corbett was interested in hydroseeding and types of native plants to be planted. Bates said the hydroseed is stabilization and includes annual and perennial native grasses. Phase I will call out specific planting areas and try to conserve the habitat development which will allow people to interface with it. Director Waespi commented how good it looks out there and asked if people could visit the site. Bates said it is currently closed for stabilization and construction debris removal. Lane asked if Phase I will include a corporation yard. Bates replied the corp yard will be in Phase II.

Member of the public, Ellen Barth, Citizens for Eastshore State Park (CESP), said that her board was happy that this was going forward. Barth asked will the utilities determine the size of the park, can concession be combined with an interpretive center, and she expressed concern on the type of plants and impact dogs will have on the habitat. Bob Nisbet, AGM ASD recommended that the café, service yard and the interpretive remain separate.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Doyle went over the item on the Actions by Other Jurisdictions report.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle introduced Lt. Al Love who presented an overview of the issues in 2016 the police department has handled with outreach and community engagement. Love highlighted connecting with community events: Outdoor Afro, Muslims in Community events, National Night Outs, participation in the Youth Job Fair, held Coffee with a Cop events, engaged kids in their schools, social media campaign, recruitment and Multicultural Wellness Walks. GM Doyle commented that the police department is never fully staffed and complimented the leadership: Anderson, Love, and Ciaburro.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel announced there were no announcements.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee (1/25/17) (Wieskamp)

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Visited Lafayette Moraga Trail, Iron Horse Trail and Contra Loma;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Working on the San Ramon CESP Sesquicentennial;
- Attended EB-EDA State of the East Bay;
- Attended a meeting of the Contra Costa Elected Women's Network in Antioch;
- Met with planning staff to preview the LUP amendment for the southern part of Las Trampas.

Lane complimented staff on paving at Contra Loma and thanked staff for taking the time to do the CPRS application. Lane talked about the Pathways Magazine article that featured our portion of the Anza Trail. Lane encouraged staff to think about including volunteers who want to help clean up after the storm. GM Doyle added that moving mud is not a good place for the public; however hand work is possible. She mentioned the Port Chicago play is playing in Berkeley.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Met at Shadow Cliffs for a pavilion meeting;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attending Alameda County Mayors Conference;
- Attending the LAFCo meeting.

Wieskamp recommended an article called the 'Nature Fix' in SF Chronicle. Wieskamp thanked Chris Lyle and Bev Ortiz for their assistance. Wieskamp requested a meeting with LARPD and AGM, O'Connor to discuss the trail at Sycamore Grove.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended Nate Miley's Fairview Stakeholders meeting;
- Attended the CPRS Conference;
- Attended EB-EDA State of the East Bay;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended meeting with Director Corbett and Frank Mellon, EBMUD, at Redwood Canyon;
- Attended an Islamic meeting at the Mosque in the Niles Community.

Waespi thanked Sharon Clay for the graphics at the Board meeting. He announced that Islamic communities youth group planted 30 trees at Bort Meadow.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Left the meeting.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended a meeting with Director Waespi and Frank Mellon, EBMUD Board at Redwood Canyon;
- Met with Norm LaForce, Sierra Club;
- Met with Deputy Sheriff regarding Reach Ashland Youth Center/Digg Deep Farms to discuss urban farming and partnerships with the District.

Corbett complimented staff on her new board member orientation which gave her perspective

on ways to respond to the public on the impact of the rains on District trails.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the John Muir Land Trust reception;
- Attended the EB-EDA State of the East Bay;
- Attended the PAC meeting;
- Attended the Oakland Mayor's Meet the New Chief of Staff;
- Attended the CPRS Conference;
- Attended the Hercules Path to Transit celebration;
- Walked in Redwood Park to check out storm damage.

Rosario congratulated Philip Coffin and Jamie Risotto for her Master's thesis.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference in Hercules;
- Attended the Black Diamond Mines Open House;
- Met with Norm LaForce, Sierra Club;
- Hiked the Orinda side of Sibley;
- Met with AGM Nisbet and ASD's Senior Planning staff.

Coffey was impressed with how staff is responding to every level of the rain impacts.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.

In honor of Tom Heidt a carpenter at North County Trade. Director Rosario had kind words to say about Mr. Heidt.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board