

The Board Meeting, which was held on March 21, 2017 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 11:00 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 1:40 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, Anthony Ciaburro, Alicia Gonzales, Linda Wu, Steve Castile, Renee Patterson, Mimi Waluch, Mary Mattingly, Dan Cunning, Michelle Strawson-O'Hara, Julianna Schirmer, Nate Luna, Patty Gershaneck, Mona Koh, Jeff Rasmussen, Ruby Tumber, Michael McNally, Ira Bletz, Kevin Damstra, Matt Graul, Dan Cunning

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda minus item 2b which was pulled from 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 Wieskamp item c was approved,. Director Dotson recused himself due to the proximity of his home to the location.

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

Directors Against: None.  
Directors Absent: None.  
Director Recused: Whitney Dotson.

- c. Authorization to Grant an Access Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Replace and Reroute Existing Unrestricted Access Easements at Dotson Family Marsh and Transfer and Appropriate Measure WW Funds: Point Pinole Regional  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 061 (attached)

President Lane asked for a brief summary on this project.

Michael Reeves, Land Acquisition Specialist, showed a revised map which depicted the alignment of the new easement and provided a summary including the history of this project to reorient the alignment of the utilities. Director Rosario asked if the easement will impact any of the coastal prairie. Reeves replied that this area has pickle weed and other species of concern, but the alignment falls within the upland areas and outside of the wetland. Reeves stated it is up to the users of the easements to find their own route along that path. Reeves added that there is no vehicular access through the project.

Director Corbett asked about the redline on the map and asked for clarification of what it indicated. Reeves replied that it is an unimproved upland area with no defined road per se. Corbett expressed concern about grassland area and asked if the easement will be in this area. Reeves stated that the area is not part of the restoration project and has not been characterized for habitat type. GM Doyle added that it is located in a different area from the native grassland.

By motion of Director Waespi moved and seconded by Director Wieskamp, item j was approved. Director Dotson recused himself due to the proximity of his home to the location.

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

- j. Authorization to Apply for Funding from Castro Cove Discharges for Dotson Family (Breuner) Marsh Wetland-Upland Transitional Planting: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 068 (attached)

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar with the removal of items c and j.

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 February 6, 2017 to February 17, 2017

Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 059 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 7, 2017

- b. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 060 (attached)
  
- d. Authorization to Accept the Dedication of a Public Access Easement and Trailhead Parking Area from the Ridgemont at Skyline Condominium Association and Transfer and Appropriate Funds: Leona Canyon Open Space Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 062 (attached)
  
- e. Authorization to Purchase Park Model Cabins from Atlas Performance Industries, Inc.: Del Valle Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 063 (attached)

President Lane said that she is pleased to see movement on the park model cabins.

- f. Authorization to Amend the Concession Agreement with California Parks Company dba Urban Park Urban Concessionaires: Lake Chabot Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 064 (attached)
  
- g. Authorization to Accept Funding from PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative for Environmental Restoration and Maintenance at Briones Regional Park and Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 065 (attached)
  
- h. Authorization to Utilize the Services of Contra Costa County Department of Information Technology to Maintain the District's Communications System: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 066 (attached)
  
- i. Authorization to Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Regional Parks Foundation to Purchase a Horse Trailer for the Police Department: Public Safety Division  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 067 (attached)
  
- k. Authorization to Apply to the California Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement of expenses incurred for cleanup and repair of damage during the "2017 Storms" DR-4301: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 069 (attached)

Director Waespi asked if the Directors could get a list of the projects. Tiffany Margulici, Grants Manager said that she would provide the list. President Lane asked if the repair work could be completed within 18 months of disaster declaration. Margulici replied that once the FEMA process is kicked off there are certain deadlines required and staff will work to meet them. She added that extensions are possible due to environmental constraints.

- L. Authorization of Measure WW Urban Creeks Grant Program  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 070 (attached)
- m. Authorization to Apply for Cal Trans Mitigation Funding to Protect  
and Enhance Existing Habitat at Least Tern Island: Hayward Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 071 (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 Coffey, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 2a.

- a. Authorization to Exercise the Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement  
and Accept, Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership  
with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy of 80± Acres of Real  
Property from Ricci Joseph Campos, Michelle Campos, and David Fitzpatrick:  
Byron Vernal Pools Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 072 (attached)

Liz Musbach, Chief of Land Acquisition, stated that Abby Fateman, Executive Director of ECCC Habitat Conservancy sends her regards for not being able to attend this meeting. Linda Wu, Land Acquisition Specialist, and Project Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation on this item which will add 80 acres to Byron Vernal pools and complete a wildlife conservation corridor.

President Lane asked who is currently managing the conservation easements. GM Doyle replied that the County has a MOU with the airport.. The airport owns the easements and has to comply with the conservation easement. Director Rosario asked who manages Armstrong Road. Wu replied it is a County road. Lane asked about the value of the HCP and the importance of the wetlands to them why is the District paying 50% if this property was primarily purchased for HCP resource conservation. Musbach explained that it is for the removal of the concrete pads on the property. Staff consider the pads to be a safety hazard and security expense, and staff agreed to share the cost. The money that the Conservancy would put towards this removal would not be grant funding, but would come from their own budget. Lane asked about the suitability of referring to this property as a resource agency. Musbach explained that the District believes the master plan calls for preservation of the natural environment. The District believes that the conservancies 90% reflects this agreement. To Lane's question about any access. Musbach said more generally through the Vasco Corridor.

GM Doyle clarified that the District is not precluded from access. The main reason for Campos is to protect that watershed.

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Item 2b was pulled from the Open Session agenda.

- b. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Award a Contract to Drill Tech Drilling and Shoring, Inc. for Emergency Landslide Repair: Del Valle Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 073 (attached)

### 3. FINANCE & MANAGEMENT SERVICES 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 Corbett, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 3a.

- a. Authorization to Appropriate General Funds for 2017 Storms Recovery, District-wide  
Resolution No. 2017 – 03 – 074 (attached)

Steve Castile, Chief of Parks, projected the recent storm damage is estimated to be \$8.5 million. The recovery process is to look at future forecast models to see how much rain is anticipated in the future, collect data on a spreadsheet, and categorize each incident based on work required, coordinate with FEMA Environment and Insurance compliance, develop a plan development, and then activate and implement the plan. Castile's PowerPoint presentation depicted several pictures of storm damage in the park and he commented on how hard District crews are working. The Board commented on the damage. GM Doyle added that the big concern is that hills move after the rain and this is an unbudgeted expense and not predicted. Director Corbett asked if the map showing the damage and the estimated cost is posted on our website. GM requested that Public Affairs post. Corbett asked if the District is insured for this type of damage. District Counsel Victor replied that some of the structures are and the District has submitted all of these claims to our insurance company, and will have to work backward to see what is covered. Lane asked if there is a need to hire staff to work on these projects. Castile said Civicorps has been hired at Del Valle. GM said that some of the tree work will require hiring tree companies. Jim O'Connor AGM of Operations, stated that some of the projects that have been budgeted will be delayed because the focus is on safety and park access. Lane asked about how the work is prioritized. Castile explained his spreadsheet and categories assigned ... will they need permits, usage of trail, level of visitation and safety factor. Castile and O'Connor will bring their plan to the Executive team to decide the order of work. GM explained the process of repairing, work with Geotech to determine dirt movement and placement. Director Wieskamp asked how t handling scheduled events. O'Connor said staff are doing their best n to cancel where necessary in advance.

### 4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Doyle went over the item on the Actions by Other Jurisdictions report. Doyle commented he was just notified of two proposed legislative bills, AB 898 and AB 899.

### 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Doyle introduced Nate Luna, Administrative Analyst II . Luna gave a PowerPoint on the Sunol Visitor Center Bat Exclusion project. The old Green Barn was inhabited by 4 species of bats, acorn woodpeckers, deer mice, wood rats, squirrels and wasps. The project goal were to remove the bat and rodent environmental debris, build bat boxes, and retain the rustic look of the building. Luna described the process whereby the Barn was renovated and being returned to a habitable barn. Ira Bletz, Regional

Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager, is working with staff and Creative Design to redesign the interior, update the exhibits, and make the building a welcoming place for visitors. The goal is to open in the summer.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel announced there were no announcements. GM Doyle left early and DGM Ana Alvarez is stepped in to take his place at the dais.

## 7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee (2/22/17) (Wieskamp)

## 8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Richmond Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council Board meeting;
- Walked out to Atlas Bridge;
- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Attended the Foundation event at Shadow Cliffs;
- Attending the Legislative meeting;
- Attending the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Supervisor Graduation class;
- Attended the Economic forum at Bridgeyard;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council;
- Attended the Concord CNWS for their first public meeting.
- Walked Las Trampas;
- Walked out to Atlas Bridge and on the new section of the Bay Trail at Dotson Marsh;

Lane is writing a Sentinel Article on storm damage with Ned McKay.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Sierra Club meeting;
- Attended the Contra Costa Mayors Conference in Livermore;
- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Attended the Shadow Cliffs event;
- Attended the LAFCO regular meeting;
- Attending the Elected Women in Danville;
- Attended Supervisors Academy graduation;
- Attended Economic Forum at Bridgeyard;
- Attended sheep shearing at Ardenwood;
- Walked Coyote Hills Wellness Walks;
- Attending the ACSDA meeting;
- Attending the Operations Committee meeting;
- Will walk with Fred Cortopassi at Shadow Cliffs.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Sierra Club Public Lands Committee meeting;
- Attended the League of Women Voters Candidates Night – Eden area;
- Attended the Supervisor Academy graduation;

- Attended the Economic Forum at Gateway;
- Spoke to Fremont Lions Club and showed a video;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Attended the Multicultural Awareness Walk at Coyote Hills;
- Attending the ACSDA dinner.

Waespi announced the September 30, Niles County Roll and Stroll.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Walked the Dotson marsh;
- Attending the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attending the Albany Film Festival;
- Attending the Board Field Trip to Byron.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Workshop;

Corbett complimented staff on the work and told us about her trip to Washington, DC with her students.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Sierra Club Public Lands Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Met with POA Tyrone Davis;
- Attended the EB EDA Innovation Awards dinner;
- Met with Alameda County United for Defense of Immigrant Rights (ACUDIR) – on policy on immigration;
- Attended the Southeast Asian Bar Association event in Fremont;
- Met with Mary Ellen Tong of CSSC;
- Attended the Economic Forum at Bridgeyard;

Rosario thanked staff Matt Graul for presentation on wildland at the City of Oakland on his request. Thanked Anne Kassebaum and Elaine Deshaies for resolving a constituent's concern.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Richmond Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Regional Park Association meeting;
- Covered the Hercules kids expo with his wife and gave out magnets;
- Attended the Sierra Club meeting;
- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Attended a town hall conducted by Supervisor Diane Burgis at 'Discovery Bay';
- Toured with Tyrone Davis the police and fire facility;
- Attended the Economic Forum at Bridgeyard;
- Attended Finance committee meeting;
- Attended the Board workshop.

## **D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bingham thanked the Board for pursuing Byron Hot Springs.

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
/s/ Yolande Barial Knight  
Clerk of the Board