

The Board Meeting, which was held on January 10, 2016 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Board President Lane.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, President
Ayn Wieskamp, Vice President
Dennis Waespi, Treasurer
Vacant, Secretary
Whitney Dotson
Ellen Corbett
Dee Rosario
Ward 7 Vacancy

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 Siden.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Liz Musbach, Aaron Roth, Alan Love, Mona Koh, Alicia Gonzales, Anthony Ciaburro, Jeff Rasmussen, Brian Holt, Matt Graul, Renee Patterson, Erich Pfuehler, Sara Rieck, Suzanne Lusk, Joe Sullivan, Sean Dougan, Linda Wu, Dan Cunning, Ruby Tumber, Suzanne Wilson, Tim Anderson, Chris Barton, Steve Castile, Michael Reeves, John Bouyea, Britt Thorne, Justin Neville

Guests: The Corbett Family, Robin Rosario, Greg Lane, Director Sutter, Director Siden

Incoming Board members were acknowledged with a gift from the Board and a cake.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the removal of **Item K**.

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

B. I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two members of the Canyon community, Olaffson and Goodwin pointed out that they felt the McCosker parcel development project was being rushed, needed an EIR, additional staff, piecemealing of the project and legality of piecemealing. District Counsel will respond in a letter.

Board member Emeritus Siden congratulated the newly elected board members: Corbett, Rosario and Dotson and thanked the Board and the General Manager for their kind words at his last meeting in December.

2. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Director Lane invited newly elected directors Corbett, Rosario and Dotson to introduce their family who attended the swearing-in ceremony to provide their support.

Director Corbett introduced her family members. She thanked the voters for her successful election, Emeritus Siden for his mentorship adding it is an honor to continue public service. Director Rosario introduced his wife Robyn, and members of Local 2428. He thanked everyone for their support and the staff that made his transition run smooth. He expressed that this is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board. Director Dotson thanked the voters for allowing him to continue in his over 40 years of public service. He thanked staff for all the hard work and in his travels he has not seen a better organized group of workers than the Park District. Dotson added that community input has not been taken seriously, and his interest is to have an effect on the issues that arise from the community.

Director Lane introduced her son and announced that following the ceremony the meeting will recess for a brief reception and cake. Former Director Judge Sutter conducted the swearing in ceremony for Directors of: Ward 1 – Whitney Dotson, Ward 2 – Dee Rosario and Ward 4 – Ellen Corbett.

The meeting resumed at 1:57 pm.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda, **excluding Item K** which was pulled from the agenda.

- k. Authorization to Purchase Microsoft Enterprise Software Assurance Agreement from SoftwareOne

Directors For: 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 November 21, 2016 to December 11, 2016
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 001 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of December 20, 2016
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 002 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Enter into Lease Agreement with State Lands Commission: Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline (Ferry Point Pier)
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 003 (attached)

- e. Authorization to Appropriate Measure CC Funds and Amend the Existing Contract for Services with Nichols Consulting Engineers to Design Plans to Dredge a Sediment Basin in Tilden Nature Area and Restore Three Interpretive Ponds: Tilden Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 004 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds and Amend the Contract for Services with Nichols Consulting Engineers Inc. to Include Completion of Environmental Studies Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for the Bay Trail Project at Point Molate: San Francisco Bay Trail
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 005 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Renew a Cost Sharing Agreement with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and Accept and Appropriate \$100,000 for Land Acquisition-Related Costs
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 006 (attached)

President Lane had questions that Liz Musbach, Chief of Acquisition answered. Regarding the HCP cost sharing agreement, the overall intent of the partnership is to share pre-acquisition costs roughly 50/50. The annual amount and % of shares, however, vary from year-to-year. Staff make adjustments for the following period to roughly “even out the score.” Typically staff estimates \$100K per year per party for these costs. With regard to the Park District, staff capitalize the District’s share of pre-acquisition expenses (e.g., staff time, appraisal, title & escrow) using bond money, so these costs come out of AA/WW allocation areas (e.g., Vasco Hills), vs. the General Fund. With regards to the management agreements, the Vasco Corridor Management Agreement is currently on the resource agencies’ desk. Once those comments are received, staff can proceed to finalize the document. The Conservancy is willing to proceed while staff waits for the resource agencies to respond, since the process does not need to proceed sequentially by plan area. GM Doyle added that staff can’t hold the park opening until the park planning is complete.

- h. Authorization to Renew Contract for Youth Employment Services with Civicorps Schools for 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 007 (attached)

President Lane asked questions about the overhead and the contract. AGM Operations, Jim O’Connor sent President Lane a detailed breakdown of the salary, crew and hourly cost components. Director Wieskamp expressed the need for another tour of Civicorps.

- i. Authorization to Adjust Measure WW Allocation Areas: Alamo Canal Trail I
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 008 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Modify Measure CC Budget, Transfer and Appropriate Funds to Install Waterline and Restroom: Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 009 (attached)
- l. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation AB 18 (Garcia): California Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 011 (attached)

- m. Recertification of November 2016 Election Results and Resolution for the Three Candidates Elected/Appointed as Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 012 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

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

- a. Authorization to Award a Contract to Questa Engineering Corporation for Professional Planning, CEQA, Engineering and Design Services to Develop a Public Access and Habitat Restoration Project at the Former Patterson Ranch Parcel: Coyote Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 013 (attached)

Chris Barton, Environmental Programs Manager, gave a brief presentation on the forthcoming LUP and habitat restoration plan amendment. The scope of work will be at Coyote Hills. Barton went through the history of the land use plans for this project. The LUPs point to moving the park entrance closer, developing a new picnicking area with parking, maintaining and expanding habitat and enhancing policies to protect and preserve cultural and historic resources. Additional, topics to look at include utilities, trail connections, sea rise flooding, balance farming, habitat, public access and soil remediation. President Lane asked the location of the natural wildlife refuge on the map in relation to Coyote Hills. Director Corbett asked for clarification on what dark green lines on the map symbolize. GM Doyle said they were former salt ponds and the District will continue to maintain them. Director Rosario asked in a concern about safety inquired if there would be power to the kiosk and inquired about an increase in staff to go along with an increase in facilities. Barton said there is power and GM Doyle explained the pipeline. Corbett asked if there were toxics and would the District have to clean up. Barton replied that the level of clean-up depends on use and the toxics are residual pesticides from agricultural use, and much of the clean-up has been done by the residential site. GM Doyle added that the requirement could be zero to hauling some hot spots off site. Barton stated that seven firms applied through the RFP process and Questa was the lowest bidder and the best candidate. Barton went through the scope of work. Director Wieskamp asked if someone in the group has expertise in organic farming. Barton replied that staff has experience in managed lands and the project manager has his own farm. Corbett asked what the public input process is. Barton explained the process: post on-line, will have a facilitator at all of the workshops and present deliverable materials designed to get input from the public. Lane asked if there is a conservation easement constraint. Barton showed on the map the agricultural deed restrictions. District Counsel added that a very flexible agricultural easement was written and it can be moved within Patterson property or off site. GM Doyle continued that staff have already acted on a lease for organic farming and are now working on plumbing. Mary Mattingly, Special Assistant to the GM explained that there are two wells one has water and is operational for the park, but not for farming, and the second is not operational. Mattingly is currently reviewing a consultant contract to get the wells operational. Corbett asked for the farmable areas proximity to the toxics. District Counsel Victor stated that it does not affect the organic certification and she explained the long history of the litigation which involved the widening of the channel and restoration. Director Waespi asked about soil remediation and the location of the picnic sites. GM Doyle explained the organic certification process.

By motion of Director Rosario, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item 2b.

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

- b. Authorization to Appropriate Measure CC Funds and Award a Contract for Professional Services to Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Streambank Stabilization on the Stream Trail: Redwood Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 01 – 014 (attached)

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship introduced Joe Sullivan, Fisheries Manager. Graul mentioned that Director Rosario brought this project to him about three years ago. Sullivan, said that the project includes stabilization of the only water utility line in the park and staff are shooting for a construction window of September 2018. Director Wieskamp asked about the location of the water line. Sullivan replied it has been moved to the center of the trail. Director Rosario remarked that he is glad to see this project coming to fruition. Director Waespi stated that this would be a great opportunity to install an interpretive panel to explain the District is planting native trees. GM Doyle said that the staff is seeing more of these upfront costs to get a permit on time and are hiring experts to get through the gauntlet of permits. President Lane commented that since using CC funds make sure there are before and after photographs of the project.

6. BOARD AND STAFF REPORT

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle gave the Board a book from The George Wright Society where the Park District was featured prominently. Jim O'Connor AGM Operations, gave an update on the storm and its effect on the park.

Sara Rieck, Administrative Analyst, introduced the 2016 Park and Trail Statistics book which is a quick reference of the districts landholdings, and is meant to represent the total land. Acreage total is 120,931 for 2016.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Victor announced that there are no announcements from Closed Session.

9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. Finance Committee | (10/26/16) | (Waespi) |
| b. Finance Committee | (11/21/16) | (Waespi) |
| c. Executive Committee | (12/02/16) | (Siden) |

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Met with staff individually;
- Visited Big Break and other parks;
- Went to Walden Park to see the Iron Horse Trail intersection;
- Attended the Retiree Luncheon;
- Will attend the emergency discussion at Trudeau.

Lane is working on PAC appointment with Contra Costa County and handed out Skyline National Trail brochures.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended meeting with the Mayor of Fremont;
- Attended a meeting with Nisbet and a potential developer;
- Attended the Retiree Luncheon;

Wieskamp remarked that the appointment process is interesting. Brought an article regarding E-Bikes to share with the Board.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Mission Peak annual walk;
- Attended the Retiree Luncheon;
- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance;
- Attending the HASPA meeting;

Waespi extended congratulations to Director Dotson and welcomed Directors Corbett and Rosario.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Restore Estuaries Conference;

Dotson added that he was happy to see what has been done around Wildcat Creek. He is working with the North Richmond Shoreline Alliance and there will be a tour of Wildcat Creek this Thursday. Went to Lake Charles, which is a big estuary, on his vacation. He would like to see an approach to program implementation that's all inclusive of systems theory. Will attend the North Richmond Shoreline Alliance meeting.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Met with John Sutter regarding the Bay Trail;
- Met with Doug Siden;

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Met with volunteers Jean and Tom Kelley;
- Met with John Sutter;
- Met with people from the Canyon Community;
- Attended the Retiree luncheon.

Rosario was a panelist on the RFP process for Estuary Park.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

Approved Minutes
Board Meeting of January 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board