

The Board Meeting, which was held on June 20, 2017 at the Big Break Visitor Center, 69 Big Break Road, Oakley, 94561 was called to order at 12:30 pm by Board President Beverly 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.

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 2:05 p.m. by President Lane.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Steve Castile, Anne Kassebaum, Jeff Rasmussen, Liz Musbach, Suzanne Lusk, Sharon Clay, Michael Moran, Ren Bates, Raphael Breines, Erich Pfuehler, Chief Tim Anderson, Capt. Lance Brede, Ira Bletz, Deborah Spaulding, Capt. Tony Ciaburro, Terry Noonan

Guests: Oakley City Councilmember Kevin Romick, Ironhouse Sanitary Director Supervisor Diane Burgis' Representative Dawn Morrow, Brentwood Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sandy Myers, Janeesha Jones from Congressman McNerney's office

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Lane announced a revision to the Agenda; item D-I- e was been pulled from the agenda at the request of staff.

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised Agenda.

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

Directors Absent: None.

## **B. I (a). SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Delta Science Center**

Supervising Naturalist Mike Moran introduced Executive Director Roni Gehlke and Dr. Mike Painter, Board President who was not present.

Director Colin Coffey expressed his appreciation on a job well done by the Delta Science Center (DSC) and gave a historical perspective on DCS from a dream to the reality of a Big Break Visitor Center. The

DSC will complete and close its operations this year. President Lane remarked that she was on the Delta Science Center Board with Director Radke years ago, and said that there are compatible goals that are shared with the Park District. Janeesha Jones of Congressman McNerney's office, presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to the DSC. Director Gehlke of DSC, thanked the Park District and the park staff. GM Doyle thanked the IronHouse Sanitary District for helping to make this happen as its sponsor and the city of Oakley for the wayfaring signage. Kevin Romick, Oakley City Councilmember thanked the Park District and the DSC for being a good presence in the community.

## **2 (b). SPECIAL PRESENTATION – East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy Plan**

Liz Musbach, Chief of Land Acquisition, introduced Abigail Fateman Executive Director of the ECC HCP to present a 2016 Year in Review update encompassing the decade of work on this partnership.

### **C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marla Schmale stated that the minutes of the June 6 Board meeting, item D-I-b., did not reflect her comments accurately. CFO Auker offered to have staff revisit the recording to make the necessary corrections.

### **D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

#### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of May 8, 2017 to May 21, 2017  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 160 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of June 6, 2017  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 161 (attached)
- c. Authorization to Execute a Consulting Services Contract with Leann Taagepera Environmental Planning for Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Land Use Plan Amendment: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 162 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Award a Contract to Community Playgrounds, Inc. for the Renovation of the Children's Play Area: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 163 (attached)
- e. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the California Public Utilities Commission for Golden Eagle Wind Turbine Study: District-wide.  
**Item 2e was pulled from this June 20, 2017 agenda.**

- f. Authorization to Apply to California Department of Fish and Wildlife and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Tres Vaqueros Settlement Funds: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 164 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Apply to the Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 for Targeted Brownfields Assessment at Lone Tree Point: San Pablo Bay Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 165 (attached)

Director Coffey inquired about the privately held property and why it is incorporated into the District's background.

GM Doyle responded with a historical perspective and noted there is an ongoing problem with an old tar dump from a past refinery. Doyle added that the District is seeking a grant to clean it up using other peoples' money.

- h. Authorization to Execute a Consulting Services Contract with AnchorCM for Inspection Services for Pavement Repair and Maintenance Projects: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 166 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Award a Contract to Resource Environmental Inc. and Amend a Contract with Siegfried Engineering Inc. for Clayton Radio Tower Demolition: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 167 (attached)
- j. Approval and Adoption of East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Hazard Mitigation Plan: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 168 (attached)

President Lane asked for a brief summary report on this item. Assistant CFO Jeff Rasmussen gave some background on this plan that the District is required to have in order to receive grants. He presented his report on this critical plan.

President Lane asked about addressing not natural hazards. Rasmussen said that non-hazardous items are addressed, but don't specifically address water tanks. Director Rosario commented that park supervisors were required to update the county hazardous mitigation plan for each park site. Supervisors submit all the potential hazards that could be impacted by natural disasters and take into account water lines, electrical lines, propane tanks etc. so the District has a good list of what hazards are on each park site.

- k. Authorization to Approve a Professional Services Contract with Annie Burke Consulting to Provide Public Information Services  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 169 (attached)
- l. Resolution to Support SB 775 (Wieckowski D-Fremont) – Cap-and-Trade Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 170 (attached)
- m. Resolution to Support AB 890 (Medina D-Riverside) – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Loophole Closure  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 171 (attached)

- n. Resolution to Support AB 1129 (Stone D-Monterey Bay) – Protect California’s Coast from a Changing Climate  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 172 (attached)
- o. Resolution to Support AB 1530 (Gonzalez Fletcher D-San Diego) – Maintenance of Urban Forests  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 173 (attached)
- p. Resolution to Support ACR 85 (Garcia D-Coachella) – Parks Make Life Better! Month  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 174 (attached)
- q. Resolution to Support H.R. 2206 (Kaptur D-OH) – 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 -175 (attached)
- r. Resolution to Support S. 569 (Cantwell D-WA) – Permanent Reauthorization and Full Funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 -176 (attached)
- s. Resolution to Support S. 751 (Warner D-VA) and H.R. 2584  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 177 (attached)
- t. Resolution to Support S. 896 (Burr R-NC) – Permanent Reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 178 (attached)
- u. Resolution to Support SB 595 (Beall D-San Jose) – Bay Area Toll Authority Bridge Fees (Regional Measure 3)  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 -179 (attached)

## 2. **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

### PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Approval of Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, Adopt Resolution Confirming Diagram and Assessment, Order Maintenance, Improvements and Levy Annual Assessment for East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1; Adopt Resolution Regarding Protests  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 180 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-a.

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

Directors Absent: None.

Deborah Spaulding, Asst. CFO – Finance and Management Services, provided a presentation on this item. She gave a brief history, adding that this is the annual process to allow the District to continue to levy taxes for the work in East County. She stated that the East Contra Costa County Landscape and Lighting Assessment District LLD began its first year of operation in 1992 with an annual assessment of \$19.70, which remains the same to date. For Fiscal 2017, \$744,842 in assessment revenues, disregarding delinquencies, is expected to be raised, with the 2017 appropriations totaling \$641,410, although \$2.2 million total is expected to be spent. In response to a question by Director Rosario, Ms. Spaulding commented that when the LLD was first passed, there was no provision for an increase in the assessment. As such, it has remained at the original amount of \$19.70. President Lane questioned if the park is not spending all of the LLD revenues, but instead is bringing funds from other parts of the Park District to complete what is needed. Spaulding referred to the report and explained.

President Lane opened the Public Hearing; there being no one to comment, the Public Hearing was subsequently closed.

Director Waespi asked if the District considers county plans. Tim Siefert, NBS Consultants, stated that they do not forecast future development, but capture development as it happens. GM Doyle commented that growth is captured with some of the other studies – Beacon Economics.

President Lane asked if there were any protests filed. Allen Pulido, Acting Clerk of the Board confirmed that there have been no protests received.

- b. RESOLUTION OVERRULING PROTESTS  
(Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972)  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 -181 (attached)

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution overruling protests related to item C-2-b.

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

Directors Absent: None.

### 3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy of 320± Acres of Real Property from Robert F. Casey, Trustee of the Robert F. Casey Revocable Trust, dated June 19, 2002: Byron Vernal Pools Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 -182 (attached)

By motion of Director Coffey, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a.

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

Directors Absent: None.

Suzanne Lusk, Land Acquisition Specialist, presented on this item and the importance of this option. Abigail Fateman, Executive Director of the ECC HCP, commented on the resources, in particular the 2 types of fairy shrimp, rare plants and charismatic flower displays; expressing her excitement about this property, and her gratitude to have the District on this partnership. GM Doyle asked Fateman to comment on the mid-valley fairy shrimp. She replied that they are found in this area adding 100% of this cost is other peoples money.

- b. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Execute a Contract with Romtec, Inc. for the Purchase and Construction of Two Pre-Engineered Restroom/Shower Buildings: Del Valle Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 - 183 (attached)

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-b.

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

Directors Absent: None.

Glenn Gilchrist, Design Manager, presented on this item. Four of the six original combination buildings have already been replaced; the current project is to replace the remaining two buildings. These two buildings are close to end of life and do not meet current ADA requirements. Gilchrist explained the various types of buildings used previously, stating that the pre-engineered site-built concrete block buildings are preferred and recommended for this project.

Director Wieskamp commented on how the woodpeckers have destroyed these restrooms. Director Rosario asked if these building were inundated during floods. Gilchrist replied they were not impacted. President Lane asked how long will the building last? Gilchrist said it is a 50-year building, although ADA requirements may change over time. Director Waespi asked what contractor will build the restroom Gilchrist replied that Romtec will build. Gilchrist talked about heat pumps that are being installed and LED lighting on motion sensors on the inside – there is no skylights at the request of park staff. GM Doyle expressed his concern about the costs, adding that Del Valle is a state park and acknowledged that the District received state funds to build the restrooms which get massive amount of use and damage by users. In replying to Director Dotson's question about a warranty, Gilchrist said there is one year. Director Corbett commented that it is wonderful that buildings are adaptive and fully accessible.

#### **4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

General Manager Doyle discussed those items listed on the staff report.

#### **5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

GM Doyle asked Supervising Naturalist Mike Moran to introduce his staff.

AGM/CFO Debra Auker introduced Assistant CFO Jeff Rasmussen who provided a brief presentation on the District's accomplishments at East County.

Supervising Naturalist Mike Moran provided a brief update on programming and events at the Big Break Visitor Center during the past year. Moran highlighted that there are an estimated 200,000 annual visitors, and been different districts and cities including Delta Information from Metropolitan Water District of Sacramento.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor stated that there are no announcements from the Closed Session.

## 7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Board Executive Committee (5/04/17) (Lane)

## 8. BOARD COMMENTS

1) Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Special Park Districts Forum in Canton, Ohio;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended Asm. Catharine Baker's Advisory Environmental Committee meeting;
- Met with Supervisor Valle;
- Gave a presentation to the Union City Lions Club;
- Attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner;
- Attended the Regional Park Foundation meeting on June 5.

Waespi complimented the design staff on the EBRPD exhibit at the Alameda County Fair.

2) Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Met with Oakland City Councilmember Campbell Washington on Bay Trail;
- Attended Shadow Cliffs dedication;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the memorial for the former Fire Captain Jim Journey;
- Attended Alameda County Mayors Conference in San Leandro.

Rosario expressed appreciation to the District's Public Safety officers.

3) Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended and was a judge at the Sandcastle Contest event,
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference in San Leandro;
- Attended the San Leandro Creek Alliance meeting;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting.

Corbett, master gardener, will staff the Master Gardeners booth at Alameda County Fair on Thursday.

4) Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Ambrose Community event;
- Attended the President of the Contra Costa Building Trades retirement dinner;
- Attended the Jack Knox memorial event at Miller Knox;
- Attended the Martinez JPA meeting;
- Attended the Black Diamond/Clayton Ranch LUP scoping meeting;
- Attending the Pinole City Council meeting with staff Sean Dougan tonight.

Coffey enjoyed the article on the falcons and the contributions of Doug Bell.

5) Director Dotson reported on meetings attended:

- Attended the Special Park Districts Forum in Canton, Ohio.

Dotson extended thanks to Director Waespi and staff: Jim O'Connor and Anne Kassebaum.

6) Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended

- Attended the Legislative staff luncheon in Sacramento;
- Attended Shadow Cliffs Solar dedication;
- Attended the Ecology Committee meeting;
- Hosting a volunteer luncheon for Del Valle staff and friends;
- Attending Ardenwood meeting with Fremont Mayor.

Wieskamp reported that Ben Yee had a meeting with Ohlone College.

Informed by Tiffany Margulici of WWF funds available in Sunol. Talked with Juliana Schirmer regarding a wine event in Livermore.

7) Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Legislative staff luncheon in Sacramento;
- Attended the Martinez Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended Assemblymember Baker Environmental Advisory Committee;
- Attended Shadow Cliffs Solar dedication;
- Attended the Sand Castle Contest at Crown Beach;
- Attended four Park District events: 2 LUP's (Las Trampas and Black Diamond), WWF local grant dedications (IHT at Hookston area and Alamo at Livorna Park).

Lane thanked Sandy Myers, Brentwood Parks and Recreation, for bringing corn from Brentwood to the Board.

## **E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marla Schmalle addressed the Board on the ideas of nativism and the people who believe it; talking about the Fuel Break plan and her interest in saving trees.

President Lane mentioned the trees planted by the Park District at the staging area at Round Valley.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm by Board President Lane.

Respectfully submitted:

Acting Clerk of the Board  
Allen Pulido