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BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 5, 2017

12:30 p.m.

EBRPD - Administrative Headquarters

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The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

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AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
12:30 pm	1. Ushering a New Age for Parks in Face of Climate Change: Overview of Presentation Made at 2017 NRPA Conference	I	Ana Alvarez Erich Pfoehler Brian Holt
1:00 pm	2. Land Use Plan Annual Work Program Update	I	Julie Bondurant
1:30 pm	3. Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan Amendment Concept	I	Michelle Julene
2:00 pm	4. Resilient by Design Challenge	I	Brian Holt
2:20 pm	5. Open Forum for Public Comments <i>Individuals wishing to address the Committee on a topic not on the agenda may do so by completing a speaker's form and submitting it to the recording secretary.</i>		
	6. Board Comments		

Board Executive Committee Members

Beverly Lane (Chair), Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp
Whitney Dotson, Alternate
Robert E. Doyle, Staff Coordinator

R - Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
I - Information
D - Discussion

Future Meeting Dates

January—No Meeting	July-6
February-2	August-7 (Mon)
March-2	September-7
April-6	October-5
May-4	November-2
June-1	December-7

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 5, 2017

TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager

STAFF REPORT
PREPARED BY: Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager

SUBJECT: Ushering a New Age for Parks in Face of Climate Change: Overview of Presentation Made at NRPA Conference

Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager; Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager; and Brian Holt, Principal Planner, will provide an informational update on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

On September 28, 2017, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) hosted a session on the evolving role of public parklands at the forefront of climate change at the National Parks & Recreation Association 2017 Annual Conference. Staff will provide the Board Executive Committee with an overview of the session, which includes a historical overview of parks in the United States; what the future requires of public parklands to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change; and a preview of the Park District's body of work in this area.

Climate change has overwhelmingly been recognized as one of the most urgent threats to communities and the environment. Parks play a unique role in providing respite, infrastructure, adaptation, and mitigation strategies for urban communities. The focus on climate change and adaptation provides a unique opportunity for a new ecological era for parks with a focus on investment in restoration and protection of natural areas.

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 5, 2017

TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager

STAFF REPORT
PREPARED BY: Julie Bondurant, Acting Chief of Planning/GIS

SUBJECT: Land Use Plan Annual Work Program Update

Julie Bondurant, Acting Chief of Planning/GIS, will provide an informational update on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

A Land Use Plan serves as the long-range plan for an entire park. It is:

- A discreet action with a defined start and end with the intent to open parkland and/or develop park facilities.
- Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- A project requiring Board action.
- A process that involves the public through community workshops, meetings, and Board hearings.

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is currently preparing six (6) Land Use Plans (LUP) / Land Use Plan Amendments (LUPA) and companion CEQA documents:

1. Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve LUPA - Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
2. Concord Hills Regional Park LUP - EIR
3. Coyote Hills Regional Park LUPA - Focused EIR
4. Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline LUPA - Program EIR
5. Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve LUPA - EIR
6. Southern Las Trampas Regional Preserve LUPA – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Five (5) of these are updating existing land use plans. One, the Concord Hills Regional Park LUP, is being prepared to provide guidance for the development and management of a new park.

Consistent with the Park District's 2013 Master Plan, the Park District prepares LUPs for new parks and amends existing LUPs as needed to accommodate growth and change. Each of these plans will identify future resource management strategies and recreational use for entire parks and establish appropriate land use designations.

As a discreet action, LUPs/LUPAs are considered a project subject to CEQA. CEQA analyses serve to:

- Inform decision-makers and the public of potential environmental effects.
- Identify ways to avoid or significantly reduce effects.
- Prevent significant, avoidable damage through project alternatives or mitigation measures.

The variations in the type of CEQA documents relate to the type and complexity of the LUP/LUPA recommendations. Two of the LUPAs, Miller/Knox and Black Diamond Mines, include recommendations for removing historically eligible structures, requiring an EIR level analysis. The Concord Hills Regional Park, Coyote Hills Regional Park, and Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve plans include site restoration work as project elements, along with recreation facility improvements. The recommendations for the Southern Las Trampas Regional Preserve LUPA are limited to a new staging area on a previously disturbed site and trail improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

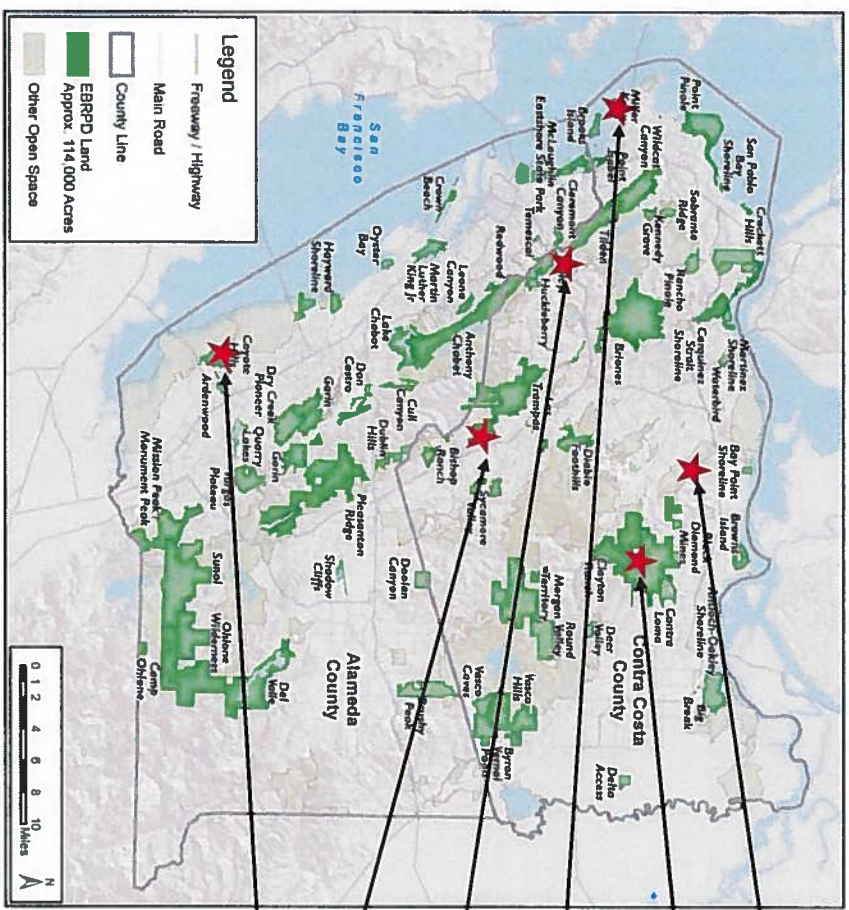
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: LUP Locations

Land Use Plans and Land Use Plan Amendments in Progress

East Bay Regional Park District



- Concord Hills Regional Park LUP
- Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve LUPA
- Miller Knox Regional Shoreline LUPA
- Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve LUPA
- Southern Las Trampas Regional Preserve LUPA
- Coyote Hills Regional Park LUPA

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TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager

STAFF REPORT
PREPARED BY: Michelle Julene, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan Amendment Concept

Michelle Julene, Senior Planner, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

The East Bay Regional Park District (District) is preparing a Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) for Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline (Miller/Knox) to update the 1983 Land Use Development Plan, consistent with the District's 2013 Master Plan. A Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) is the environmental document being prepared to support the LUPA and to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Miller/Knox is located in the southwestern portion of the City of Richmond on a peninsula known as Point Richmond. This location provides panoramic views of San Francisco Bay and beyond. Dornan Drive divides Miller/Knox into an east and west section. The area east of Dornan Drive includes Ferry Point at the southern end, Keller Beach at the northern end, with the lagoon and the Bray Oil property in between. The area west of Dornan Drive includes hiking trails in the ridgeland that comprise a segment of the Potrero Hills. Figure 1 shows the location and general vicinity of Miller/Knox.

The LUPA is a long-range plan that includes resource management and protection and public use recommendations. The purpose of the Miller/Knox LUPA is to enhance the existing environmental and scenic values at Miller/Knox while providing additional recreational and interpretive opportunities for park visitors, consistent with the District's Vision and Core Mission as included in the District's 2013 Master Plan. Within a framework, including an objective of protecting and enhancing existing environmental resources and scenic qualities of Miller/Knox, the LUPA intends to include the following major recommendations:

1. Develop a promenade connecting the Ferry Point Pier to the Lagoon Planning Area through the Bray Oil Property Planning Area.
2. Rehabilitate the historic pump house building for passive interpretive use.
3. Replace the historic warehouse building with day-use and scenic vista point area.
4. Expand the existing parking area at Ferry Point.
5. Develop a structure to support District outdoor education, interpretive programs, and volunteer activities.

6. Provide a green-waste composting area for operations and public education.
7. Provide an area for disposal of dredging spoils from the lagoon.
8. Remove the remnant railroad tracks within District jurisdiction.
9. Develop a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Keller Beach and Ferry Point.
10. Formalize access between the Bay Shore and the Lagoon Planning Areas.
11. Establish a new trail on the east side of lagoon.
12. Replace under-utilized area of irrigated turf with native vegetation.
13. Develop new outdoor fitness stations.
14. Implement the Lagoon Enhancement Project (optional).
15. Develop new staging areas off Dornan Drive and off Canal Boulevard.
16. Develop trailheads and new vista points, repair trails damaged by erosion, and decommission trails too damaged for repair.
17. Implement the District's Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan recommendations, Integrated Pest Management recommendations, and grazing recommendations.

In 2012, staff initiated the LUPA and CEQA process by publishing a Notice of Preparation (NOP), hosting a public scoping meeting, and accepting public comment over a 30-day public review period. During 2013 through 2015, staff had three feasibility studies conducted by consultants, the results of which have informed District's recommendations regarding disposition of the buildings at Ferry Point and the Lagoon Enhancement Project. In May 2017, the District entered into a contract with Ascent Environmental, Inc. to prepare the Program EIR. In June 2017, the District re-published the NOP, hosted a second public scoping meeting, and accepted additional public comment over a 30-day public review period.

Staff's presentation will provide information to the Board Executive Committee regarding the LUPA recommendations, public input regarding the LUPA recommendations, status of the LUPA and Program EIR, and schedule overview. At a later date, the draft LUPA will be brought before this committee for its consideration and approval to forward it to the Park Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.

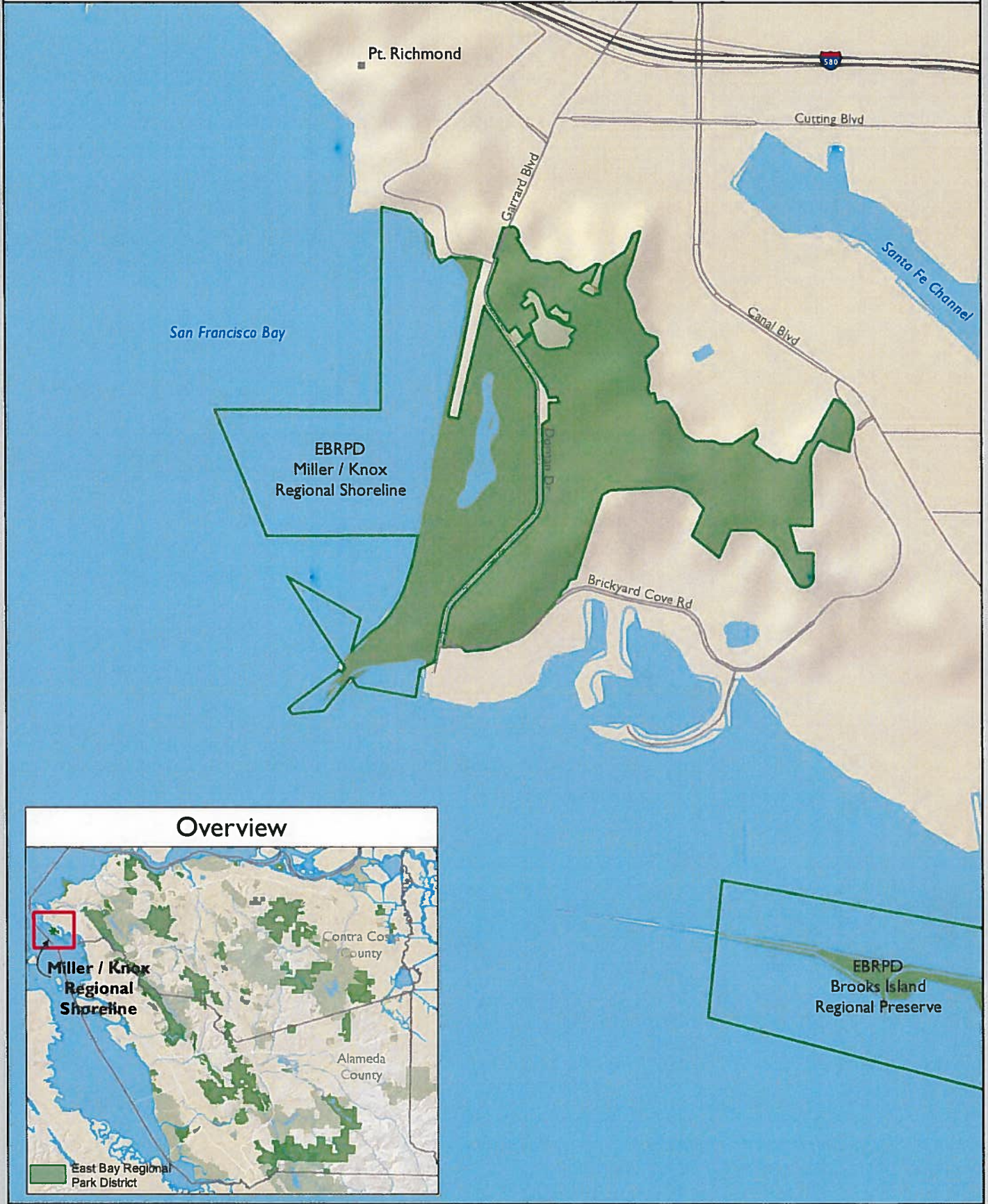
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Figure 1 - Vicinity

MILLER / KNOX REGIONAL SHORELINE

Figure 1: Vicinity

0 0.125 0.25 Miles
1 Inch



Overview



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TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager

STAFF REPORT
PREPARED BY: Brian Holt, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Resilient by Design Challenge

Brian Holt, Principal Planner, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

The Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge kicked off this month and is a collaborative research and design project intended to bring together local residents, public officials, and local, national, and international experts to develop solutions for the Bay Area to respond to climate change. Ten inter-disciplinary teams have been selected who will be matched with ten project sites located around the San Francisco Bay. In the East Bay, many of the potential sites will include shoreline owned and managed by the East Bay Regional Park District. The design challenge kicked off this month with a tour of the East Bay shoreline and presentations on climate science and planning in the Bay Area. Staff will provide an overview of the Resilient by Design process, the next steps, and how the Park District is engaged.

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.