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## NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**August 16, 2017**

**12:30 p.m.**

**EBRPD – Peralta Oaks Headquarters  
2950 Peralta Oaks Court  
Oakland, CA 94605**

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. The District’s History and Legacy in Documents	I	Ortiz
1:00 PM	2. Steelhead Spawning Migrations in Alameda Creek	I	Sullivan
1:30 PM	3. Artichoke Thistle vs. Santa Cruz Tarplant: History and Update on Winning the Conservation Battle	I	Beitz/ Hammond
2:15 PM	4. Open Forum for Public Comment <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>	D	Dir. Rosario

(R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration  
(I) Information  
(D) Discussion

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Future Meetings: October (TBD) and November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Natural and Cultural Resources Committee Members**

Dee Rosario (Chair), Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ellen Corbett (Alt.)

Bob Nisbet, Staff Coordinator

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## AGENDA SUMMARY

1. The District's History and Legacy in Documents (Ortiz)

Beverly Ortiz, Cultural Services Coordinator, will provide an overview of the wide variety of primary documents that preserve EBRPD's history, as well as the cultural and historic legacy of District parklands. Efforts to assemble and conserve these documents will be summarized.

2. Steelhead Spawning Migrations in Alameda Creek (Sullivan)

Joe Sullivan, Fisheries Program Manager, will present a brief overview of the status of steelhead in Alameda Creek. He will also present the findings from a study conducted in the spring of 2017 when a total of nine Steelhead were rescued below an impassible barrier and moved upstream to continue their spawning migration from the sea. Of those nine fish, six were fixed with transmitters, which allow biologists to monitor each individual's migration pattern. Information from this study will help focus the conservation effort currently underway for this Federally threatened species.

3. Artichoke Thistle vs. Santa Cruz Tarplant: History and Update on Winning the Conservation Battle (Beitz/Hammond)

Pamela Beitz, IPM Resource Analyst and Michele Hammond, District Botanist will present on the history of artichoke thistle management in Wildcat Canyon Regional Park as part of invasive plant control for native grassland conservation including the Santa Cruz tarplant. The Santa Cruz tarplant (Federally threatened, State endangered, CRPR IB.1) is considered to be one of the rarest and most protected plants within District lands. Santa Cruz tarplant seeds were introduced to Wildcat Canyon from a plant population that was destroyed by development. Following decades of treatment and ongoing monitoring, artichoke thistle that once threatened the tarplant's habitat is now found only in small patches within this park.

4. Open Forum for Public Comment (Dir. Rosario)

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