

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee (8/16/17) (Nisbet/Rosario)

Committee Members: Dee Rosario (C), Beverly Lane, Whitney Dotson

EBRPD Staff: Anita Slater, Anne Kassebaum, Beverly Ortiz, Bob Nisbet, Casey Brierley, Ed Culver, Heather David, Jim O'Connor, Joe Sullivan, Matt Graul, Michele Hammond, Pam Beitz

Guests: Judi Bank, Marty Morrow, Peter Rauch

A meeting of the Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at Peralta Oaks Administration Headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California. Director Dee Rosiario called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The following is a summary of the items discussed:

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

Cultural Services Coordinator, Beverly Ortiz reported on 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 was summarized.

California Native Plant Society Representative Peter Rauch commented that maybe the renewal of Measure CC could be used for additional resources for the archive program.

2. Steelhead Spawning Migrations in Alameda Creek (Sullivan)

Fisheries Program Manager, Joe Sullivan reported on the status of steelhead in Alameda Creek. He also presented 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 in the Alameda Creek watershed.

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

IPM Resource Analyst, Pamela Beitz and District Botanist, Michele Hammond reported 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 1B.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 in the City of Richmond. 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.

California Native Plant Society Representative Peter Rauch commented on the management of grasslands and grazing. He also supported the idea of archiving plant communities with the renewal of Measure CC funds.

Chair Lane requested that someone look at the thistle problem on the Sycamore Valley Trail.

4. Public Comment (Rosario)

California Native Plant Society Representative Peter Rauch commented on the native habitats within EBRPD and how they are being managed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Heather David