

The Board Meeting, which was held on March 6, 2018 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Board President Dennis Waespi.

The roll was called, and the Board left the board conference room and walked to the breezeway level of the District Headquarters to tour the District's new Mobile Incident Command Vehicle from Public Safety. Capt. Lance Brede and Patty Gershaneck, Communications and Records Manager conducted the tour.

After the Board tour was complete, the Board walked back to the Board Conference room to begin Closed Session at 11:32 am.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Dennis Waespi, President  
Ayn Wieskamp, Vice President  
Ellen Corbett, Treasurer  
Dee Rosario, Secretary  
Whitney Dotson  
Colin Coffey  
Beverly Lane

Directors Absent: None.

Guests: Brian Dolan, Pleasanton Assistant City Manager

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Waespi.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Anthony Ciaburro, Steve Castile, Matt Graul, Jim O'Connor, Patty Gershaneck, Chris Bell, Kip Walsh, Julie Bondurant, Sandra Hamlet, Chris Barton, Capt. Lance Brede, Erich Pfuehler, Lisa Baldinger, Kristina Kelchner, Lt. David Phulps

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

### C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Calendar**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, 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 January 22, 2018 Through February 4, 2018  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 032 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of February 20, 2018  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 033 (attached)
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 034 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Appropriate Funds for Construction of a Vehicle Turnaround on District Property: Vargas Plateau Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 035 (attached)

President Waespi asked about the 1,000 feet of road that the County was going to abandon for the turnaround. District Counsel Victor clarified that in the settlement agreement of 2012, if the County abandoned the road the District would build a turnaround. However, the County has not abandoned the road. Victor then added that in the 2016 settlement agreement, the District agreed to build the turnaround by the park residence. Waespi asked if the District would install a gate to allow access. Victor agreed the District would unless and until the County abandons the remaining 1,000 feet of road.

Public Comment on this item: Larry Edelson submitted a map of the surveyors' office into the record from 1876. Edelson stated that over 500 people have used this road and he wants the District to do a better job of properly representing the use of the road. Edelson lauded the District for opening the road.

GM Doyle recognized that there are thousands of miles, in both counties, of public roads that the District does not own, operate, or regulate, that are used to get to District properties. Director Wieskamp asked if the turnaround will be done by the date given. Victor answered that the craft crew said it will be done.

Public Comment on this item: Kelly Abreu brought in a map and article to the Board from 2012 on the turnaround. He talked about the Phase II park project as it relates to the resolution. He recommended improvement of the park and repair of the road.

Waespi asked staff why the turnaround is being built now. Victor replied in the terms of the 2016 settlement agreement, there was a request by the plaintiff to construct the turnaround to allow for smooth flow of traffic.

- e. Approval of Application for Grant Funds for California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program for the San Francisco Bay Trail Doolittle Drive South: Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 036 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Bay Area Air

Quality Management District: San Francisco Bay Trail at Lone Tree  
Point: San Pablo Bay Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 037 (attached)

- g. Approval of Accounting Adjustments to Reflect the Disposal of One Capital Asset with a Book Value Over \$25,000  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 038 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Partner with Civicorps School on Senate Bill I Trail Crew Grant: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 039 (attached)
- i. Authorization of Grant Application to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy Science and Research Grant Program for Raptor Surveys: District-wide  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 040 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Appropriate Funds Received through Asset Forfeiture Proceeds to Purchase Two Police Canines and Associate Training Costs: Public Safety Division  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 041 (attached)

Director Corbett asked for background information on the District's canine program. Lt. David Phulps, Patrol Watch Commander, offered background on the canine program which began with its adoption in 2007. Phulps said there have been three canines, two of which will retire and be replaced by two more canines. Director Dotson asked what kind of dogs are used. Phulps answered the District is transitioning to German Shepherds because they are better with the public. Corbett asked if the canines are trained for interaction with horses. Phulps said the canines' very first training is four weeks of intensive obedience training under all circumstances: helicopters, balloons, horses, cats, gun fire, etc. If the canines can't make the certification they are returned to the vendor. Director Wieskamp asked if the Board could see the dogs. Phulps said a presentation could be arranged. President Waespi asked how the canines are deployed. Phulps replied very infrequently, because just the presence of the dog can dissuade conflict between the officer and the suspect.

President Waespi asked how long is the canine career. Phulps said at least five and no more than eight years, adding that when they are retired they spend the rest of their lives with their handler. The handler pays a stipend to the District.

## 2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Enter into a License Agreement with the City of Pleasanton For Trailhead Area on City Property Referred to as the "Austin Triangle", Adjacent to the District-Owned "Castleridge Property": Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2018 – 03 - 042 (attached)

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Bob Nisbet, AGM of ASD introduced Julie Bondurant, Principal Planner and thanked her for the work she has done as the Project Manager.

Bondurant proceeded with the PowerPoint presentation. Using the map of the Castleridge Property and Trailhead, she oriented the Board to the development. The Castleridge Trailhead and Courdet Trail Chronology were listed and key dates highlighted. By using pictures, she explained the process it took to install vault toilets; showed the parallel parking on Old Foothill Road, and various images of the Courdet Trail. Bondurant acknowledged neighbors who assisted, Board members Wieskamp and Lane, staff, ASD, Surveyors, Design & Construction, Trails, Construction, Sanitation, Operations, Public Affairs, Pleasanton City Council, Parks & Rec Commission and City staff. Bondurant introduced Brian Dolan, Asst. City Manager of Pleasanton. Director Wieskamp thanked Bondurant for her hard work, adding there is shade and access with good. Director Lane thanked Bondurant for her hard work and announced that this is an important access for Pleasanton Ridge. Lane commented that the street looks nice, 40+ new parking spaces and asked if at some point will there be signage along Foothill indicating this is an access point. GM Doyle asked if there are directional signs to the park, on public roads. Bondurant replied at this point there is no signage, but in the future there will be. Lane asked if the trail name was discussed. Wieskamp said it did come up at a meeting from one of the neighbors, the Courdet's were an old ranch family that lived here. Bondurant added that the naming was part of the recommendations and is also part of the checklist amendment process. Lane asked if there is one trail and one name being added. Bondurant said there is along with the Castleridge Trailhead, which was approved. Lane asked if the sign says Castleridge, and it does. Kristina Kelchner, Asst. District Counsel, added that the District is not responsible for the fencing; the license gives the District rights to use the green area and the maintenance items are called out: drinking fountain, trees, the toilet and the trail. Brian Dolan, Pleasanton Asst. City Manager thanked Bob Nisbet, Julie Bondurant, and staff for their work on this project. Dolan stated that the city council is thrilled to have this new facility. Dolan confirmed that the District's responsibility only extends to the immediate vicinity in the green area.

Public Comment on this item: Kelly Abreu remarked about the transparency and efficiency of this project and compared the process to what is going on at Fremont.

President Waespi commented that he appreciated the collaboration between the District and Pleasanton. Bondurant passed out the new updated trails brochure.

### 3. GENERAL MANAGER

- a. Report on the 2018 Partnership for the National Trail System Conference in Washington, DC and Capitol Hills Meetings

GM Doyle introduced Erich Pfuehler, Government Relations Manager and Lisa Baldinger, Legislative Assistant. Doyle and Pfuehler commented on Sean Goddin, the Marine veteran they met while in Washington, DC. Goddin expressed an interest in working with the District on training exercises and outreach to local Veteran's departments. Pfuehler briefly highlighted the meetings they attended in DC. Staff and Boardmembers met with FEMA and were assured that the additional funding is safe and secure. FEMA encouraged the District to apply for the Notice of Interest for Southern CA fires. GM Doyle thanked the District's Legal department for the relationship that was built with FEMA. Lisa Baldinger discussed the visit with the Bureau of Land Management and the map which indicates the reorganization of the National Park Service. Pfuehler talked about the "hallway meeting" with Cong. Barbara Lee where she expressed her interest in serving youth in disadvantaged communities. Baldinger followed up with her staff to get a report Lee referenced. Board and staff met with Cong. Jerry McNerney, Cong. Mark DeSaulnier and his staff, Cong. Ro Khanna's staff, and Senator Kamala Harris' staff. Baldinger and Board met with Cong. Mike Thompson, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Cong. Eric Swalwell. Pfuehler acknowledged Yulie Padmore, Sharon Clay and Lisa Baldinger for all the background help to

ensure the success of these Capitol Hill visits. Director Corbett thanked the support staff and commented that it is a worthwhile trip. Lane agreed.

Rosario thanked Peter Umerhoff and AGM Nisbet.

#### 4. **BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS NONE**

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

GM Doyle discussed the items in this report.

#### 5. **GM COMMENTS**

GM Doyle introduced Patty Gershaneck, Communication and Records Manager, Public Safety. In 1989, the Fleetwood Motorhome was the District's first Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MIC). In 2013, the Board approved purchase of a vehicle that would be a purposed built vehicle. Gershaneck explained that the MIC will be deployed during major summer holidays in the parks, public relations events, job recruitment and major public safety incidents. Gershaneck thanked the Regional Park District Foundation and Tesoro Corporation. Director Rosario asked if there are any specialized people who operate the vehicle; Gershaneck replied not right now. President Waespi complimented the police on their new patch.

#### 6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Carol Victor, District Counsel announced that there were none.

#### 7. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Finance Committee (1- 24 -18) (Corbett)

#### 8. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Met in San Ramon with city officials for South Las Trampas LUP and Bishop Ranch;
- Attended the East Bay Women's Conference;
- Sent info on Healthy Parks to John Muir Health representatives;
- Attending the Black Diamond Stairway Dedication;
- Attending the opening of Castleridge on Saturday.

Lane visited the Castleridge staging area and toured the Martinez Park with the new baseball field and Mount Om.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda Creek Crawl;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Met with Nate Miley's staff: Matt Turner and Rick Hatcher;
- Attending the Black Diamond Stairway Dedication;
- Attending the opening of Castleridge on Saturday.

Waespi thanked the Roads and Trails crew for fixing an erosion scar at Lake Chabot.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Livermore groundbreaking for the new city meeting site which will serve as the emergency operations centers;
- A chance to be part of the filming with Nancy and Gary Harrington at Shadow Cliffs;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended Tri-City Ecology meeting, Fremont;
- Attending the opening of Castleridge on Saturday.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended Restore Americas Estuaries Conference;
- Attended the Multi-Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame and Community Service Awards – John Sutter, Director Emeritus was honored;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Oakland Firesafe Council;
- Attended a tree planting with the Sibley Crew and Student Conservation Association;
- Attended Sgt. David Hall’s memorial service, thanked Chief Ciaburro;
- Attended the East Bay Women’s Conference.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- No comments.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Corbett mentioned that the faculty of the fire training program at Chabot College is interested in seeking some sort of partnership and passed info along to the Chief Seal.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Brentwood East County Community Night;
- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Met with a representative of a Crockett group called Restore the Waterfront;
- Met with Mr. Grisham who owns/operates a winery near Lone Tree Park;
- Met with Brian Holt and Director Lane to discuss Concord Hills;
- Attended the CCC Mayors Conference, Antioch;
- Attended the Sierra Club, Delta Chapter in East Contra Costa;
- Hiked Selby Open Space Preserve.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

## D. ADJOURNMENT

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. in memory of Don Biddle, City of Dublin Councilmember and Charlie Plummer, Alameda County Sheriff.

