

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETINGS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Board Legislative Committee (01.26.2018) (Corbett)

Present

Board: Dee Rosario, Dennis Waespi, Beverly Laine

Staff: Robert E. Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Erich Pfuehler, Carol Victor, Lisa Baldinger, Jim O'Connor, Eric Holmes

Consultants: Dr. George Manross

Public: Rick Rickard, Bruce Beyaert

This meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm.

I. STATE LEGISLATION / OTHER MATTERS

A. NEW LEGISLATION

1. **AJR 29 – Prohibition on New Oil and Gas Drilling Offshore (Limon D-Santa Barbara)**

Legislative Advocate Doug Houston highlighted a lot of the legislation on the agenda is about a similar topic: working to balance changes in the federal administration from the state level. AJR 29 was introduced by Assembly Member Monique Limón with the intention to send a message to Washington, D.C. and the President that offshore oil drilling in California should remain non-existent. Director Beverly Lane questioned if tourism was referenced and included. Houston confirmed.

The Board Legislative Committee voted unanimously to SUPPORT.

2. **HR 70 –Prohibition on New Oil and Gas Drilling Offshore (Baker R-Dublin)**

Houston shared this legislation is similar in nature to AJR 29 with the intent to send a message to the federal administration regarding the state's view on oil drilling.

The Board Legislative Committee voted unanimously to SUPPORT.

### 3. **AB 1775 and SB 834 – Prohibition on Infrastructure needed for Offshore Oil and Gas Development - (Muratsuchi D-Torrance and Jackson D-Santa Barbara)**

Houston shared these bills are written with the intent to prohibit the State Lands Commission from approving activities within the state that might lead to offshore oil drilling. Though new leases cannot be prohibited, it is possible to prohibit specific facilities.

The Board Legislative Committee voted unanimously to SUPPORT.

#### B. ISSUES

##### 1. **Governor Brown's 2018-19 Budget**

Government Affairs Manager Erich Pfuehler announced Governor Brown provided the State of the State on January 24, 2018. Houston acknowledged the Governor's fiscal plan has not deviated over the last eight years. He is looking to place savings into a rainy-day fund for future cycles. Even though the Governor has not been favorable to incurring new debt, he did sign SB 5 and the housing bond. The Governor appears to be optimistic of the bonds' success and already budgeted from them, despite them having not been approved. Houston shared, of the \$1.02 billion allocated in this year's budget out of SB 5 and the Housing bond, \$463 million has been allocated to local and regional park programs. At this time, it looks as though the Governor will push the per capita program sooner than later. From the greenhouse gas reduction fund and cap-and-trade, there is \$1.25 billion in this year's budget to be allocated. Pfuehler added the Governor stated twice in the State of the State, "you can't fight nature, we have to learn how to get along with it."

##### 2. **Park Bond Update**

Houston highlighted state parks will likely have to develop new guidelines for the disadvantaged community funding to be more competitive. General Manager Robert E. Doyle referenced the difficulties agencies have in Southern California to obtain land deals to create new parks in park-poor neighborhoods under Prop 84 funds from 2006. Assistant Finance Officer Jeff Rasmussen shared 2010 had two grant cycles under Prop 84 with \$2 million state wide. With this in mind, upwards of 20% was available for rehabilitation and restoration of existing parks. In the 2018 Park Bond, urban density is a key criteria. Pfuehler provided a summary of all 2018 Park Bond allocations. Director Lane requested an outline of which funds will be available for the Park District. Pfuehler provided an overview of areas the Park District will likely be eligible for including per capita, state parks and Coastal Conservancy Bay Program funds. Doyle shared park areas like Del Valle may be able to apply for water quality funding. Director Lane confirmed most of the water funding relates to drinking water. Doyle responded yes, but also watershed control. Doyle went on to share a brief update on the reorganization of State Parks. Houston acknowledged a new organizational chart will be released in the next month or so. Director Lane expressed optimism in the new organization and pathway forward. Doyle went on to outline how foundations are currently working with state parks to guide additional funds. He looks forward to meeting with the Director of State Parks at some point soon. Houston referenced \$1.25 million in this year's budget has been reallocated through the greenhouse gas reduction fund and the announcement to their spending plan will be made later January 26, 2018. Pfuehler shared safe healthy forest funding has been called out in this year's budget through CalFire from cap-and-trade. Houston returned to the topic of the 2018 park bond and shared there is hope for a title and summary by late-February, early-March. This will allow for better polling statewide. At this juncture, the committee for the park bond is seeking endorsements.

##### 3. **Other matters**

Pfuehler shared Assembly Member Quirk's office has been in contact with the Park District about dealing with the Blue Green Algae issue. The concept they are working on deals with establishing a committee

to determine best practices when treating toxic algal blooms. He continued Assembly Member Tim Grayson acknowledged a top priority for his office is to address the East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District funding issue without taking tax dollars away from other districts. Director Rosario questioned, in regard to Assembly Member Quirk, if the Assembly Member has expressed interest in an environmental surcharge on ammunition for gun range clean ups. There was an interest in holding a hearing that has not occurred, but would be worth revisiting. Houston responded there was a discussion about how to do this without it being a tax, however it would likely have to be a tax with a two-thirds vote.

## II. FEDERAL LEGISLATION / OTHER MATTERS

### A. NEW LEGISLATION

#### 1. **S. 2130 – Outdoor Economy Act (Tester D-MT)**

Pfuehler said this bill by a Senator from Montana essential establishes and outdoor recreation advisory committee to make recommendations on improving access and serving disadvantaged communities. There is a glaring omission in the bill of state, local and regional park agencies, so the Park District's Washington, D.C. advocate is communicating with the appropriate offices.

The Board Legislative Committee voted unanimously to SUPPORT if amended.

#### 2. **S. 2176 – Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act (Whitehouse D-RI)**

Pfuehler explained this bill, the SAFE Act, is modeled after legislation existing in California to adapt in a changing climate.

The Board Legislative Committee voted unanimously to SUPPORT.

### B. ISSUES

#### 1. **2018 Legislative meetings in Washington**

Pfuehler presented the committee a preview of the poster and brochure map for their upcoming Washington, D.C. meetings while attending the Partnership for the National Trails System conference.

#### 2. **Other Matters**

## III. STRATEGIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE TRACKING INSTRUMENT

Dr. George Manross of the Strategic Research Institute presented findings from a December 2017 District-wide voter survey.

## VI. ARTICLES

## VII. OPEN FORUM PUBLIC COMMENT

## VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane asked if the Park District has someone taking photos of completed 2004 Measure CC projects.

This meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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