

The Board Meeting, which was held on September 18, 2018 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oak Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Board President Dennis Waespi.

ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: None.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by President Waespi.

All Board members, except Director Dotson who stepped out temporarily, were present for the Open Session.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Brian Holt, Neoma Lavalle, Anthony Ciaburro, Al Love, Jeff Rasmussen, Lance Brede, Michelle Strawson O'Hara, Anne Kassebaum, Lisa Goorjian, Mona Koh, Matt Graul, Clay Simmons, Ren Bates, Michael Reeves, Dave Mason, Suzanne Lusk, Glenn Gilchrist, Sandra Hamlet, Kip Walsh, Chris Newey, Finance Department Staff

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Director Dotson arrived back into the meeting.

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,
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.
Directors Abstain: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of July 30, 2018 to August 19, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 223 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 4, 2018
- c. Authorization to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Weldon Exhibits for the
Install Exhibit at Visitor Center Project: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 224 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Funds for the Dredge Ponds and Repair Levees
Project: Hayward Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 225 (attached)

President Waespi thanked Congressman Eric Swalwell for accepting a District invitation to see firsthand the work needed at Hayward Regional Shoreline, and for helping the Park District on this project.

- e. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Board Member Dennis Waespi and General Manager
Robert E. Doyle to Attend the 2018 National Recreation and Park Association Conference in
Indianapolis, Indiana on September 25-27, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 226 (attached)

President Waespi read into the record an announcement that GM Doyle will be honored by the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration at the NRPA Conference. The Academy will bestow upon GM Doyle the Pugsley Award. The Pugsley Medal recognizes outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of public parks, recreation, and conservation in the United States. GM Doyle said that he is honored to be included on the list of honorees and thanked all employees of the Park District.

- f. Authorization to Adjust and Appropriate Measure WW Funds and Award a Contract to
CLE/Foth Engineering Inc. for Bay Water Trail Access Improvements: Point Pinole Regional
Shoreline
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 227 (attached)

Director Lane requested a presentation on this item. Jeff Rasmussen, AFO, explained the SF Bay Area Water Trail Implementation Plan. Rasmussen went over the support for the project, and updated the Board on the appropriation which will leave \$2.8 million in WW funding. Director Lane was glad to see the project moving forward, and, asked if this project will accommodate all boat users. Rasmussen replied it would, adding that this project is much easier than Pt. Isabel to implement, because the grades are flatter and there is no need to go into the water. Lane asked if the path has the correct elevations for ADA compliance, and Rasmussen responded it does. Director Lane said this is a perfect site for a water trail with camping already including water and restrooms. GM Doyle asked if under Prop 68 there is a specification allocation of funding through the Coastal Conservancy. Rasmussen replied that there are a number of grant opportunities.

- g. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 228 (attached)

President Waespi complimented staff and the Finance department on this investment report.

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 2a**.

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition of 160± Acres of Real Property from Jerauld A. Grove, Trustee of the Jerauld A. Grove Revocable Trust dated September 1, 2011:
Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 229 (attached)

Suzanne Lusk, Senior Land Acquisition Specialist, gave the presentation. Lusk oriented the Board to the location of the property. The Grove property is 160 acres; it expands the boundary of the existing park, and preserves the headwater of Cottonwood Creek. The Grove property offers potential recreational trail opportunities, maintains open space and protects sensitive species habitat. Lusk stated the Grove Property will make a good addition to Doolan Canyon. Director Wieskamp commented that she liked this property, and how peaceful and quiet it is even near the freeways. Director Lane expressed that she is pleased with the map, and delighted that the District has an opportunity to purchase it. GM Doyle commented that board members can be persuasive, and that Director Waespi had let staff know about the Grove property.

Public Comment: Mr. Grcar expressed his opposition to this acquisition. He distributed a map to the Board, stating the people in Southern Alameda County can't enjoy it. He announced the board needs to step up and create park systems in Southern Alameda County instead of using the money to buy land solely for habitat and wildlife.

GM Doyle commented that Del Valle is the largest, highest use park in Southern Alameda County, and the entire East Bay. The District operates and absorbs the cost at 100%. Director Wieskamp commented that as the one who represents this area, the District has wonderful parks that preserve open space and habitat, and it is also a destination for many people who come from Santa Clara and San Joaquin Counties. The Grove property will provide access for people to reach Doolan Canyon. Director Lane commented that the Park District has financial agreements with other special park districts throughout our area. In particular, the Livermore Area Park Districts (LARPD) has a number of quite handsome parks that the public can visit.

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Coffey, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 2b**.

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

- b. Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition of 9.24± Acres of Real Property from Penelope I. Heiser, Sole Trustee of the Annette Purviance Family Trust: Round Valley Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2018 – 08 – 230 (attached)

Suzanne Lusk, Senior Land Acquisition Specialist, discussed possible acquisition of this property. The property is 9.24 acres. It established the northern boundary of the existing park, protects the Marsh Creek Corridor, provides potential recreation, and removes a private inholding between Round Valley and Marsh Creek State Park. This property has been farmed and grazed by the Purviance Family since 1849.

Director Lane said this is an example of long term conversations with the family. GM Doyle stated that there was an agreement with the family that the brothers could remain on the property as long as the District is given a right of first refusal. He commented that this is a popular park for equestrians. GM Doyle thanked Suzanne for her efforts on this negotiation. Director Lane stated she sees a lot of people coming from Antioch and Brentwood to picnic along this creek, and questioned if the District needs more picnic tables because of the day use. President Waespi asked if there are any plans for the two residences. Lusk replied there is not a formal plan at this time, because a historic evaluation and land use plan needs to be done. President Waespi asked if the orchard is in good shape. Lusk answered there are still almonds on the tree, but she isn't certain they are edible. Waespi asked if there would be grazing. Lusk replied it's more of a residential lot, and not for grazing. GM Doyle commented that the park residence is a mobile home and could be replaced with a permanent structure, and it would also be a good time to install picnic tables. Director Wieskamp said it is also a good opportunity for a short loop trail and urged staff to consider one.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

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

GM Doyle discussed items on this report. Brian Holt, Chief of Planning/GIS showed a map of the Sand Creek Focus Area in Deer Valley Regional Park, and gave a brief presentation on this area. Director Lane asked about the possible implications in helping to expand Black Diamond Mine and this section west. Holt answered there have been properties of interest to the District, and this action designates and zones them as open space and hillside preservation which makes future acquisition possible. One of the key features is permanently closing Empire Road by the city of Antioch. Director Coffey asked if the developers initiative succeeded in getting the green area on the map designated open space and hillside preservation on Zika Ranch, and if the second initiative subjects any future changes to that zoning to elections. Holt replied the developer's initiative does not include Zika Ranch or other private property south of The Ranch Development; it does establish a permanent voter approved urban limit line. Holt stated that this provides a layer of protection. Coffey said absent legal challenge, the area will be preserved and that the area west of Empire Mine Road contains two of the five coal mining townsites. GM Doyle added that it also includes the coal mines under them that were closed by the feds. GM Doyle added that there is legislation the District sponsored which held that a city can abandon a road for their maintenance and operation, and maintain a trail easement over it, or give the District the right to the easement and the burden is on the District to maintain it. The reason the road is closed is because Jack Roddy was continually losing cattle, and because of vandalism. The gate was closed to nonpermitted traffic, which has reduced crime in that area where the police couldn't patrol. Staff are working with Antioch to have it open. Wieskamp asked if there are any coal mines of concern that should be closed in that area. GM Doyle replied they have all been closed by the federal government, and should be inspected annually.

GM Doyle talked about the second Action item which is complicated. DGM Alvarez and Matt Graul and their team are reviewing this request in an effort to hasten permitting.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

a. 2018 Finance Department Update

Michelle Strawson O'Hara, AFO, presented an overview of District-wide services provided by the Finance department. She introduced the twenty-one-member Finance staff and the various departments within Finance. O'Hara highlighted the achievements, innovations, interdivisional collaboration, budgeting for the future, Finance's focus on customer service, and more trainings of staff.

Director Lane asked if the staff in Finance get out in the parks. O'Hara replied Finance holds division meetings in the park. Director Lane also asked what are the major challenges. O'Hara replied Finance will embark on financial services upgrade this year, and the two-year budget are major challenges. Director Corbett thanked the department for their amazing support and professionalism. Director Wieskamp remarked that she is impressed with how Finance staff help the Board understand what is happening in the District. Director Waespi commented that the Finance team is very impressive, innovative, and understandable.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Victor announced that the Board authorized unanimously, in two separate and unrelated matters, the filing of litigation and the particulars will remain public when an action is on file.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

GM Doyle called attention to the press clippings and the abundance of fires that have occurred and how our helicopter has dropped over 100 water drops.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Coyote Hills Board Field trip;
- Attended Moonlight on the Mountain;
- Attended the Castro Valley Fall Festival;
- Attended the ACSDA meeting;
- Attended the Pinole Shores Bay Trail bridge dedication;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Radke Award Honoring Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia;
- Attended Castro Valley MAC meeting;
- Attending the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attending the International Day of Peace Celebration at Lake Chabot.

Director Waespi met with the Solo Sierrans at Lake Chabot. Waespi congratulated GM Doyle and Director Corbett on their upcoming award ceremonies for the Pugsley

and the Chabot Foundation Legacy Awards. Director Rosario was recognized as Volunteer of the Month of the Friends of Sausal Creek.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Coyote Hills Board Field trip;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Farm Bureau BBQ;
- Attended a meeting at Pleasanton Ridge about the Stolz trail;
- Attending LAFCo Thursday;
- Attending the ACSDA meeting.

Director Wieskamp commented on how much the Farm Bureau group and many at the Park District will miss Joe Perry.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Coyote Hills Board Field trip;
- Attended the David Brower event;
- Attended the Pinole Bay Trail Ribbon Cutting ceremony;
- Attended the Alameda County Farm Bureau BBQ.

Director Rosario the great and enthusiastic staff members that teach kids.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Coyote Hills Board Field trip;
- Attended the Garin Apple Harvest Festival;
- Attended Moonlight on the Mountain;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Radke Award Honoring Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia.

Director Corbett acknowledged the good work that Assemblymember Garcia did in leading a charge to get the bond measure on the ballot.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Coyote Hills Board Field trip;
- Attended the Moonlight on the Mountain;
- Attended the Pinole Shores Bay Trail Bridge dedication;
- Attended Martinez Fish and Wildlife Committee dinner;
- Attended Tri-Valley Women's Elected lunch.

Director Lane passed out a real estate picture of homes that are around Remington Loop in Danville, and the property value does not appear to be affected by the local access into Las Trampas. Lane asked the location of the walnut grove assessment project. Lane hiked up to Tao House during the O'Neil Festival's Hills of Solace hike. Lane thanked staff for the Ironhorse Trail brochure, the Native Peoples map and the clear information piece on Measure FF piece is very clear.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting;
- Attended the Miller Knox Land Use Plan Public Input meeting;
- Attended the Garin Apple Harvest Festival;

- Attended the Coyote Hills Board Field trip;
- Attended Martinez Fish and Wildlife Committee dinner.

Director Dotson announced the North Richmond Shoreline Festival will be October 6th.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Moonlight on the Mountain;
- Staffed the Park District table at the Solano Stroll;
- Attended the Las Juntas Elementary School received ball field with Federal Glover – WW funding;
- Attended the City of Hercules dedication of its portion of the Bay Trail;
- Attended the Pinole Shores Bridge dedication;
- Staffed the Black Diamond Mine Open House.

Director Coffey visited Garland Ranch Regional park in Carmel Valley for a meeting. Coffey commented that whenever he and his wife staff events throughout the District as ambassadors, they see that people travel many distances to visit our parks.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm in honor of Karin Lucas, former Alameda City Councilmember and co-founder of Friends of Crown Beach. Director Corbett said that Karin was a strong supporter of the Park District, and one of her great loves and passion was Crown Beach.