

The Board Meeting, which was held on October 2, 2018 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:12 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, Anthony Ciaburro, Anne Kassebaum, Lisa Goorjian, Mona Koh, Matt Graul, Ren Bates, Michael Reeves, Dave Mason, Suzanne Lusk, Glenn Gilchrist, Kip Walsh, Chris Newey, Kelly Barrington, Kristina Kelchner, Tiffany Margulici, Anna Fong, Brenda Montano, Bill Probst

Guests: None.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amelia Marshall a member of the Board of the Metropolitan Horseman's Association and STEP expressed concern about the wording in the Sibley LUPA regarding trails and user groups. Marshall spoke about standardizing narrow and single-track trails and which user groups are allowed. Marshall would like to disallow mountain bikers on narrow trails.

Jim Hanson, California Native Plant Society cited the current biological resources baseline information is inadequate. Hanson briefly explained his statement explaining the nexus between trail uses and impacts and that before a trail is built, surveys need to be done and appropriate uses need to be clarified.

Glen Schneider, California Native Plant Society-Skyline Garden's and a landscaper for over 40 years stated the DEIR is incomplete. The baseline botanical studies have not been done, so it is hard to access the impacts. Schneider requested a delay on the Sibley LUPA to allow for more detailed discussions.

Norman LaForce, Sierra Cub and part of the STEP Alliance. LaForce commented that the main problem is there are two proposed trails that haven't been properly analyzed and are in non-conformance with Ordinance 38. LaForce requested a delay to allow time to talk to the environmental community. The STEP letter outlined the 7 areas of concern.

David Tam, Sprawldef requested that the LUPA not be approved, stating it is time to get serious about this and find the resources.

District Counsel Victor responded that the District is seeking an extension on the grant funding. There was a volume of comments that needs to be responded to before the release of the final EIR. There will be a hearing on the LUPA and EIR and will held over until the end of November or December.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, 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 August 20, 2018 to September 9, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 231 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 18, 2018
- c. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Increase Construction Contingency for the Repair Star Residence Project: Deer Valley Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 232 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Replace Trail Project: Martinez Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 233 (attached)

Director Corbett commented that she understood that this is a trail in serious need of restoration. Corbett had questions on the project scope. AGM Nisbet, ASD went through the Directors concerns.

- e. Authorization of Grant Applications to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy Science and Research Grant Program: District-Wide
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 234 (attached)

Director Rosario asked if staff have done studies in the past, and that he would like to see a presentation on past projects and going forward. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship responded that there have been, on wind turbines, ground squirrels and raptors.

- f. Authorization to Purchase High Capacity Disk Storage Equipment and Network Servers from Dell EMC Corporation for District-wide Information Technology Infrastructure Replacements
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 235 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Transfer Board Contingency Funds for Historic Preservation Needs Assessment
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 236 (attached)
- h. Resolution to Oppose California State Proposition 6
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 237 (attached)

2. PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Approve the Purchase of a Digital Electro-Optical/Infrared Camera System from CNC Technologies for Replacement Helicopter Eagle 8: Public Safety Division
Resolution No. 2018 – 10 – 238 (attached)

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Rosario, 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.

Anthony Ciaburro, AGM Public Safety and Bill Probst, Chief Pilot presented on the digital electro-optical/infrared camera system. The PowerPoint slides showed the device which creates high definition photographs and videos Ciaburro stated it is very efficient system and the camera works in tandem with the light.

Director Corbett asked if this camera is compatible with the new helicopter, Ciaburro replied that it is. President Waespi asked about the service life of the camera. Probst replied it should last about 12-15 years before it is obsolete. Director Coffey asked the origin of the grant funding. Tiffany Margulici, Grants Manager replied that it is a State Homeland Security Grant Fund from the Federal government to Cal-OES and then to the District. GM Doyle expressed his appreciation for this effort, stating it is the first time the District has received this kind of funding. Doyle expressed appreciation for Helicopter Unit which has completed over 116 water drops. GM Doyle acknowledged the extra work done over the years by staff and the Helicopter Unit., adding that a lot of the small fires would have become big fires if the District's helicopter didn't get there. Director Rosario asked if the infrared is used for mop up operations on fires? Probst replied that it has been used it for that purpose, and it is one of the advantages of the new HD quality that staff now see root structure of trees.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Doyle discussed items on this report. Director Lane asked about a sentence in this report that refers to a new vegetation management standard and questioned if that standard is compatible with what the District does. Doyle replied it is the utility and regulatory requirement, and will be clearing far more vegetation. Staff is working with PG&E and Public Affairs on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and it is a required of the utility, not the District. Because of all of the fires that have happened, it is a CPUC goal to have grassland under the utilities. Lane reminded the Board about the situation at Briones. Lane said that we are managing property that they own and does that mean they can come into the park and take trees down without conferring with our supervisors. Doyle said they will confer, and the utility has the legal right, the exemption and the requirement to maintain their easements through our parks.

Doyle responded that the District is engaged on the executive level with PG&E's executive team. Lane asked if we are we pushing back. Doyle replied that staff is analyzing all the areas that impact our parks.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

a. 2018 Finance Department Update Maintenance and Skilled Trades Report: Update of the Park District's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

GM Doyle introduced Kelly Barrington, Chief of Maintenance & Skilled Trades (MAST). Barrington gave the history of ADA as it relates to the District. The goal isn't perfection, but to make progress and eliminate as many barriers as possible for people with disabilities district-wide. District facilities are in places where our trails climb mountains, and so , all barriers can't be eliminated. Barrington's PowerPoint highlighted several key projects that need to be corrected. Prioritization of facilities is to distribute across wards, parks and units, and to distribute funds as evenly as possible. Barrington's slides highlighted projects and the gates allowing access for people and equestrians. Barrington said that staff need to remind more experienced people to train and educate the newer people about ADA. Director Wieskamp commented that his staff is doing a great job and she likes the innovations created by staff. Director Corbett thanked Barrington for projects completed at Crown Beach. Director Lane expressed her appreciation for the work staff has done, stating she is very impressed. President Waespi added he was proud of this, and asked if the Center of Independent Living has contacted him. Barrington replied he has not heard anything from them. Doyle added that that the District has leveraged that funding with others, and have done more than is required GM Doyle continued that staff have used incredible creativity to complete these projects.. Director Rosario asked if there is a District brochure that shows the accessibility of our parks. Carol Johnson AGM Public Affairs replied that the District website has information about accessibility, but there isn't currently a printed brochure. Johnson said it is on her list to do. and that she met a member of the public during a presentation who she believes is associated with the Center for Independent Living and will be sharing information within this group.

Director Lane thanked the Fire Department for putting out the fire in San Ramon, and apprehending the arsonist.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Victor announced that there were no announcements.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Finance Committee 08-22-2018 (Corbett)

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended I-on-I with Doyle;
- Attended Fairview Fire District's open house;
- Attended a meeting between the Willow Park men and Women's Golf Club;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the United Nations Day of Peace;
- Attended the Health and Safety Fair and paid compliments to Paul Ferrario;
- Attended the Regional Parks Foundation meeting;
- Attended the Oakland Chamber Mixer; Rosario and Corbett also in attendance;
- Richmond North Shoreline Festival
- Will attend the Walk and Talk with Assemblyman Bill Quirk
- Science in the Park

Director Waespi congratulated lifeguard staff who have gone nine years without a drowning fatality.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the LAFCO meeting;
- Met with Ana Alvarez and Tony Ciaburro;
- Attending the Board Field trip;
- Will attend the Walk and Talk with Assemblyman Bill Quirk
- Will attend the Fremont Olive Festival;
- Will attend the Coyote Hills Ohlone Gathering

Director Wieskamp commented on the dog attack and that the District needs to educate the public on who to contact in case of an attack.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the EB-EDA Legislative meeting;
- Attended the Workforce Diversity Group;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attended the memorial for Janice Childs;
- Attended and spoke at the Alameda Rotary Club;
- Attended meeting with city of Alameda Mayor Spencer and Councilmember Matarrese;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended two EB-EDA events this month;
- Attended the Save the Redwood League.
- Attending a Fire Chiefs Forum, District is also participating.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Workforce Diversity Group;
- Attended the Park Advisory Committee meeting;
- Attended meeting with city of Alameda Mayor Spencer and Councilmember Matarrese;
- Attended the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Hiked Sibley with The Friends of San Leandro Creek;

Director Corbett congratulated GM Doyle on his Pugsley award. Met with the Oakland Chamber at the Temescal Beach House.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attended the PAC meeting as an observer;
- Attended First Annual Martinez Archives Crawl;
- Attending Alamo MAC;
- Attending Board Field Trip;
- Attending the Martinez Liaison meeting;
- Attending the Women of the New Deal Conference in Berkeley on Saturday.

Director Lane passed out a Sentinel article. Toured public safety building with Captain Love and hiked Briones. San Ramon is the second most family friendly city in the state. Lane inquired about electric scooters and would like to hear if staff are continuing with them on paved trails, what the reactions have been, and how enforcements are going. Lane announced Randy Parents Memorial is being held on October 14, 2018.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Miller/Knox LUPA Public meeting;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended the SF Bay Trail Pinole Shores dedication.
- Attended the Multicultural Wellness Walk in Martinez;
- Attended Richmond Liaison meeting;
- Attended the Finance Committee;
- Attending the North Richmond Shoreline Festival, Pt. Pinole.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended the meeting with the Hercules Mayor Kelly, City Council members and City Manager Biggs;
- Attended the Multicultural Wellness Walk in Martinez;
- Attended the Central Contra Costa Labor Councils event in Richmond;
- Attended Congressman Thompson's Annual Pasta Feed;
- Attended Richmond Liaison meeting.

Director Coffey staffed the Districts information table the Hercules Annual Fun Run.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Young, Golden Gate Audubon Society spoke on the Sibley LUPA and urged the board to consider a policy of no dogs in this 4-acre special protection area, and to add an environmental buffer to protect from overuse, limit the new trails in favor of protecting the Caldecott Wildlife corridor. The inventory of bird species is

incomplete, and this will give staff an opportunity to undertake a baseline study which will give the basic information that can help staff to determine impacts. This will better balance the opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts with the District's mission to help protect wildlife.

GM Doyle told Ms. Young that the District is not acting on the Sibley LUPA until the end of November or beginning of December

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.