

The Board Meeting, which was held on November 6, 2018 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:15 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 1:00 p.m. by President Waespi.

All Board members present for the Open Session.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Carol Victor, Jim O'Connor, Debra Aufer
Aileen Theile, Noah Dort, Steve Castile, Anne Kassebaum, Jeff Rasmussen,
Renee Patterson, Kelly Barrington, Kristin Kelchner, Tiffany Margulici, Al Love,
Sean Dougan, Carol Johnson, Suzanne Wilson, Dave Mason, Rachel Sater, Michael
McNally, Mimi Waluch, Brian Holt, Chris Newey

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

Chris Newey, President of AFSCME Local 2428 (Union) inquired when the documents regarding the campground at Dumbarton Quarry (DQ) updated since the design change, will be made available to the Union for review. Dr. Ana Alvarez, DGM replied that the document the Union is requesting does not exist. Alvarez explained the staffing plan is almost finalized based on design changes which is different than what the Union is requesting. All documents pertaining to DQ, once completed will be made available to the Union.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Corbett, 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 September 24, 2018 to October 7, 2018
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 259 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of July 3, 2018
- c. Approval of 2019 Consolidated Fee Schedule
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 260 (attached)

Director Lane thanked staff for the additional information received which will help the Board to make decisions on the changes.

- d. Authorization to Purchase Cisco Network Switch Equipment from AMS.NET for District-wide Information Technology Infrastructure Replacements
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 261 (attached)
- e. Authorization to Amend Contract with FOG Studio Inc. for Design Services for Restrooms: District-wide
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 262 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Execute a Contract with Gachina Management for Landscaping Services at the Peralta Oaks Administration Building and the Trudeau Training Center
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 263 (attached)

Director Rosario commented that there have been a couple of landscapers that can't meet our standards and going inhouse should be considered.

- g. Authorization to Apply to the Environmental Protection Agency for Federal Grant Funds from the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund for the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access: Coyote Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 264 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Award a Contract for Services with Avidex Industries to Design and Install Audio Visual Systems in Meeting Rooms at the District Administration Building and the Trudeau Training Center
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 265 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Appropriate Legal Reserve Funds for 2018 Legal Expense
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 266 (attached)

- j. Authorization to Amend and Extend Two License Agreements with the State of California, California Department of Transportation, Office of Radio Communications: Tilden Regional Park
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 267 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Purchase Eleven Ford Trucks from Downtown Ford Sales for Vehicle Replacements and Additions to the Fleet
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 268 (attached)
- L. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Purchase Ten Ford F150 Pick-up Trucks from Downtown Ford Sales for Vehicle Replacements and Additions to the Fleet
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 269 (attached)
- m. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Purchase Four Mowers from John Deere Company for Equipment Replacement and an Addition to the Fleet
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 270 (attached)
- n. Authorization to Purchase Two Type VI Fire Apparatus from Boise Mobile Equipment Inc. for Equipment Replacement
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 271 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Exercise the Purchase Option 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 – 11 – 272 (attached)

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

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

Michael Reeves, Acting Chief of Land Acquisition directed the Board to the map of Round Valley Regional preserve. Reeves provided background on the land and homes located on the property. Reeves explained this acquisition is the final puzzle piece and removes the private inholding between Round Valley and Marsh Creek State Park, protects the Marsh Creek corridor within Round Valley, and is suitable for a future park service yard. Director Wieskamp asked the size of the property and the health of the trees on the property. GM Doyle replied it is close to 1,000 acres, the almond trees are drought tolerant, and an assessment will be done on the availability of water.

Director Lane said that the park has been discovered and is being enjoyed by park users, and she is happy about the acquisition. Lane asked who is the 'Lydia' in Lydia Lane. Doyle replied she was a Purviance family member. Lane suggested this information be added to the District's history. President Waespi commented if

the trailer on the property is reusable it should be considered as a park residence, and suggested the District put two park residences next to each other since it is a remote site, and a popular staging area. Doyle said staff will look into it. Director Rosario seconded Waespi's observation on two potential residences and added that it could be considered as shared housing for multifamily use. GM Doyle commented that the District has the first right of refusal on this property. If the family wants to keep a residence, staff will routinely ask if the owner decides to sell to give the District a chance to appraise it and make an offer before they sell it. This is how this property was obtained.

- b. Authorization to Exercise the Purchase Option 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 – 11 – 273 (attached)

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

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

Michael Reeves, Acting Chief of Land Acquisition. Reeves oriented the Board to the location of this property. He clarified that this property preserves the headwaters of Cottonwood Creek, protects rare and sensitive species habitat, preserves an important wildlife corridor and offers potential recreational trail opportunities.

Director Wieskamp stated it is a fantastic purchase and is important to the citizens from Dublin and Livermore. Director Lane commented that the road north goes to Tassajara and questioned if it could be another access point. Reeves replied that most of that road is an existing ranch road which would be included in future negotiations. GM Doyle explained that staff tried to reserve the right to access, but the property owner at the time was not cooperative. Lane added that this access point should be kept in mind. President Waespi commented that there are three parcels, and three different grazers, and proposed that the metal building could be leased to store hay. Doyle stated that before staff can restore the creek it needs to be determined if mitigation credit can be obtained. Director Wieskamp asked if talks are continuing with the Acacia Partners. Reeves said staff sent a letter of interest and have been in conversation with the Acacia partners.

- c. Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail – Garin to Nilas Canyon and Approval of the Project: Bay Area Ridge Trail
Resolution No. 2018 – 11 – 274 (attached)

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

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

Suzanne Wilson, Senior Planner of Trails Development Dept. Wilson gave regional context and history. Wilson reported that the over 50 miles of trail is multi-use. The project scope includes the trail alignment and EVMA

share is approximately 1.1 miles of existing ranch road. Wilson stated that the CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration (MMD) has been posted on the District's website, at four local staging areas, and advertised in the Argus Newspapers; notice was also sent to responsible agencies and engaged stakeholders. There were six comments within the 30-day period. The At-Grade Railroad crossing is owned by Alameda County and would need to acquire a license agreement from the County and is leased to the Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA). In 2018, they will have operated tour trains on 77 days of the year equaling about 205 trips. On the south side it is owned by Union Pacific and is leased to the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) which operates a minimum of 12 trains on that line with about 4,380 trains per year. The Mitigation and Monitoring Plan is planned to avoid chaparral and rock outcroppings and when staff are working near those sites there will be a bio-monitor on site. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2020. Director Rosario asked if the bridge is going to be for pedestrians and equestrians. Wilson replied it is multi-use. Director Corbett inquired of the trail will be available to bicyclists. Wilson answered it will multiuse. Corbett asked if commuters can use it. Wilson answered it doesn't connect to Sunol. Corbett asked if staff might find sensitive Native American sites. Wilson said the trail has been designed to not have ground disturbance. Director Wieskamp thanked staff for the thoughtful consideration in planning this development. Director Lane thanked Wilson for her work and the very clear presentation. Lane queried if the PLA had received timely notice prior to the deadline for responses. Wilson said they did.

Director Lane stated that the Gelderman Property is named for Harlan Gelderman, a real estate developer who grew up in San Ramon and is part of an historic family—the Harlans. Gelderman's relatives were very important to Alameda County and Mission San Jose, and when staff begins the process of naming along this trail the name Harlan should be considered. GM Doyle asked that when the analysis was done on the archaeological site did staff look at the impacts of doing an overcrossing vs. a tunnel. Wilson replied the feasibility study addresses impacts at a feasibility level, but the MMD analyzed the at-grade crossing. Doyle added that if Fremont has concerns on the protection of that site, it would be to not build an overcrossing, so staff may want to provide some expert opinion on that impact to defend our recommendation. Sean Dougan, Trails Development Manager, said the criteria given from the CPUC for the feasibility study was the impacts of different options and not cost. There is well written and documented application. This is a very sensitive park, and human remains, and cultural resources have already been discovered. President Waespi asked when this trail ends in Vallejo mills, where would you cross to get into Vargas Plateau. Wilson answered at present it would be Mission Blvd. and Old Canyon Road.

Public Comment: Kelly Abreu, Mission Peak Conservancy commented that the at-grade crossing is very logical. He added that Fremont has a habit of burying historical resources and not using it for this generation. Abreu commented that a water supply should be considered for this area. Abreu submitted a draft resolution of support from Mission Peak Conservancy into the record.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Doyle commented on items on the report.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle introduced. Katy Hornbeck, Reservation Supervisor. Hornbeck presented a Point of Sale Update. This project was begun in 2008, moving sites from Daily Revenue Reports (DRR) to Point of Sale (POS). This change would increase financial transparency and accuracy, better data and the DRR software was becoming obsolete. The POS change is a team effort by Information Services, Park Operations, and Reservations. Eri Suzuki is the Reservation Support Technician who builds, trains, supports and produces reports. As of now,

- Attended the Cowboy Hootenanny at Sunol;
- Attended the What's Brewing in the Park;
- Attended the Grazing Dinner;
- Attended the Service Awards Dinner;
- Met in San Ramon regarding the Ironhorse Trail;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting.

Lane had breakfast with Director Wieskamp and Bob Nisbet. Lane participated in arundo removal in Danville, commented on cattle and dogs and signage, her concern with progress on access and residence use in north Las Trampas.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Board Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Cowboy Hootenanny at Sunol;
- Attended the Grazing dinner;
- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Sycamore Grove;
- Attended the Service Awards Dinner.

Wieskamp met for breakfast with Director Lane and Bob Nisbet, commented on the attack on three calves and asked about signage that states when cows are grazing, dogs need to be leashed. GM Doyle responded there is a process and staff agree and have a plan to implement it.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the First Alameda County Watershed Confluence;
- Attending the Oakland Estuary Planning meeting;
- Attending the EBMUD Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Hills Emergency Forum;
- Attended the Board Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended retirement for Officer Ian Fraser;
- Attended Bob Nisbet's farewell reception;
- Attended the Service Awards Dinner;
- Attended CCC Mayors Conference in Orinda.

Rosario toured McCosker with Coffey and Nisbet. Rosario thanked everyone for participation and volunteer hours for the campaign.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Board Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Finance Committee meeting;
- The opening of the new main library in Hayward;
- Attended the Kiwanis Pasta Feed;
- Attended 75th Anniversary Gala to benefit the USS Hornet.

Corbett commented that she met with Bob Nisbet, AGM, ASD and Director Waespi. Corbett thanked everyone for their participation and volunteer hours in the campaign.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Rising Tides Highwater Mark Dedication Ceremony at Big Break;
- Spoke at the Crockett Improvement Association;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Teleconferenced with President Waespi and the District's Chief Auditor;
- Met with the Mayor Wright of Antioch with General Manager Doyle;
- I-on-I with General Manager in East County.

Coffey put in Ambassador hours at the John Marsh State Park and the What's Brewing in the Park at Black Diamond. Coffey hiked with Rosario and Nisbet at McCosker.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Rosario asked to adjourn the meeting to recognize the senseless deaths in Kentucky, Florida, and Pittsburg, and remember Carol Victor's mother.

President Waespi adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.