

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee (09-19-18) (Nisbet/Lane)

Committee Members: Beverly Lane, Colin Coffey, Whitney Dotson, Ayn Wieskamp (Alt)

EBRPD Staff: Becky Tuden, Bev Ortiz, Bob Nisbet, Casey Brierley, Denise Defreese, Heather David, Jim O'Connor, Kristen Van Dam, Matt Graul, Michele Hammond, Pam Bietz, Ron Gartland, Steve Castile, Theo Fitandas

Guests: Amelia Marshall, Bill Scoggins, Joelle Alley, Judi Bank, Keith McAllister, Marty Morrow, Mary McAllister, Natalie Escne

A meeting of the Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, September 19, at Peralta Oaks Administration Headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California. Director Beverly Lane called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. The following is a summary of the items discussed:

1. The History of the "Mount Diablo Coal Field" Region, Past to Present (Ortiz)

Cultural Services Coordinator, Beverly Ortiz, provided an overview of the fascinating history past to present of the region once known as the "Mount Diablo Coal Field." While the presentation focused on the dynamics of the area's 1861-1902 commercial coal mining operations, it also summarized area Bay Miwok, sand mining, ranching, and parkland history.

Kelly Abreu, Mission Peak Conservancy- Commented on types of sand, resource estimates of coal usage, and the overall effects of global warming.

2. Pallid Manzanita Management Update: Implementation of the Pallid Manzanita Management Plan (Hammond)

District Botanist, Michele Hammond, reported on 2017-2018 work implemented from the Pallid Manzanita Management Plan (PMMP). Work has begun on several tasks of the PMMP including hand-pulling of invasive French broom shrubs, pallid seed banking in perpetuity and vegetation management planning in Huckleberry Regional Botanic Preserve. The Pallid manzanita, *Arctostaphylos pallida*, is a rare and protected plant that occurs within EBRPD's East Bay Hills fuels management area. The Pallid Manzanita Management Plan (PMMP) was developed in accordance with the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan (WHRRMP) and will be implemented in cooperation with fuels management work.

3. Pond and Spring Restorations at Garin, Sunol and Morgan Territory in Partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (Defreese)

Wildland Vegetation Program Manager, Denise Defreese, provided a brief overview of Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) funded pond and spring restoration projects completed at Garin, Sunol and Morgan Territory. Restoration of the ponds resulted in the immediate return of California tiger salamander to one pond in Morgan Territory and the return of California red legged frogs to ponds in Garin and Sunol.

4. Public Comment (Lane)

Kelly Abreu, Mission Peak Conservancy- Commented on ponds at Vargas Plateau Regional Park.

Kelly Abreu, Mission Peak Conservancy- Commented on the historical importance of the Sunol Aqueduct.

5. Future Agenda Items (Lane/Graul)

Chair Lane requested an Update on Sudden Oak Death within the East Bay Regional Park District

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship discussed upcoming agenda items for the December 19th meeting. Presentations for the December meeting will include management of hazardous algal blooms in District lakes and an update on Ridgway's Rails.

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship announced dates for the 2018 Stewardship Seminars that will occur on November 13th and November 14th.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Heather David