

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Operations (Thursday, March 21, 2019) (Corbett)

Present

Board: Directors Ellen Corbett (Chair), Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Katy Hornbeck, Renee Patterson, Dave Zuckermann, Sonja Gomez, Steve Castile, Marcus Phinnessee, David Pallerin, Kelly Barrington, Eric Bowman, Matt Norton, Rodney Smith, Tony Clark, Spencer Harmola

Guests: Nancie Ryan

**Agenda Item I: Review Quarry Lakes Master Gardeners Special Use Agreement: Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area**

Business Services Administrative Analyst II Renee Patterson provided an overview of the Quarry Lakes Master Gardeners agreement. Items in the presentation included areas of coverage, conditions of the agreement, and images of the garden layout.

Quarry Lakes Master Gardener David Pallerin provided additional overview of the demonstration garden layout.

AGM of Operations Jim O'Connor mentioned Pallerin has been with the Park District for approximately 20 years, will be retiring this year, and thanked him for his service.

Director Corbett inquired if park area home owners visit the garden. Pallerin replied there is an agreement that there is no direct access from the neighborhood into the garden area, which means they would have to walk around to enter through the main entrance.

University of California Cooperative Extension representative Nancie Ryan provided more details of the garden, encounters with the public, and spoke to the best practices and workshops given by the association.

Director Wieskamp inquired on the number of master gardeners. Ryan replied approximately 110.

Director Lane inquired if the Park District has similar projects throughout the District. Patterson replied no.

Wieskamp moved to approve the staff recommendation for renewal of the Special Use Agreement with the University of California Cooperative Extension to accommodate an Alameda County Master Gardeners demonstration garden at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. The term of the new Special Use Agreement would be five years ending May 31, 2024 with a five-year option ending May 31, 2029. There will be no charge for the agreement. Conditions of the agreement would include oversight by park staff to adhere to Park District standards for design, planning, and construction for demonstration garden and surrounding area, approximately 75' by 150'. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 2: Update: Interpretive and Recreation Services NorthWest Region – Cultural Connections at Coyote Hills with Native Plant Materials**

I & R NorthWest Regional Services Manager Dave Zuckermann gave an overview of the item and introduced Coyote Hills Supervising Naturalist Sonja Gomez, who provided an informational report. Items in the presentation covered interpretation, the Park Foundation Documentation Statement of Purpose, programs, Tule Boat Project, and cultural connections through use of native plant materials.

Lane suggested that the video be displayed on the Park District website. Gomez replied the video is currently is on the Park District website.

Lane requested to hear more on steps of the process and concept for working with the Ohlone contractors. Gomez provided an overview on the inception, challenges, and progress of the program.

Lane inquired if the 6,000 students participating in the program are primarily fourth graders. Gomez replied third and fourth graders.

### **Agenda Item 3: Vector Truck Demonstration**

Chief of Maintenance and Skilled Trades Kelly Barrington provided a brief summary of the item and introduced the department staff involved with the truck use. The Committee then adjourned to the headquarters parking lot to view a live demonstration of the newly-purchased Vector truck. After the demonstration the Committee returned to the Board Room.

Lane inquired on the how much of the performance of the truck is digital (versus manual). Barrington replied it is equal.

Lane suggested naming the truck Vanna or Vance.

## **Public Comments**

Kelly Abreu commented on gravel roads, parking tickets, parking lot lines, and wheel stops at Mission Peak.

## **AGM Comments**

Del Valle Regional Park and Campground

- The park is reopened. Coordination efforts for the park closure conducted by Park District and Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff proved to be exemplary.
- An on-site meeting with DWR management staff was attended for a detailed discussion of water level dynamics at the park.

Staff Update

- O'Connor recognized Acting Business Services Manager Katy Hornbeck for her efforts over the past two months.

## **Board Comments**

- Lane commented it was a good idea for Park District staff to bring DWR staff to Del Valle to have a better understanding of the water levels at the park.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Denise Valentine

Executive Secretary

Operations Division

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