

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee (4/10/19) (Coffey)

Committee Members: Colin Coffey, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario

EBRPD Staff: Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Kristina Kelchner, Matt Graul, Anne Kassebuam, Becky Tuden, Brian Holt, Casey Brierley, Heather David, Michele Hammond, Pam Beitz, Steve Castile, Theo Fitandis

Guests: Jim Hanson

A meeting of the Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Peralta Oaks Administration Headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California. Director Colin Coffey called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m. The following is a summary of the items discussed:

I. Overview of 2018 Integrated Pest Management Annual Report (Tuden)

Becky Tuden, Environmental Services Manager presented the Annual Report of the Integrated Pest Management Program for 2018. She highlighted the Park District's adaptive pest management approach that balances public safety and ecological function. The annual report documented that the Park District reduced the use of glyphosate in areas of public use by 66% over the last two years.

Director Lane, commented on the positive changes made regarding the new report format and the weed treatment handout.

Chair Coffey, suggested a more stringent policy statement from the board related to pesticide reduction.

Deputy General Manager, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez expressed her appreciation to the board for their interest in the reduction of pesticides and suggested the discussion of a board

statement regarding future pesticide use reductions continue at the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting on June 12, 2019.

Jim Hanson, CNPS Representative, commented on the Park District's use of pesticides and the importance of preventing noxious weeds from impacting rare plant populations.

2. Vasco Caves Tours and Site Monitoring (Kassebaum)

Anne Kassebaum, Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services, provided a brief history of the development and current status of public tours and cultural site monitoring at Vasco Caves Regional Preserve.

3. Open Forum for Public Comment (Dir. Coffey)

Individuals wishing to address the Committee on a topic not on the agenda may do so by completing a speaker's form and submitting it to the recording secretary.

4. Future Agenda Items (Kelchner/Graul)

Chief of Stewardship, Matt Graul reported on the potential agenda items for 2019, which included: update on research and partnership projects within the Park District and a Park District wide update on partnerships with native peoples, Monarch butterflies within the Park District, presentation from Save the Redwoods regarding research conducted in Redwood Regional Park, and an update on the MLK shorebird sanctuary. Potential cultural topics may include: An update on cultural monitoring and the Park District archives.

Assistant General Manager, Kristina Kelchner reported on additional agenda items for 2019, which included: Lake Temescal dredging feasibility study, Sudden Oak Death update and management strategies, and restoration in fuel management areas. Potential cultural topics may include: Oral histories, intern updates, and field finds.

Director Rosario, suggested a presentation on non-native Spartina control at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Heather David