

The Board Meeting, which was held April 2, 2019 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 called its **Closed Session** to order at 11:31 a.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President
Ellen Corbett, Vice President
Colin Coffey, Secretary
Dee Rosario, Treasurer
Whitney Dotson
Beverly Lane
Dennis Waespi

Directors Absent: None.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m. by President Wieskamp.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Jim O'Connor, Anthony Ciaburro, Chris Newey, Jeff Rasmussen, Kristina Kelchner, Michael Reeves, Al Love, Brian Holt, Mona Koh, Steve Castile, Kip Walsh, David Drueckhammer, Lisa Baldinger, Nika Hoffman, Neoma LaValle.

Guests: None.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Directors Against: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of February 25, 2019 to March 10, 2019

Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 059 (attached)

Director Rosario asked what was purchased by Agri Turf. AGM Auker replied it was pest control supplies. Director Rosario also asked how the PG&E credits from the Shadow Cliffs and Peralta Oaks solar array are tracked? Auker replied the District has an internal tracking spread sheet developed by consultants Newcomb Anderson McCormick; they enter the PG&E credit data and monitor the performance quarterly.

President Wieskamp suggested that staff give an update to the Board on this process.

- b. Resolution to Support AB 352 (Garcia D – Coachella) Transformative Climate Communities Program
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 060 (attached)

Director Rosario asked if there is a map showing the potential communities to partner with. Erich Pfuehler, Government Legislative Manager, responded that that there is no map, however this legislation targets census tracts identified as low-income communities and focuses on health and air quality.

- c. Resolution to Support AB 556 (Carrillo D – Los Angeles) Community Access Grant Program
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 061 (attached)
- d. Authorization Resolution to Support AB 834 (Quirk D – Hayward) Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Program
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 -0 62 (attached)

Directors Waespi and Wieskamp both offered their appreciation to Assemblymember Quirk for his sponsorship of the AB 834 and AB 835 bills which deal with harmful algal blooms.

- e. Resolution to Support AB 835 (Quirk D – Hayward) Safe Recreational Water Use
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 -0 63 (attached)
- f. Resolution to Support AB 1111 (Friedman D – Glendale) Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 064 (attached)
- g. Resolution to Support AB 1475 (Bauer-Kahan D – Orinda) Iron Horse Trail Bollinger Canyon Overcrossing
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 065 (attached)
- h. Resolution to Support SB 45 (Allen D – Santa Monica) Wildfire Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 066 (attached)
- i. Resolution to Support SB 367 (Hueso D – San Diego) State Coastal Conservancy Educational Grant Program
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 067 (attached)
- j. Resolution to Support SB 767 (Glazer D- Orinda) Carnegie Alameda-Tesla Disposal
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 068 (attached)
- k. Resolution of Support for Director Ayn Wieskamp's Candidacy as Special District Representative on the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 069 (attached)

- L. Authorization to Apply to the California Coastal Conservancy for Grant Funds from the Explore the Coast Grant Program for Shoreline Recreational Boating and Fishing Outreach Programs: District-wide
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 070 (attached)

Director Rosario asked if staff have an idea of what the expanded programs would look like or where. Anne Kassebaum, Chief of Interpretative and Recreation Services said the grant supports two new partners for the program. Staff are looking at partnerships with cities in the following order:

1. Fremont
 2. Oakland
 3. Richmond
- m. Authorization to Amend Two Contracts with LSA Associates, Inc. for Professional Permitting Services and Professional California Environmental Quality Act Services, Authorize the Transfer and Appropriation of Department Budget Funds for the Southern Las Trampas Land Use Plan Amendment: Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 071 (attached)
 - n. Authorization to Amend the 2018 Budget and Appropriate Funds for Costs Related to the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election: Measure FF and Board of Directors
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 072 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of An Annual Report for Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (Two County LLD)
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 073 (attached)

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

- b. Approval of Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering Filing of Annual Report for East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (ECCCLLD)
Resolution No. 2019 – 04 - 074 (attached)

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

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

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Debra Aufer, AGM F&MS gave one presentation on items 2a and 2b to explain exactly what a Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) is, and the process. Alameda County and East Contra Costa County LLD's go

through a reoccurring three-step administrative process. An LLD is one of several types of funding sources available to raise revenue for different types of maintenance. It requires a levy charged upon real property where there is a special benefit. A special benefit is defined as a benefit that is over and above the general benefit provided to the public. Debra Auker announced she is before the Board to initiate the process, appoint NBS Financial Group and instruct NBS to prepare the annual Engineer's Report for both LLD's, including the Zones of Benefit. Staff will return to the Board on May 21 for a Resolution of Intention. On June 4, there will be a public hearing on the Two County LLDs, and on June 18 there will be the public meeting for East County LLD.

Auker provided an overview of both the Two County Trails and the Contra Costa County LLD's. GM Doyle discussed the real threat which was the '96 election on Prop. 218 because the District would have lost its ability for future LLD's. A task force was put together and developed partnerships in Alameda County. Director Lane asked what would need to be done to increase revenue amounts. Auker replied it would have to go before the voters for a 2/3 vote. GM Doyle said staff have looked at it repeatedly and while support is going up, the hurdle is a 2/3 vote, which would be perceived as a new tax. The District is not keeping up with inflation. Director Rosario asked if the LLD only covers residential property, or is there an opportunity to include commercial property? Auker replied that would be a change to the LLD and would require a vote because the current LLD excludes commercial property. The link to the special benefit would be challenging to bring forward. GM Doyle added that this has been a significant issue and would be a very high hurdle. Director Coffey said that the LLD assessment is a special parcel tax that grows with the amount of unit. Auker clarified that this is a special assessment and not tax that is linked to the real property and as units are created that is how it grows.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Doyle gave background on the two topics in this report. He began with the National Park Service – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area. Brian Holt, Chief of Planning & GIS said that in June there will be a Delta Heritage Forum, and this will be one of the principal items presented. GM Doyle complimented Brian Holt and staff on the draft of the Delta Atlas. Director Lane noted how significant Big Break Visitor Center (BBVC) is at the Delta and recommended that the Delta forum be held there. Holt did make that suggestion to the Forum folks.

GM Doyle said that the District has identified Pt. Molate as the site of a potential regional park and is currently working to build a San Francisco Bay Trail extension along the Pt. Molate shoreline. President Wieskamp had a question on total acreage. GM Doyle stated there are 420 acres and there are a couple of envelopes where they can build. Director Lane inquired about the progress of the trail. GM Doyle said he met with Chevron and they have all new internal staff. He stated the District is close, but the stumbling blocks are getting Chevron's attention to finalize the easement, security issues and parking. Director Coffey said that he and Director Dotson have been asked to make a presentation at a future Richmond Liaison Committee meeting.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle had two announcements. Escrow closed on the new building at 2955 Peralta Oaks Court. GM Doyle complimented Kristina Kelchner, AGM of ASD, Chief Michael Reeves and staff for their work. GM Doyle also announced the District just received a \$1.5 million dollar EPA grant for the McCosker Restoration project; the largest urban stream restoration in the District's history.

Brian Holt, Chief of Planning and GIS, introduced the staff presentation and David Drueckhammer, GIS Supervisor provided an overview of the Park District's GIS program including staffing, data, applications, and

services available to the public and to staff. Drueckhammer introduced his staff and Nadia Targulian, GIS programmer who was present. Drueckhammer presented an overview of the District's computerized data base management system: Regional Park Finder: Map Data, Analysis and Applications. Targulian assisted with the a visual demonstration of the applications to the Board. Director Rosario asked if Temescal is accessibility because it is not on that map. Drueckhammer will look into placing it on the map. Director Corbett asked whether staff will add grazing information. Holt said it has been discussed with staff, and it will take and an active conversation about the level of effort it will take for Stewardship staff. Director Lane asked about each of the four applications in the report, and availability to staff. Drueckhammer said that some are available to staff and some are not. Directors Rosario, Coffey and Corbett had additional questions and comments on items in this report that were answered.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Carol Victor, District Counsel stated there were no announcements from Closed Session.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Executive Committee | (02-7-2019) | (Wieskamp) |
| b. | Finance Committee | (1-10-19) | (Waespi) |

Director Rosario asked for an example of how the vendors do their bookkeeping. Auker explained that there are certain requirements for tracking and reporting gross income; more details will be provided from David Sumner, Audit Manager.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Multicultural Walk;
- Attended meeting with General Manager on Fremont;
- Attended the Board Tour at Tilden;
- Attended the Regional Parks Foundation Board meeting;
- Attended the ACSDA Annual Dinner at Redwood Canyon;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards Dinner.

Wieskamp attended the staff presentation on the new building.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Met with Pat O'Brien;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Workshop;
- Attended the State of the City in San Leandro;
- Attended the ACSDA Annual dinner at Redwood Canyon;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards Dinner.

Corbett attended the great Oakland plant exchange, attending the San Leandro scholarship foundation dinner and fundraiser.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Albany Film Festival and the Gala;
- Attended Board Workshop at Temescal;
- Attended the Tilden Heritage book signing; kudos to Brenda Montano;
- Attended the Multicultural Health and Wellness Walk at Shadow Cliffs; kudos to Mona Koh and Ali Schwarz;
- Attended the Board Tour at Tilden;
- Attended the Alameda County Women of the Year awards;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards Dinner.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Met with Pat O'Brien;
- Attended Board Workshop at Temescal;
- Attended the Tilden book signing celebration at Brazil Room;
- Attended the Annual Dinner of Asm. Jim Frazier;
- Attended the PAC meeting;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards Dinner.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended Board Workshop at Temescal;
- Attended Friends of San Ramon Creek/Danville program;
- Attended the Board Tour at Tilden;
- Attended ACSDA's Annual Dinner;
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards Dinner.

Lane attended retirements for Tad Shaw and Mike Carlson. Lane is working on 3 options for Las Trampas to Mt. Diablo staging area. She commented on naming a park or area of a park after Aurelia Reinhardt.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Albany Film Festival;
- Attended a meeting with the Supervisor Miley staff;
- Attended Board Workshop at Temescal;
- Attended Tilden book signing;
- Attended the CARPD in Sacramento;
- Attended Board Tour at Tilden;
- Attended Alameda County Special Districts (ACSDA);
- Attended the Bay Nature Local Hero Awards Dinner.

Waespi hiked Point Pinole, Pinole Shores and Morgan Territory. He commented on naming a park after Aurelia Reinhardt. He referenced consent item n, and stated he hoped it was noted that the District paid \$1.8 million dollars for two counties to hold an election. In President Wieskamp's ward alone, it cost \$770,000. If the District held four elections it would have cost much more.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Board Workshop at Temescal;
- Attended the Board Tour at Tilden.

Dotson attended a meeting with HR.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.