

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee (6/12/19) (Coffey)

Committee Members: Colin Coffey, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario

EBRPD Staff: Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Kristina Kelchner, Matt Graul, Anita Slater, Becky Tuden, Beverley Ortiz, Carolyn Kriso, Casey Brierley, Christopher Lowman, Deb Spaulding, Dina Robertson, Heather David, Katherine Dudney, Pam Beitz, Steve Castile, Theo Fitandes

Guests: Jim Hanson, Norman LaForce, Peter Rauch,

A meeting of the Board Natural and Cultural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Peralta Oaks Administration Headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California. Director Colin Coffey called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. The following is a summary of the items discussed:

I. Recommendation to Phase Out Glyphosate Use (Alvarez, Kelchner, O'Connor)

Deputy General Manager Ana Alvarez presented for the Committee's consideration a draft Resolution to Phase-Out Glyphosate for Maintenance of Developed Park Areas. The presentation included a discussion of the preliminary costs needed to implement the phase-out of glyphosate (the active ingredient in the herbicide product known as "Round-Up"). Staff requested that the Committee recommend the Resolution to the full Board of Directors for consideration.

Norman LaForce, Sierra Club Representative, expressed concerns regarding the costs that would be required to phase out of glyphosate usage.

Jim Hanson, California Native Plant Society Representative, commented on the District's use of pesticides and expressed support for glyphosate usage to protect natural resources.

Peter Rauch, commented on the recommendation to phase out glyphosate use and questioned how many of the seventy gallons that the District uses annually would be eliminated.

Anastasia Glikshtern, submitted comments via email regarding the recommendation to phase out glyphosate use. She strongly recommended the complete elimination of glyphosate on District property.

Recommendation: Motioned by Committee chair Coffey and seconded by Committee member Rosario that the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee recommends to the full board of Directors a Resolution to Phase-Out Glyphosate for Maintenance of Developed Park Areas

2. Curatorial Interns and the District's Archives (Ortiz/Lowman)

Bev Ortiz, Cultural Services Coordinator provided an update on the work accomplished by the District's Cultural Services "Curation and Collections Management" Academic Interns, with emphasis on the accessioning of a recently donated, multi-varied collection from an East County family.

Peter Rauch, inquired about the District's process for capturing the stories behind the items accepted.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Heather David