















BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meeting Packet

December 16, 2014





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The Regular Session of the DECEMBER 16, 2014 Board Meeting is scheduled to commence at 2:00 p.m. at the EBRPD Administration Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. DOYLE General Manager

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

12:00 p.m. ROLL CALL (Board Conference Room)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator:

I. Agency Negotiator(s): Robert E. Doyle, Dave Collins,

Jim O'Connor, Sukari Beshears

Employee Organizations: AFSCME Local 2428

Unrepresented Employees: Managers and Confidentials

2. Agency Negotiator(s): Sukari Beshears, Carol Victor

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Regarding Price and

Terms of Lease:

Agency Negotiator: Bob Nisbet, Liz Musbach

APN/ADDRESS PROPERTY OWNERS PARK/TRAIL

Contra Costa County		
573-010-010; 573-020-010;	FRB, Inc.	Wildcat Canyon
573-020-011; 572-030-017		Regional
and 573-020-009		Park
San Pablo Dam Road, Richmond		

12:45 p.m. **SPECIAL RECEPTION** (Board Room)

The Public is invited to a reception honoring Directors

Ted Radke and Carol Severin who are both retiring at the

end of this year.



The Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District will hold a regular meeting at the District's Administration Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA, commencing at 12:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 2:00 p.m. for Open Session, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Agenda for the meeting is listed adjacent. Times for agenda items are approximate only and are subject to change during the meeting. If you wish to speak on matters not on the agenda, you may do so under Public Comments at either the beginning or end of the agenda. If you wish to testify on an item on the agenda, please complete a speaker's form and submit it to the Clerk of the Board. A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website (www.ebparks.org), the Administrative Building reception desk, and at the meeting.

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2:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION (Board Room)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD
 - I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 3, 2014 through November 16, 2014
 (Auker/Doyle) (Resolution) (No Cost)
 - b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of October 21, 2014 (Pulido) (No Cost)
 - c. Certification of Election Results and Resolution Declaring Four Candidates Elected as Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District
 (Pulido) (Resolution) (No Cost)
 - d. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund for Mobile Education Outreach Staffing (Rasmussen/Kassebaum/Collins) (Resolution) (No Cost)
 - e. Authorization of a One-Year Contract Extension with Strategy Research Institute (Collins/Johnson) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
 - f. Approval of Amendment to Employment Agreement of the General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District

(Wieskamp) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)

- Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
 (Musbach/Nisbet) (Resolution) (No Cost)
- h. Authorization to Appropriate and Transfer Funds for Land Acquisition Department Projects
- (Musbach/Nisbet) (Resolution) (Budget Change)
- i. Authorization to Amend the Contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc. for Feral Pig Control on District Lands
- (Graul/Nisbet) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
- j. Authorization to Award a Sole Source Contract to ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. and Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds to Acquire Resource Agency Permits for the Tyler Ranch Staging Area and Trail Connections: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
 - (Graul/Nisbet) (Resolution) (Meas WW/Budget Change)
- k. Authorization to Modify Staffing in the Planning/GIS Department to Use Existing Funds to Establish a 1.0 FTE Park Planner I Position and Amend the 2015 Budget: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division
 - (Beshears/Nisbet) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
- I. Authorization to Enter into a Telecommunications Vault Lease Agreement with the State of California, Department of General Services, for the Placement of Radios and Circuit Connectivity at Mt. Diablo

(Gershanek/T. Anderson) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)

m. Award of Contract to Print and Authorization to Distribute Regional in Nature Publication

(Johnson) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)

n. Acceptance of the Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports

(Spaulding/Auker/Collins) (Resolution) (No Cost)

o. Approval of Appointments of Lou Ann Texeira and Robert Wilkins to the Park Advisory Committee

(Pfuehler) (Resolution) (No Cost)

p. Approval of Re-Appointment of Mary Ellen Tong to the Chabot Space & Science Center Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors

(Paralletian) (No Cost)

(Pulido) (Resolution) (No Cost)

Authorization to Purchase Golf Course Maintenance Equipment from Y

q. Authorization to Purchase Golf Course Maintenance Equipment from Willow Park Public Golf Course, a Limited Partnership and Amend the 2014 Budget: Lake Chabot Regional Park

2:45 p.m. 2. GENERAL MANAGER

a. <u>SECOND PUBLIC HEARING</u>

Adoption of the 2015 Operating and Project Budgets for the East Bay Regional Park District

(Auker/Collins/Doyle) (Resolution) (No Cost)

3:15 p.m. 3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Atlas Road Bridge
 - (I) Authorization to Amend Existing Consultant Contract for Engineering Services, Enter into Consultant Contract for Construction Management Services and Enter into Contract with Utility Purveyor to Provide Gas and Electrical Distribution Service as Required for the Atlas Road Extension and Public Access Improvement Project: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline (Althoff/Nisbet) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
 - (2) Authorization to Accept an Easement from Union Pacific Railroad Company and to Enter Into a Supplemental Agreement to the Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement with the City of Richmond and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the Construction, Maintenance and Use of the New Atlas Road Bridge: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

(Victor/Althoff/Nisbet) (Resolution) (No Cost)

b. Authorization to Award a Contract to Placeworks for Preparation of a Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report and Appropriate, Transfer, and Encumber Previously Appropriated and Unappropriated Funds to Support Planning and Acquisition Related Expenses for the Concord Hills Regional Park Project: Concord Hills Regional Park

(Holt/Tong/Nisbet) (Resolution) (Meas WW/Budget Change)

- 4:00 p.m. 4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS
 - a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District (Doyle)
- 4:10 p.m. 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS
- 4:30 p.m. 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION
- 4:35 p.m. 7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.	Finance Committee	(11-19-201 4)	(Wieskamp)
b.	Legislative Committee	(10-24-2014)	(Sutter)
c.	Operations Committee	(09-23-2014)	(Lane)
d.	Operations Committee	(10-23-2014)	(Lane)
e.	Workforce Diversity Committee	(10-08-2014)	(Siden)

- 4:40 p.m. 8. BOARD COMMENTS
- 5:00 p.m. D. ADJOURNMENT

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 3, 2014

 Through November 16, 2014 (Auker/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Check Listing for the period of November 3, 2014 through November 16, 2014.

Per Resolution No. 1992-1-40, adopted by the Board on January 21, 1992, a copy of the Check Listing has been provided to the Board Treasurer for review. A copy of the Check Listing has also been provided to the Clerk of the Board, and will become a part of the Official District Records.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 –

December 16, 2014

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT CHECK LISTING FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 16, 2014

WHEREAS, District Resolution No. 1992 - 1 - 40, adopted by the Board of Directors on January 21, 1992, requires that a listing of District checks be provided to the Board Treasurer for review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the check listing for the period of November 3, 2014 through November 16, 2014;

through November 10, 2014,		
Moved by Director 16th day of December, 2014 by the followi	, seconded by Director ng vote:	, and adopted this
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of October 21, 2014 (Pulido)

The Board Meeting, which was held on October 21, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President

Doug Siden, Secretary

Beverly Lane Carol Severin John Sutter

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Vice President

Ted Radke, Treasurer

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by <u>President Ayn Wieskamp</u>.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet,

Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Mona Koh, Liz Musbach, Mimi Waluch,

Larry Tong, Jeff Rasmussen, Mark Ragatz, Jason McCrystle, Jim Townsend, Kristina Kelchner, Kelly Barrington, Erich Pfuehler, Chris Barton, Noah Dort,

Matt Graul, Tonya Covarrubias

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<u>President Wieskamp</u> announced that Item C-2-a will be pulled from the agenda and will be considered at the second Board meeting in November.

By motion of <u>Director Siden</u>, and seconded by <u>Director Severin</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as revised.

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Ted Radke.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

<u>Ed Bennett of Citizens for Eastshore Parks (CESP)</u> stated that he was pleased to see that work is progressing for Phase I of Albany Beach, and hoped that work will continue into the other phases. However, he added that he is disappointed that work on the Brickyard is moving very slowly and encouraged the Board and staff to expedite the project.

<u>Steve Soderstrom</u> expressed concern regarding the lack of District support for the citizen's group opposing Measure KK. He stated that if it passes in the November General Election, the measure will threaten open space in the Garin/Dry Creek.

<u>Frank Mellon</u>, a resident of Castro Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Willow Park Golf Course, stating that there is currently only an interim operator and that it was troubling that only two bids were received for

its permanent operation. He asked the Board to investigate the deeper issues involved with the local groups who are now being affected by the absence of a permanent operator.

<u>District Retirees Association President John Nicoles</u> addressed the Board, stating that they have not received any response to a letter they sent to the District sometime ago regarding the ongoing issue of retiree benefits being subject to taxes, and their request to make a presentation to the Board on that issue. <u>Carol Victor</u>, <u>District Counsel</u>, stated that a response will be sent to the association shortly, adding that there have recently been transitions in key staff directly related to their concern.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>Director Siden</u> asked that item C-I-c be pulled for separate consideration, stating that he recommends revising the resolution such that the District will shoulder the roundtrip airfare from the United States to Australia since the General Manager is representing the District on an official capacity. Director Wieskamp stated that the recommendation is reasonable, adding that this is an event that only occurs every 10 years. Director Sutter commented that approval of this revised is resolution should be considered with the understanding that this will not be a precedent.

By motion of <u>Director Siden</u> and seconded by <u>Director Severin</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-I-c:

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Ted Radke.

C-I-c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for General Manager Robert E. Doyle to Attend the 2014 IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia from November 12 - 19, 2014 Excluding the Cost of Roundtrip Airfare to Australia to be Personally Financed by the

General Manager

Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 254 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Lane</u> and seconded by <u>Director Sutter</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar:

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Ted Radke.

C-1-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of September 8, 2014 to September 21, 2014

<u>Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 255 (attached)</u>

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 2, 2014

C-I-d. Approval of 2015 Consolidated Fee Schedule

Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 256 (attached)

C-I-e. Authorization to Purchase One LeeBoy Paver

Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 257 (attached)

- C-1-f. Authorization to Purchase One Ford Vehicle
 Resolution No. 2014 10 258 (attached)
- C-I-g. Authorization to Accept a Proposal, Enter into an Agreement and Encumber Funds for Consulting Services to Perform Construction Management, Hazardous Materials and Labor Compliance Services for Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project Phase I Shoreline Repair: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Resolution No. 2014 10 259 (attached)
- C-I-h. Authorization to Apply to the Association of Bay Area Governments for Grants from the San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program: District-wide Resolution No. 2014 10 260 (attached)
- C-1-i. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Computers Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 261 (attached)
- C-1-j. Authorization to Partner with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for Trails Maintenance: Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Regional Trail

 Resolution No. 2014 10 262 (attached)

In response to a question from <u>Director Sutter</u>, <u>Jeff Rasmussen</u>, <u>Grants Manager</u>, stated that LARPD is already responsible for the operation of the trail and has asked for additional assistance in its maintenance.

- C-1-k. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds from the Urban Areas Security Initiative for Mobile Command Satellite Downlink System

 Resolution No. 2014 10 263 (attached)
- C-1-I. Authorization to Appropriate Committed Funds for Unexpected 2014 Expenses:
 Legal Department
 Resolution No. 2014 10 264 (attached)

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C-2-a. Election of Board Officers for 2015

This item was pulled and will be considered at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting.

3. LAND DIVISION

C-3-a. Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Transfer Funds for the Acquisition in Partnership with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy of 260.02± Acres of Real Property from the Viera Family: Morgan Territory Regional Preserve Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 265 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Lane</u> and seconded by <u>Director Sutter</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a:

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Ted Radke.

Michael Reeves, Senior Planner, provided a brief presentation on this item, stating that the property may be purchased at a price of \$1,950,000. The property is proposed to be acquired in partnership with the ECCCHC utilizing federal and state grant funds, and today's action will authorize staff to enter into funding agreements with the Conservancy and the State Wildlife Conservation Board as needed to secure those funds.

Funding Appropriations this Action

Measure	AA F	unds:
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Option Payment	\$20,000
ECCCHC Funds:	
Appraisal	5,400
Environmental Site Assessment	6,000
Staff Time	8,000
Total Current Action	\$39,400

He added that the acquisition is significant since it will:

- Connect protected lands along Marsh Creek corridor
- Preserve open space on east flank of Mount Diablo
- Future trail connections into surrounding public lands
- Partnership with East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

He described that property as comprised of two separate parcels and included 1/3 mile of Marsh Creek, has a large meadow (about 6 acres), and dense oak woodlands in the lower elevations giving way to grasslands on upper hillsides and ridgetop.

<u>Seth Adams from Save Mount Diablo</u> addressed the Board, stating that he is very excited for the proposed acquisition given its significance; it consolidates recent purchases by the District and Save Mount Diablo.

<u>Director Sutter</u> also recognized the contributions of the Conservancy, as they were responsible for starting this

4. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

C-4-a. Transfer and Appropriation of Funds and Authorization of Staffing and Consultant Contract to Implement a Strategic Energy Plan: District-Wide

Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 266 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Sutter</u> and seconded by <u>Director Severin</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-4-a:

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Ted Radke.

<u>Jeff Rasmussen</u>, <u>Grants Manager</u>, provided a brief presentation on this item and enumerated the requested actions from the Board.

John Newcomb, Principal for Newcomb, Anderson and McCormick Energy Engineering and Consulting (NAM), provided a presentation to the Board on the estimated costs and potential savings of the project. He also provided illustrations of example projects as well as the proposal for Shadow Cliffs. Mr. Newcomb emphasized that the proposal is a 30-year project but will pay for itself in about 13 years.

Unapproved Minutes Board Meeting of October 21, 2014

<u>Director Lane</u> expressed her concern that the design be appropriate for the park setting and asked that it be made aesthetically pleasing.

<u>Director Siden</u> expressed his objection to the process in that this project became more important than other pending projects in the District, stating that he does not know how this project came up in the priority list.

<u>Director Sutter</u> indicated that there was a discussion of the project as a priority, and that it became quite attractive since there was a specific payback period. He added that the savings to the District increases as PG&E rates go up, which is likely to happen.

<u>GM Doyle</u> reminded the Board that the "greening" of the District was discussed as a priority during the recent Board workshops and that it was also a GM priority. He clarified that since funds are coming from unreserved fund balance, the project will not take away funding from other projects.

In response to a question from <u>Director Sutter</u>, <u>CFO Debra Auker</u> explained that the Board's approval of the proposed resolution will set aside the funding for the project into an account wherein funds will only be drawn as necessary. District Reserves will be refunded from utility savings and other opportunities and will be paid back in 13 years.

C-4-b. Authorization to Award a Consultant Contract for Asset Management System: District-wide Resolution No. 2014 – 10 - 267 (attached)

By motion of <u>Director Siden</u> and seconded by <u>Director Sutter</u>, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-4-b:

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Ted Radke.

Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, provided a brief presentation on this item.

5. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

C-5-a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

<u>GM Doyle</u> discussed the item listed on the staff report regarding the City of Pittsburg City council's action to certify the Final EIR for the James Donlon Boulevard Extension project which will build a 1.71 mile extension from its terminus west of Somersville Road to a rural portion of Kirker Pass Road.

Regarding the earlier public comment on the lack of District response to Measure KK in Union City, <u>GM Doyle</u> clarified that the District has not been contacted nor had any discussions regarding the acquisition of the entire 38-acre property in question.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The scheduled presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

a.	Executive Committee	(10-9-2014)	(Wieskamp)
b.	Operations Committee	(8-21-2014)	(Lane)

9. BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Director Siden</u> reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Workforce Diversity Committee meeting;
- Attended the NRPA Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina;
- Attended the meeting of the San Leandro Creek Alliance yesterday;
- Will attend the Finance and Legislative Committee meetings this week;
- Will attend the Service Awards and the EB Greenways Dedication event.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Visited Martinez Shoreline;
- Attended the dedication of a park in Dougherty Valley established with developer fees;
- Attended the Action for Beauty Lunch in Walnut Creek;
- Gave a presentation at the Danville Senior Center wherein attendees were impressed with the District's short loop trails;
- Attended the Grazers Dinner on Sunday, October 19;
- Visited Shadow Cliffs and viewed the beach, which was still being used although the water was low;
- Will not attend the Service Awards dinner on Friday, October 24
- Asked that the rest of the Board be provided the draft 2015 Budget at the same time as the Finance Committee members.

<u>Director Severin</u> reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the NRPA Congress at Charlotte, North Carolina
- Attended her regularly scheduled Board and Board committee meetings.

<u>Director Sutter</u> reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the YMCA's 135th Anniversary event on October 15, where the District was also recognized among other agencies;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a hike at Redwood Regional Park and reported the beautiful fall colors there;
- Attended a meeting of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce with a discussion of various election measures.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a program in Dublin honoring Assy. Joan Buchanan;
- Attended the workshop on Niles Canyon;
- Attended the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Mixer;
- Attended the Grazers Dinner on Sunday, October 19;
- Will attend the Service Awards on Friday, October 24;
- Attended a few political events wherein Doolan Canyon issue came up.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm in honor of former Alameda County Fire Chief William (Bill) McCammon who passed away on October 13, 2014. District Police Chief and AGM for Public Safety Tim Anderson also spoke about Mr. McCammon, stating that he was currently serving as the Executive Director of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority, and the Treasurer of the National Fire Protection Associations' Board of Directors. He was the first fire chief for Alameda County, was a longtime Fire Chief for the City of San Leandro, implemented hazmat, paramedic and water rescue programs. He was also the immediate and past president of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido Clerk of the Board

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

WARD 5

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

c. Certification of Election Results and Resolution Declaring Four Candidates Elected as Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District (Pulido)

A General District Election for East Bay Regional Park District Wards 3, 5, 6 and 7 was scheduled to be held on November 4, 2014 for the purpose of electing directors.

California Elections Code Section 10515(a) provides that a General District Election shall not be held when the number of candidates nominated does not exceed the number required to be elected.

Dennis Waespi and Beverly Lane were the only candidates for Wards 3 and 6, respectively, and the Alameda County and Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters have both issued Certificates of Appointment/Election for said candidates; they are, therefore, deemed elected.

For Wards 5 and 7, the following are the results as certified by the Alameda and Contra Costa County Registrars of Voters; a resolution of the Board declaring one of the candidates elected for each ward is required.

VOTES CAST (ALAMEDA COLINITY)

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Ayn Wieskamp	55,779
Dev Gandhi	17,326
WARD 7	VOTES CAST (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY)
Diane Burgis	35,462
Mark Foley	27,182

A formal swearing-in ceremony of the Directors will take place at the Board Meeting of January 13, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 - 12 -

December 16, 2014

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS AND RESOLUTION DECLARING FOUR CANDIDATES ELECTED AS DIRECTORS OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a General District Election for East Bay Regional Park District Wards 3, 5, 6 and 7 were scheduled to be held on November 4, 2014 for the purpose of electing directors; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 10515(a) provides that a General District Election shall not be held when the number of candidates nominated does not exceed the number required to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Waespi and Beverly Lane were the only candidates in Wards 3 and 6, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda and Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters have issued Certificates of Appointment/Election for Dennis Waespi and Beverly Lane, respectively, as encompassed by their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the results of the election for Wards 5 and 7 have been certified by Alameda and Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters, respectively, and the total votes cast in the 2014 General Election for the office of Director of the East Bay Regional Park District are as follows:

WARD 5 VOTES CAST (ALAMEDA COUNTY)

Ayn Wieskamp 55,779 Dev Gandhi 17,326

WARD 7 VOTES CAST (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY)

Diane Burgis 35,462 Mark Foley 27,182

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District that Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane and Diane Burgis are hereby declared the successful candidates for the office of Director of the East Bay Regional Park District, representing Wards 3, 5, 6 and 7, respectively, and that they shall hold office for a term of four years commencing the first Monday after the first Friday of January, 2015 (Public Resources Code 5533); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to issue Certificates of the Election to the four Directors and that the Oath of Office will be administered and subscribed to by said elected Directors and filed with the Clerk of the Board as required by law and that a formal swearing-in ceremony will be held at the January 13, 2015 Board Meeting.

Moved by Director adopted this 16th day of December, 2014	, and seconded by Director by the following vote.	, and
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

d. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Contra Costa County
Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund for Mobile Education Outreach
Staffing (Rasmussen/Kassebaum/Collins)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize an application for grant funds from the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund for mobile education outreach staffing.

REVENUE/COST

This action authorizes a grant application of up to \$10,000 to provide staffing for additional mobile education outreach programs to schools in Contra Costa County. This project will not increase the operational cost to the District.

BACKGROUND

The Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund is entirely supported by revenues resulting from fees paid for violations of the Fish and Game Code in Contra Costa County. Projects awarded must benefit the fish and wildlife resources of the county. The Fish and Wildlife Committee, who administers the Propagation Fund, wishes to fund high value, low-cost public education projects related to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation.

In 2014, the District's mobile education outreach program visited 25 elementary schools in Contra Costa County. The program guides elementary students through hands-on activities about the effects of litter on watersheds and food chains. This grant would provide temporary work time for an Interpretive Student Aide staff to assist with program delivery and some "behind the scenes" maintenance of the aquarium, such as feeding the fish, testing the water quality and maintaining the filter system.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 - 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPAGATION FUND FOR MOBILE EDUCATION OUTREACH STAFFING

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund is entirely supported by revenues resulting from fees collected for violations of the Fish and Game Code in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, projects awarded must benefit the fish and wildlife resources of the County with a focus on public education projects related to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation with a high likelihood of making a significant impact on a broad audience; and

WHERAS, the District's mobile education outreach program guides elementary students through hands-on activities about the effects of litter on watersheds and food chains, and the grant would provide temporary work time to assist with program delivery as well as maintenance of the aquarium;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the submittal of a grant application of up to \$10,000 to provide temporary work time to assist with mobile education program delivery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services be authorized, as an agent of the District, to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, receive grant funds, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws and perform such acts which may be deemed necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of the executed contract from the Grants Manager. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the contract.

Moved by Director adopted this 16 th day of December, 20	, seconded by Director D14, by the following vote,	, and
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - e. Authorization of a One-Year Contract Extension with Strategy Research Institute (Collins/Johnson)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize a one-year contract extension into 2015 with Strategy Research Institute (SRI) to accomplish surveys and other work.

REVENUE/COST

The total cost of this contract for services will not exceed \$59,400. Adequate funds for 2015 have been included in the Proposed 2015 District Budget, Account 101-2010-000-6191, General Manager's Other Professional Services.

BACKGROUND

Strategy Research Institute (SRI), headed by Dr. G. Manross, has been under contract with the District to provide consulting services to develop research methodologies, manage surveys, and provided expert interpretation of results leading to statistically accurate predictions of voter behavior, public interests, preferences, and trends directly affecting this agency.

During 2014, the District, with the assistance of Dr. Manross, updated the Economic Study, designed a media strategy for addressing a series of overuse challenges at Mission Peak, and drafted and fielded the Measure CC renewal support survey (which results will be available in early 2015).

In 2015, staff is intending to continue working on these matters, including the challenges at Mission Peak, further research on public support for a possible renewal of Measure CC, and providing clear, professional data into policy-development forums including Plan Bay Area, Bay Restoration Authority, LAFCO, and East Bay Leadership Conference. The assistance of Dr. Manross is an important element of these efforts.

<u>ALTERNATIVES</u>

The Board could direct the General Manager to seek other firms who perform this work. Due to the interest in maintaining consistent survey standards, this is not recommended.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 - 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH <u>STRATEGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE</u>

WHEREAS, Strategy Research Institute (SRI), headed by Dr. G. Manross, has been under contract with the District to provide consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the firm has developed research methodologies, managed surveys, and provided expert interpretation of results and statistically accurate predictions of voter behavior, public interests, preferences, and trends that have served the District well; and

WHEREAS, during 2014, the District, with the assistance of Dr. Manross, has updated the Economic Study, designed a media Strategy for addressing a series of overuse challenges at Mission Peak, and fielded the Measure CC renewal support survey; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, staff is intending to continue working on these matters, including the challenges at Mission Peak, further research on public support for a possible renewal of Measure CC, and providing clear, professional data into policy-development forums including Plan Bay Area, Bay Restoration Authority, LAFCO, and East Bay Leadership Conference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize the General Manager to execute a contract to retain the firm of Strategy Research Institute from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract will continue at the amount from the previous year, not to exceed \$59,400, which will be encumbered from the General Manager's 2015 Other Professional Services budget, Account No. 101-2010-000-6191; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the District and its name to execute and deliver such documents and do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director this 16 th day of December, 2014, by	, seconded by Director the following vote:	, and adopted
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - f. Approval of Amendment to Employment Agreement of the General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District (Wieskamp)

RECOMMENDATION

The Board President recommends that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the Employment Agreement of the General Manager of the East Bay Regional Park District to provide for a salary increase and to clarify that the General Manager receives the same cost of living adjustments (COLA) as provided to District managers and confidential employees.

BACKGROUND

In December 2012, the District and Robert E. Doyle entered into an Employment Agreement for a term of five years. The terms of the contract provides that the Board shall conduct an annual review of the General Manager's performance, and upon each satisfactory rating by the Board in years 2014 and 2016, his compensation may be advanced to a level as determined by the Board. The Board recently completed its annual evaluation of Mr. Doyle, and has determined that he has met and exceeded his annual goals and objectives. As such, the Board has determined that Mr. Doyle shall receive a five percent (5%) salary increase, which amount represents the District's standard for management merit increases.

The District Counsel has also recommended that the amendment clarify that the General Manager receives the same COLA increases as the District's managers and confidential employees.

The District and Mr. Doyle have mutually agreed to amend the Employment Agreement as set forth above. The amendment has been reviewed and approved by District Counsel and is attached as Exhibit A. With this amendment the General Manager's annual salary as of January 2015 will be \$243,909.12.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in 2012, the East Bay Regional Park District and Robert E. Doyle entered into an Employment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Employment Agreement provides that the Board shall conduct an annual performance review of the General Manager and upon each satisfactory rating by the Board in years 2014 and 2016, his compensation may be increased to such a level as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recently completed its 2014 performance evaluation of Mr. Doyle and has determined that he has met and exceeded his annual goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Doyle's performance, the Board has determined that the General Manager shall receive a five percent (5%) salary increase; and

WHEREAS, the District Counsel has also recommended that the Employment Agreement be clarified to confirm that the General Manager receives the same cost of living adjustments (COLA) as provided to the District's managers and confidential employees; and

WHEREAS, the District and Mr. Doyle have mutually agreed to amend the Employment Agreement as set forth above, which amendment has been reviewed by District Counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District does hereby approve the attached Amendment No. I to Employment Agreement of the General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District, as presented this day to the Board and authorizes the President and the Clerk of the Board to execute and conclude such agreement on behalf of the District.

Moved by Director this 16 th day of December, 2014 by	, seconded by Director the following vote:	, and adopted
FOR:		
AGAINST:		

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement is entered into as of December ______, 2014, by and between the East Bay Regional Park District (hereinafter "District") and Robert E. Doyle (hereinafter "General Manager").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District and General Manager entered into an Employment Agreement on December 4, 2012.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Employment Agreement provides that the Board shall review the General Manager's performance on an annual basis, and upon each "satisfactory" rating by the Board in years 2014 and 2016, his compensation may be increased to such level as determined by the Board.

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2014, the District's Board of Directors conducted an annual performance appraisal on the General Manager and determined that the General Manager has met and exceeded his annual goals and objectives.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties agree to amend Section 5 of the Employment Agreement as follows:

AGREEMENT

5. Compensation.

5.1 Salary. As of January 1, 2015, the General Manager shall receive a 5% increase in his current salary to \$243,909.12 per year. Thereafter, the General Manager's performance shall be reviewed annually by the Board, per Section 2.2 of this Agreement, and upon satisfactory rating by the Board in year 2016, his compensation may be advanced to such level as determined by the Board. Such increase shall be granted at the Board's sole discretion, and salary shall be payable in accordance with the District's general payroll policies. The District shall withhold or deduct from the General Manager's compensation in the amounts legally required to be so withheld or deducted. The General Manager shall receive the same cost of living adjustment (COLA) increases as the District's managers and confidential employees.

All other terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement shall remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers, duly authorized as of the day, month, and year first written below.

APPROVED BY BOARD RESOLUTION NO			
EAST	Γ BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT	ROBERT E. DOYLE	
By:	Ayn Wieksamp, Board President	Ву:	
CLE	RK OF THE BOARD		
By:	Allen Pulido		
APPI	ROVED AS TO FORM		
By:	Carol Victor, District Counsel		

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - g. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners (Musbach/Nisbet)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager and the Assistant General Manager, Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division, to negotiate with:

<u>APN/ADDRESS</u>	PROPERTY OWNER	PARK/TRAIL
Contra Costa County		
365-030-058-9 Garcia Ranch Road, Briones, CA 94553	Preston R. Vallee	Briones Regional Park
Alameda County		
085-1975-002	Devon Smith and Rebecca Gherini, Co-Trustees of the Steven A. Gherini 2012 Trust	Las Trampas Regional Wilderness

REVENUE/COST

Items of cost, terms or conditions of any option are subject to negotiation and would be presented to the Board for formal approval at a later date.

BACKGROUND

The proposed resolution for this item is in direct response to the Brown Act. According to District Counsel, "The Board may meet in Closed (Executive) Session prior to or during negotiations to give instructions to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase or the lease of the property only after it has identified the parcels of concern, and has identified the people with whom this negotiator may negotiate in open session."

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54956.8 requires that prior to or during the negotiations concerning the acquisition of real property, the Board of Directors in closed session may give instructions to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment of such property; and

WHEREAS, prior to the closed session, the legislative body of the local agency shall hold an open and public session in which it identifies the real property or real properties which the negotiations may concern, and the person or persons with whom its negotiator may negotiate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the authorization to negotiate as presented to the Board of Directors on December 16, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager and the Assistant General Manager, Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division, are hereby authorized by the Board of Directors on behalf of the East Bay Regional Park District and in its name to negotiate the price and terms of payment of the following parcels of real property:

<u>APN/ADDRESS</u>	PROPERTY OWNER	<u>PARK/TRAIL</u>
Contra Costa County		
365-030-058-9 Garcia Ranch Road, Briones, CA 94553	Preston R. Vallee	Briones Regional Park
Alameda County		
085-1975-002	Devon Smith and Rebecca Gherini, Co-Trustees of the Steven A. Gherini 2012 Trust	Las Trampas Regional Wilderness
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Moved by Director , seconded by Director , and adopted this $16^{\rm th}$ day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

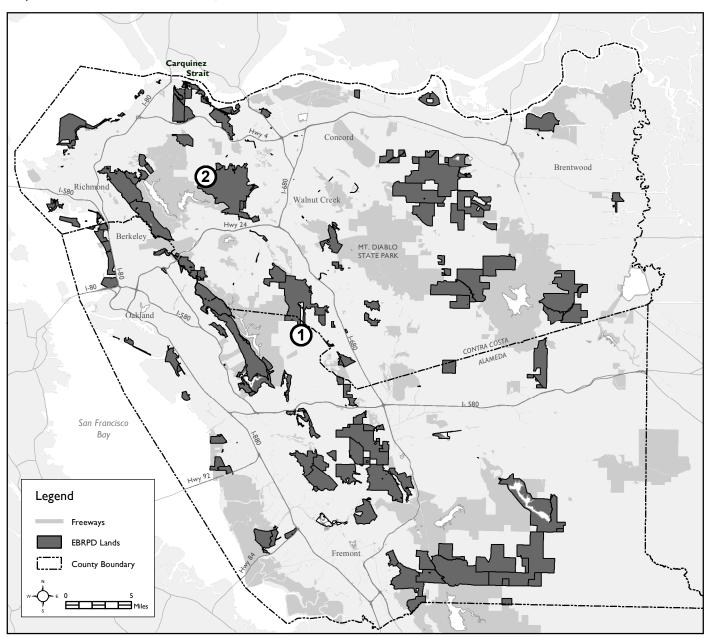
AGAINST: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

FOR:

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE

Date: December 16, 2014



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Park/Trail: Las Trampas Regional Wilderness
Owner: Devon Smith and Rebecca Gherini,

Co-Trustees of the Steven A. Gherini 2012 Trust

APN: 085-1975-002

Location: Unincorporated Alameda County

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Park/Trail: Briones Regional Park
Owner: Preston R. Vallee
APN: 365-030-058-9
Location: Garcia Ranch Road,
Briones, CA. 94553

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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

h. Authorization to Appropriate and Transfer Funds for Land Acquisition

Department Projects (Musbach/Nisbet)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the appropriation and transfer of Measure AA and Measure WW acquisition funds, and Murray Township general fund monies designated for acquisition to land acquisition capital project accounts which require additional appropriations in order to continue acquisition activities.

REVENUE/COST

Periodically it is necessary to review acquisition project accounts in order to make adjustments to meet expected project costs. There are currently seven capital acquisition project accounts in need of additional funds. This item requests authorization to appropriate and transfer \$5,000 of Measure AA acquisition funds (CIP 229900BAAA); \$380,000 of Measure WW acquisition funds (CIP 229900WW0); and \$218.50 of Murray Township general fund monies designated for acquisition (CIP 229900DSLF) to the following project accounts.

APPROPRIATE/TRANSFER FROM:

Designated Acquisitions Project Account – Measure AA Undesignated CIP 229900BAAA	\$ 5,000.00			
Designated Acquisitions Project Account – Measure WW Undesignated CIP 229900WW00	380,000.00			
Murray Township General Fund CIP 230700DS10	218.50			
TOTAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER	\$385,218.50			
APPROPRIATE/TRANSER TO:				
Capital Acquisition Project Accounts				
MEC Land Holdings Inc/SF Bay Trail Acquisition (218800WP29)	\$150,000.00			
USA-GSA/Crown Beach Acquisition (235300WP18)	75,000.00			
Sweningsen/Pleasanton Ridge Acquisition (235500WP48)	50,000.00			
Eddie's Flat/Brushy Peak Acquisition (239200DS10)	218.50			

SPB Pipeline Goodrick Avenue/Point Pinole (240100WP49)	5,000.00
USA-Concord Naval Weapons Station/CNWS (240700WP15)	100,000.00
Thomas/Morgan Territory Acquisition (241600BAAA)	5,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER \$385,218.50

BACKGROUND

From time to time, certain capital acquisition projects experience unforeseen complications, such as the need for multiple appraisals, extraordinary legal fees, prolonged negotiations and other matters that are beyond staff control which require additional staff time and professional fees. There are currently seven capital acquisition project accounts which have received prior appropriations and which now need additional funds in order to continue acquisition activities on these projects. This recommendation will appropriate and transfer Measure AA and Measure WW acquisition funds, and Murray Township general fund monies designated for acquisition to these specified projects as shown on the attached Budget Change Form to allow staff to continue to work on these projects.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 –

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER FUNDS FOR LAND ACQUISITION DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a major objective of East Bay Regional Park District is to acquire regional park and trail properties; and

WHEREAS, in support of this goal, the voters of the District passed the Measure AA Bond in 1988 for acquisition and development of parklands; and

WHEREAS, in support of this goal, the voters of the District passed the Measure WW Bond in 2008 for acquisition and development of parklands; and

WHEREAS, in support of this goal, the District set aside a portion of property tax revenue from residents of the Murray Township area, which is located in southeast Alameda County and is ineligible for Measure AA and Measure WW funding, for acquisition in the Murray Township/Brushy Peak area; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, certain capital acquisition projects experience unforeseen complications, such as the need for multiple appraisals, extraordinary legal fees, prolonged negotiations and other matters that are beyond staff control; and

WHEREAS, there are currently seven capital acquisition accounts which have received prior appropriations and these appropriations have been exceeded; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are now needed for staff time and professional fees in order to continue activities on these projects, and this action will appropriate and transfer funds for these expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$5,000 from Designated Acquisitions project account — Measure AA Undesignated (CIP 229900BAAA), utilizing funds from the Morgan Territory allocation area, and \$380,000 from Designated Acquisitions project account — Measure WW Undesignated (CIP 229900WW00), utilizing funds from the Concord Naval Weapons Station, Crown Beach, Eastshore, Pleasanton Ridge and Point Pinole allocation areas, and \$218.50 from the Murray Township General Fund acquisition project account (CIP 230700DS10) to various capital acquisition project accounts as shown on the attached Budget Change form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director	, seconded by Director	, and
adopted this 16th day of December,	2014 by the following vote:	

FOR:

AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BUDGET CHANGE FORM

NEW APPROPRIATIONS			BUDGET TRANSFERS		
New Appropriation		Between Fund Sources			
From New Revenues		MOUNT	X Between Projects		10UNIT
DECREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	Α	MOUNT	INCREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	Al	MOUNT
Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Designated Acquisitons Project-Measure WW			Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Pt. Isabel-MEC Land Holdings Inc. Property-Measure WW Eastshore State Park Acquisition Area principal-Admin Costs		
Account: 333-6330-119-7010 / 229900WW00-100	\$	380,000	Account: 333-6330-407-7010 / 218800WP29-100	\$	150,000
Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Designated Acquisitons Project-Measure AA	*	330,000	Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Crown Beach-USA GSA Property-Measure WW Crown Beach Acquistion Area principal-Admin Costs	<u> </u>	
Account: 333-6330-119-7010 / 229900BAAA-100	\$	5,000	Account: 333-6330-409-7010 / 235300WP18-100	\$	75,000
Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Murray Township/Brusy Peak-DS10			Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Pleasanton Ridge-Sweningsen Property-Measure WW Pleasanton Ridge Acquisition Area principal-Admin Costs		
Account: 333-6330-150-7010 / 230700DS10-100	\$	218.50	Account: 333-6330-159-7010 / 235500WP48-100	\$	50,000
			Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Brushy Peak-Wm Ralph Trust Eddie's Flat-District Funds Murray Township/Brushy Peak		
			Account: 333-6330-150-7010 / 239200DS10-100	\$	218.50
			Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Pt. Pinole-SPB Pipeline Goodrick Ave. Property-Measure WW Pt. Pinole Acquisition Area Principal-Admin Costs		
			Account: 333-6330-496-7010 / 240100WP49-100	\$	5,000
			Account Name: Expense : Capital- Land Acquisition-Concord Hills (CNWS)-USA Concord Naval Weapons Station Property-Measure WW Concord NWS Acquisition Allocation Area Principal-Admin Costs.		
			Account: 333-6330-103-7010 / 240700WP15-100	\$	100,000

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BUDGET CHANGE FORM

NEW APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET TRANSFERS			
New Appropriation			Between Fund Sources		
From New Revenues		X	Between Projects		
DECREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT		INCREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AM	OUNT
			count Name: Expense : Capital- Land juisition-Morgan Territory-Thomas		
			perty-Measure AA Morgan Territory		
			quisition Allocation Principal-Admin		
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		Acc	count: 333-6330-118-7010 /		
		241	600BAAA-100	\$	5,000
REASON FOR BUDGET CHANGE ENTR	Υ				
As being presented at the Board of Director	•				
the Board of Directors authorize the appro	priation and trar	sfe	of \$380,000 Measure WW Acquisition	n Area P	rincipal
from various locations; \$218.50 District Fu	•				
AA. This represents additional funding to	each of the proj	ects	s to allow staff to continue with the acq	uisition p	orocess.
As approved at the Board of D		ne Board of Directors Meeting on date:	12/16/2	2014	
	Board of Directors Resolution Number		2014-1	2	
Posted By:			Posted date:		
Signature:					

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

i. Authorization to Amend the Contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc. for Feral Pig Control on District Lands (Graul/Nisbet)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the amendment of the contract for feral pig control with Rural Pig Management, Inc. of Castro Valley, California for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.

REVENUE/COST

Board Resolution 2011-02-015, approved by the Board on February I, 2011, authorized the General Manager to award the original sole source contract to Rural Pig Management, Inc. with an option to extend the contract for up to four consecutive one-year periods at the discretion of the General Manager, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 per calendar year. This amendment would allow for a contract increase of \$12,000 resulting in a total cost of \$72,000 for the final year of the authorized extensions.

Funds will be available in Account 101-7475-000-6191, General Fund - Wildlife Management – Professional Services as per the program budget and this action will authorize the encumbrance of budgeted funds for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

BACKGROUND

A primary mission of the East Bay Regional Park District is to preserve, protect and restore natural resources and habitats within its jurisdiction for future generations. Non-native, feral (wild) pigs are widespread throughout the region and cause significant damage to natural resources and threaten water quality. A high reproductive rate coupled with immigration of feral pigs from neighboring lands onto District properties represents an on-going problem. Control of feral pigs on District lands is therefore necessary to protect sensitive plant and wildlife species, including threatened and endangered species, and habitats from outright destruction or degradation through the action of pig rooting and foraging. Feral pigs are classified and regulated as game mammals under State Fish and Game law, but the California Department of Fish and Wildlife recognizes the threat posed by feral pigs to sensitive resources

and has issued a depredation permit to the District to allow for a feral pig control program. This program has identified cost-efficient methods to assess and reduce feral pig damage and distribution.

In 2011, the Board authorized the General Manager via Board Resolution 2011-1-015 to enter into a sole-source contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc., at a cost not exceed \$60,000 per calendar year, with an option to extend the contract for up to four consecutive one-year periods at the discretion of the General Manager, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 per calendar year. 2015 would be the fourth extension of this contract. The proposed cost increase of \$12,000 is primarily due to cost increases for personnel, fuel, insurance, and supplies. In addition, Rural Pig Management, Inc. operates on properties District-wide and has not raised its remuneration rate of \$60,000 per year since 2006, yet the District's land acquisition has gone from 97,385 acres in 2006 to 117,700 acres by 2015, for an overall increase of 20% in land area. Given these cost increases, staff negotiated with Rural Pig Management, Inc. to allow for a contract increase of \$12,000, to a total not to exceed \$72,000, which represents a 16.7% cost increase.

Staff is therefore recommending this amendment to the contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc. to retain their services, as they have the established expertise, safety record and training required to implement the District's feral pig control program. Rural Pig Management, Inc. has also been the contractor for controlling feral pigs on neighboring agency parcels including those of Mt. Diablo State Park, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District and San Francisco Water District. This has allowed for extremely cost-effective and coordinated control of feral pigs on District lands and throughout the East Bay area.

ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH RURAL PIG MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR FERAL PIG CONTROL ON DISTRICT LANDS

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District is responsible for resource management and public enjoyment of its parklands; and

WHEREAS, feral pig damage is a serious and on-going problem that threatens natural resource and habitat values in District parks; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed and implemented a Feral Pig Capture and Removal Program; and

WHEREAS, the feral pigs are not native to California and the District is working under a Depredation Permit with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife which permits this program; and

WHEREAS, Board Resolution 2011-2-015 authorized the General Manager to award the original sole source contract to Rural Pig Management, Inc., Castro Valley, California with an option to extend the contract for up to four consecutive one-year periods at the discretion of the General Manager, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 per calendar year, and

WHEREAS, 2015 will be the fourth extension of the District contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the increased costs incurred by Rural Pig Management, Inc., Castro Valley, California, over the past four years to perform its services across the District's expanded land area, and

WHEREAS, the District has contracted with Rural Pig Management, Inc., Castro Valley, California as the preferred contractor with the best-established expertise, safety record and training required to undertake the needed work; and

WHEREAS, the required funding is available in Account 101-7475-000-6191, 2015 Wildlife Management – Professional Services General Fund budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the encumbrance of funds and the amendment of the contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc., Castro Valley, California, to increase the contract amount by \$12,000 resulting in a total contract amount that is not to exceed \$72,000 for the final year of the authorized extensions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director	, seconded by Director	, and
approved this 16 th day of December, 2	2014 by the following vote:	
FOR:		

AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

j. Authorization to Award a Sole Source Contract to ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. and Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds to Acquire Resource Agency Permits for the Tyler Ranch Staging Area and Trail Connections: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park

(Graul/Nisbet)

RECOMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the award of a sole contract to ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. and the appropriation of Measure WW Development funds in the amount of \$108,100 to assist the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) with biological assessment and permit acquisition for the Tyler Ranch Staging Area and Trail Connections at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park Project (Project).

REVENUE/COST

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Funds Available for Appropriation from Measure WW Development

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2,025,000 o Project No. 151800WP48 (Build Tyler Staging Area: Pleasanton Ridge) 108,100

To Project No. 151800WP48 (Build Tyler Staging Area: Pleasanton Ridge) 108,100 BALANCE REMAINING \$1,916,900

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

Sole Source Contract with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc.

for Biological Consulting Services \$ 108,100

TOTAL \$ 108,100

BACKGROUND

The Land Use Plan for Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park was adopted in 2012 and since that time additional lands have been acquired and placed in land bank status. Among the many potential new entry points for this expanding park, the Tyler Ranch Staging Area has the highest capital

development priority. On September 2, 2014, the Board authorized \$100,000 in Measure WW Development funds to fund survey work, technical studies, detailed design and engineering, bid document preparation, and the bidding process for construction of the staging area.

The next phase of the work is to prepare and submit permit application packages per federal and state requirements to the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the Project utilizing the guidance in the East Alameda County Conservation Strategy (EACCS) to streamline the permit process and in doing so adhere to standardized avoidance and minimization measures and mitigation ratios. This work will include the preparation of: I) a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Permit for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permit 42 for recreational facilities; 2) a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFRWQCB); and 3) a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code 1602/Streambed Alteration Agreement. It will also include consultation with the federal and state regulatory agencies regarding the utilization of the Pleasanton Ridge Conservation Bank as the source of mitigation credits. Mitigation will be required to compensate for habitat loss under the federal endangered species (ESA) act and Waters of the U.S. impacts under the CWA for impacts associated with the development of the staging area and the construction, modification, and/or repair of approximately six miles of trails. The estimated cost to conduct biological surveys, prepare the permit package, and acquire all necessary resource agency permits is \$108,100. These permits are required before the Project can be constructed.

Due to the extent of knowledge, experience and history the consultant possesses specific to permitting projects utilizing the EACCS, it is recommended that ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. be used to perform the scope of work described above. District Counsel has reviewed the justification and has approved this as a sole source contract.

The budget level estimate to construct the Tyler Ranch Staging Area and construct, modify, and/or repair six miles of trails is approximately \$1,900,000. Future phases of work identified in the 2012 LUP may include development of a park office and security residence at the Tyler Ranch Staging Area, and additional trails and staging areas within Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park when additional funding comes available.

ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO ICF JONES AND STOKES, INC. AND APPROPRIATE MEASURE WW DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO ACQUIRE RESOURCE AGENCY PERMITS FOR THE TYLER RANCH STAGING AREA AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS: PLEASANTON RIDGE REGIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District desires to begin implementing the Land Use Plan for Pleasanton Ridge, adopted in 2012, by developing new public access improvements; and

WHEREAS, many potential new entry points for this expanding park have been identified, with development of public access improvements at Tyler Ranch staging area identified as the highest capital improvement priority; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2014, the Board authorized \$100,000 in Measure WW Development funds to fund survey work, technical studies, detailed design and engineering, bid document preparation, and the bidding process for construction; and

WHEREAS, permits are required before the Project can be bid and constructed; and

WHEREAS, Measure WW Development funds from Allocation Area Pleasanton Ridge are available for appropriation into Project No. I51800WP48 (Build Tyler Staging Area: Pleasanton Ridge);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes a sole source contract with ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. and the appropriation of \$108,100 of Measure WW Development funds into Project No. I51800WP48 (Build Tyler Staging Area: Pleasanton Ridge) per the attached Budget Change form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director adopted this 16 th day of December, 2014 by	, seconded by Director the following vote:	, and
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AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BUDGET CHANGE FORM

NEW APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET TRANSFERS		
X New Appropriation		Between Fund Sources		
X From New Revenues		Between Projects		
DECREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	INCREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	
		Account Name: Expense : Captial Fund- Design Administration-Pleasanton Ridge- Build Tyler Staging Area Project-Work in Progress-Measure WW Pleasanton Ridge Development Allocation Area- Contracted Services		
		Account: 333-7110-159-7020/	ф 400 400	
DEACON FOR BURGET QUANCE ENTR	V	151800WP48-009	\$ 108,100	
As being presented at the Board of Directors meeting on December 16, 2014, the General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the appropriation of \$100,000 from Measure WW Pleasanton Ridge Development Allocation Area to existing project 151800 increasing funding to build the Tyler staging area.				
As approved at the Board of Directors Meeting on date: 12/16/2014		12/16/2014		
Board of Directors Resolution Number: 2014-1				
Posted By: Posted date:				

Signature:

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

k. Authorization to Modify Staffing in the Planning/GIS Department to Use Existing Funds to Establish a 1.0 FTE Park Planner I Position and Amend the 2015 Budget: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division (Beshears/Nisbet)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District authorize the modification of staffing in the Planning/GIS Department of the Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division to establish a 1.0 FTE Park Planner I position. This action will use funding from a portion of a budgeted, but vacant, FTE AGM I position, the balance of which will be retained in the Division's annual budget at a partial FTE level.

REVENUE/COST

No increase in the Division's 2015 Budget is required to make this change. The funding for this Park Planner I position is currently available in the Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division budget through use of funding budgeted to the former position of AGM of Design, Stewardship and Construction. The AGM position is vacant and will not be filled. Effective January I, 2015, the establishment of the Park Planner I position will use approximately \$132,600 for salary and benefits. The balance of the budgeted funds for the former AGM I position will be retained in the Division as a partial FTE vacancy. Staff will return to the Board at a future date, or during the 2016 Budget process, to make any further adjustments to the Budget.

BACKGROUND

On September 2, 2014, the Land Division and the Planning, Stewardship and Development Division were merged into a single division now called Acquisition, Stewardship and Development. As a second step to merging the divisions, the Planning & GIS Department and the Interagency Planning Department were merged as one department entitled the Planning/GIS Department. All Planning staff, Interagency Planning staff, and GIS staff now report to the Chief of Planning/GIS. As a follow-up step to this reorganization, the Planning job classes are being evaluated and new job descriptions and classes are being proposed.

Given the workload of the new Planning/GIS Department, which includes an increasing list of desired land use plans for both existing and new parks, as well as a need for enhanced scrutiny of development projects that are being proposed and approved in cities adjacent to District parks, a new Park Planner I position is being proposed.

In addition to this proposed position, the Division currently has a vacant Park Planner I position. It is proposed that the recruitment be advertised externally and both positions be filled from this recruitment.

ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION NO: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY STAFFING IN THE PLANNING/GIS DEPARTMENT TO USE EXISTING FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A 1.0 FTE PARK PLANNER I POSITION AND AMEND THE 2015 BUDGET: ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WHEREAS, continuing review of the structure of the Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division finds that the mix of staffing requires adjustment of to meet current and future needs; and

WHEREAS, the District's annual budget includes authorized funding appropriations and FTE (full time equivalent staffing) levels for all Divisions of the District, and as positions or budgeted funds are modified, needs to be formally updated as changes take place; and

WHEREAS, the current phase of the staffing changes proposes establishing a 1.0 FTE (7410PPL100) Park Planner I position and reducing funding for a 1.0 FTE (7010AGM100) AGM I position that is vacant and no longer considered essential; and

WHEREAS, the wage and benefit cost for the Park Planner I position in 2015 will be approximately \$132,600 which will be funded within the current Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division budget via salary savings realized by the reduction of a vacant I.0 FTE a vacant Assistant General Manager (AGM I) position to 0.4 FTE, ; and

WHEREAS, this reorganization has been reviewed by labor representatives and is recommended by the General Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the modification of staffing in the Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division by adding a 1.0 FTE Park Planner I and decreasing the AGM I position to 0.4 FTE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

I. Authorization to Enter into a Telecommunications Vault Lease Agreement with the State of California, Department of General Services for the Placement of Radios and Circuit Connectivity at Mt. Diablo.

(Gershaneck/T. Anderson)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors authorize entering into a telecommunications vault lease agreement with the State of California, Department of General Services, for the placement of radios and circuit connectivity via the microwave system to improve communications in the District's radio infrastructure.

REVENUE/COST

Funds are available in the Public Safety Department's budget, 101-8120-000-6731. Staff has been able to negotiate a \$327 per month lease rate for the first year, with an increase of three percent (3%) annually for the remaining term of the lease (ten years with four successive five-year options).

BACKGROUND

The Park District's communications infrastructure has been in operation for more than four decades and provides radio coverage for both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In an effort to improve the limited radio coverage for the expanding properties of East County as well as the rest of the District, staff has obtained FCC licensing and tested and installed base station radios on Mt. Diablo. Results obtained from these tests show that the location greatly improves the quality of radio transmissions and reception.

ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 - 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A TELECOMMUNICATIONS VAULT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF RADIOS AND CIRCUIT CONNECTIVITY AT MT. DIABLO

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the need to have a reliable and trustworthy radio system that operates throughout its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains a microwave radio communications infrastructure as built and engineered for the topography and terrain of district lands; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to enhance its capabilities in the expanding East County area as well as the rest of District, staff proposes the placement of equipment at the Mt. Diablo Radio Vault site in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the District has established telecommunications lease agreements with Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties to support its communications infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes entering into a 10-year lease agreement, with four (4) successive five (5)-year options, at a rate of \$327 per month for the first year, with an increase of three percent (3%) annually for the remaining term of the lease, with the State of California, Department of General Services, for the placement of radios and circuit connectivity at the Mt. Diablo Radio Vault Site in Contra Costa County, with funds from the Public Safety Department's budget, 101-8120-000-6731; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director approved this 16th day of December, 2	, seconded by Director 2014 by the following vote:	, and
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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - m. Award of Contract to Print and Authorization to Distribute Regional in Nature Publication (Johnson)

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors award a contract for the printing of the Regional in Nature Activity Guide (RIN) during Fiscal Year 2015 to the San Francisco Chronicle. It is further recommended that the distribution of RIN be authorized to include 39 publications representing daily, weekly, monthly and regional media that serve Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The San Francisco Chronicle was the only bidder. The Bay Area News Group, Wesco Graphics Services, Integrity IBS, Quad Graphics, and Gilliam & Associates all declined to submit a bid.

REVENUE/COST

The San Francisco Chronicle's bid to print and distribute the RIN in 2015 is unchanged from 2014. Total 2015 contract costs for the San Francisco Chronicle to print and distribute the RIN will not exceed \$220,000. The total cost for distribution of the RIN via other newspaper inserts will not exceed \$240,000.

The San Francisco Chronicle's "value added" proposal of \$230,462 is unchanged from last year. The term "value added" refers to complimentary advertising, including two full-page color ads or equivalent, 12 times per year 6 column x 3" banner ad anchored to the bottom of Tom Stienstra's Sunday feature, six \(\frac{1}{4}\)-page Regional in Nature teaser ads on day of insertion, and continued Hearst Media partnership of the Park District's Healthy Parks Healthy People initiative.

This action authorizes staff to contract with the attached named publication service providers for a total amount not to exceed \$460,000, which is unchanged from 2014.

Sufficient funding for this action will be available in the Public Affairs Department, Publications and Notices account 101-3110-000-6575 should the proposed 2015 Park District Budget be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The East Bay Regional Park District began publishing the RIN as a newspaper insert in 1994. With this year's cost of roughly 10 cents per copy, the newspaper insert has proven to be the most effective tool available to reach a large number of District residents with general information, program and special events, concessionaire services and volunteer information. Empirical surveys and anecdotal review of select program attendance have demonstrated that marketing the District via weekly print and ethnic media publications are drawing new audiences into the parks.

Since 2007, RIN has been printed by the San Francisco Chronicle based on annual competitive print proposals which have provided upgraded paper quality and local print processes, full color on all pages of the publication, and added value to the Park District in the form of complimentary advertisements and event sponsorship, thus enhancing its quality and ultimate effectiveness. In 2014, thanks to staff requests to receive "added-value" support for RIN from publishers, EBRPD received over \$500,000 in free advertising from a variety of our publishing. This advertising space was utilized to market events and programs to a variety of targeted demographics throughout the District.

In 2015, Public Affairs plans to produce six bi-monthly, 16-page full-color editions of RIN. Total circulation of RIN is estimated at 610,000 copies per issue. The RIN is currently distributed in the following 39 publications: Bay Area News Group (Fremont Argus, Contra Costa Times, Hayward Daily Review, East County Times, West County Times, Oakland Tribune, San Ramon Valley Times, Tri-Valley Times, Alameda Journal, Albany Journal, El Cerrito Journal, Kensington Journal, Montclarion, Piedmonter, Berkeley Voice), Post News Group (Oakland Post, Berkeley Tri-City Post, Richmond Post, San Francisco Post, South County Post, Marin County Post, El Mundo), San Francisco Chronicle East Bay edition, East Bay Express, Brentwood Press, Valley Sentinel, What's Happening/Tri City Voice, CSU East Bay Magazine, Vision Hispana, Hyundae Korean News USA, Parents Press, Philippine News, Clayton Pioneer, Concord Pioneer, Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Independent, Martinez News-Gazette, FilAm Star, and Epoch Times.

ALTERNATIVES

Staff has reviewed alternative publications and distribution methods such as a printer-only method with resulting higher insertion costs, direct mail, and targeted availability through schools, all of which would result in significantly greater costs than printing through an existing newspaper publication program. Staff does not recommend any of these alternatives.

RESOLUTION NO: 2014 – 12-

December 16, 2014

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PRINT AND AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE REGIONAL IN NATURE PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the FY 2015 Budget for the Public Affairs Division of the East Bay Regional Park District includes as one of its objectives the distribution of Regional in Nature (RIN), a newspaper supplement listing District news, events, and programs available in the regional parks to Alameda and Contra Costa County residents; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2015 Public Affairs Division Budget includes funding to support printing and distribution of the RIN publication; and

WHEREAS, staff has solicited bids from qualified firms to print the RIN publication, with the San Francisco Chronicle as the lowest qualified bidder, and is therefore recommended as the selected provider; and

WHEREAS, staff has deemed the most effective means to distribute RIN is through newspaper insertion into a network of publications that have the best penetration throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties made up of the: Bay Area News Group (Fremont Argus, Contra Costa Times, Hayward Daily Review, East County Times, West County Times, Oakland Tribune, San Ramon Valley Times, Tri-Valley Times, Alameda Journal, Albany Journal, El Cerrito Journal, Kensington Journal, Montclarion, Piedmonter, Berkeley Voice), Post News Group (Oakland Post, Berkeley Tri-City Post, Richmond Post, San Francisco Post, South County Post, Marin County Post, El Mundo), San Francisco Chronicle East Bay edition, East Bay Express, Brentwood Press, Valley Sentinel, What's Happening/Tri City Voice, CSU East Bay Magazine, Vision Hispana, Hyundae Korean News USA, Parents Press, Philippine News, Clayton Pioneer, Concord Pioneer, Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Independent, Martinez News-Gazette, FilAm Star, and Epoch Times;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the award of a contract with the San Francisco Chronicle for the 2015 printing and distribution of the RIN at a not to exceed cost of \$220,000 to be funded from the 2015 Public Affairs Department budget, Publications and Notices account 101-3110-000-6575; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes contracts for the distribution of the RIN by the above listed newspapers in 2015 for a total cost not to exceed \$240,000 to be funded from account 101-3110-000-6575; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the G	General Manager is hereby authorized and directed,
on behalf of the District and its name, to execu-	te and deliver such documents and to do such acts
as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to	accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director adopted this 16th day of December, 2014, by the	, seconded by Director e following vote:	, and
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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

n. Acceptance of the Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports (Spaulding/Auker/Collins)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager and the Board Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Directors accept the Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports.

REVENUE/COST

There is no revenue/cost impact associated with the acceptance of the report.

BACKGROUND

This format for quarterly financial reporting combines budget and expenditure information in a single report. The report and attachments summarize third quarter revenues and expenditures for the entire District and compare current year financial activities with revenues and expenditures in the prior year. This information is provided to the Board as required by the Board Operating Guidelines.

General Fund Revenues & Expenditures as of September 30, 2014:

Revenues are on track for the year with 54.9% of budget received by September 30. The majority of the District revenue consists of property tax which is mainly received in April and December. Actual expenditures to-date are also on track to end the year at budget, with 72.5% spent through September 30, 2014.

The charts in Attachment A show the overall five-year trend of General Fund revenues and expenditures, along with projections for year-end. The charts also reflect the assessment of the General Fund unassigned fund balance target, per the budget, which exceeds the District's reserve policy minimums.

Attachment B provides additional information on the General Fund as of September 30. 2014. Areas in which revenues or expenditures are 10 percent higher or lower than the same date in the prior year are explained in footnotes.

Attachment C provides summarized financial information for all other governmental funds as of September 30, 2014.

ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

ACCEPTANCE OF EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT THIRD QUARTER 2014 GENERAL FUND AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, the Finance Department prepares Quarterly Unaudited Financial Reports in accordance with Board Operating Guidelines, and presents the results to the Board Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Reports help inform the Board of Directors, public and District management of the financial position of the District; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2014, the Board Finance Committee reviewed the Quarterly General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2014, and recommended its favorable consideration by the Board of Directors;

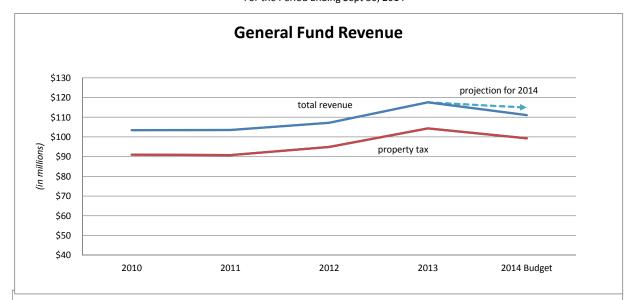
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby accepts the General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2014.

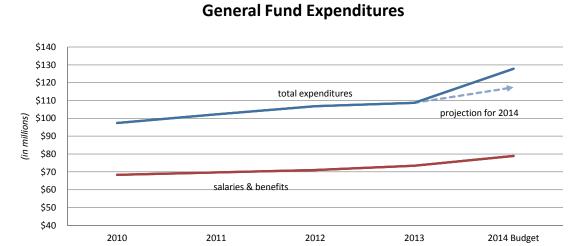
Moved by Director on this 16th day of December 2014	, seconded by Director I, by the following vote:	, and approved
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East Bay Regional Park District

GENERAL FUND QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ending Sept 30, 2014





Budgetary General Fund Unassi	igned Fund Balance
Beginning Unassigned Fund Balance (1/1/14)	\$ 44,514,739
Release of the Committed Fund Balance (1/1/14)	9,000,000
2014 Budgeted Revenue	111,058,800
2014 Budgeted Expenditure (Adopted)	(120,003,900)
Move tipping fees to special revenue fund	(1,883,000)
Various Budget Increases approved by Board	(5,989,628)
Estimated Ending Budgetary Fund Balance (12/31/14)	\$ 36,697,011
Estimated Excess (deficit) over 32% Reserve	\$ 1,158,195
Reserve Target per Policy *	\$ 35,538,816
(32% of annual revenue)	

^{*} The Fund Balance Reserve Policy states that 32% of annual revenue is the minimum reserve to be maintained by the District to provide emergency funding in the event of a disaster, temporary revenue shortfall, or other qualified circumstance.

Use of the funds requires Board of Director approval.

% Budget

East Bay Regional Park District

GENERAL FUND QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Current YTD[^]

Amended Budget

For the Period Ending Sept 30, 2014

Budget

% of Budget

Prior YTD[^]

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	2014	Actuals 2014	Variance	Complete	Actual 2013	at 9/30/13	_
REVENUE							
Property Taxes	99,300,000	50,480,079	48,819,921	50.8%	51,343,874	53.2%	1
Charges for Services	8,491,500	8,111,041	380,459	95.5%	7,581,672	90.8%	
Property Usage	1,777,000	1,269,988	507,012	71.5%	1,465,905	77.3%	
Investment Earnings and Other	1,444,400	1,056,711	387,689	73.2%	968,675	53.6%	
Transfers In	45,900	45,900	0	100.0%	540,765	93.1%	2
Total Revenue and Transfers In	111,058,800	60,963,719	50,095,081	54.9%	61,900,891	56.7%	4
EXPENDITURES							
Salary & Benefits	78,947,570	55,803,722	23,143,848	70.7%	53,975,556	70.6%	
Supplies	12,223,652	7,473,244	4,750,408	61.1%	6,532,890	60.9%	3
Services	9,925,035	6,143,492	3,781,543	61.9%	4,619,299	57.7%	4
Capital Outlay	1,481,842	787,309	694,533	53.1%	164,868	38.2%	5
Other Expense	2,823,371	1,579,954	1,243,417	56.0%	1,562,658	59.5%	6
Interfund Charges	6,017,760	4,513,320	1,504,440	75.0%	3,565,417	75.0%	
Transfers Out	16,360,659	16,360,659	0	100.0%	9,782,920	90.0%	7
Total Expenditures and Transfers Out	127,779,889	92,661,700	35,118,189	72.5%	80,203,608	70.4%	1
NET REVENUE OVER / (UNDER)	\$ (16,721,089)				\$ (18,302,717)		_
NET REVENUE OVER / (ONDER)	\$ (10,721,083)	3 (31,097,981)	3 14,570,832	1	ÿ (18,302,717)		
	Amended Budget	Current YTD [^]	Budget	% of Budget	Prior YTD^	% Budget	7
	2014	Actuals 2014	Variance	Complete	Actual 2013	at 9/30/13	
EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION		71010010 2011	ranano	Complete	7 101001 2010	at 6, 66, 76	1
Board of Directors	320,680	135,592	185,088	42.3%	168,192	54.0%	8
General Manager	1,866,190	1,214,935	651,255	65.1%	1,216,445	67.0%	ľ
Total Executive & Legislative	2,186,870	1,350,527	836,343	61.8%	1,384,637	65.1%	1
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Legal Division	2,580,152	2,225,615	354,537	86.3%	899,496	60.6%	9
Finance and Management Services	8,606,952	5,687,008	2,919,944	66.1%	5,447,034	66.0%	
Human Resources Division	2,427,343	1,491,054	936,289	61.4%	1,493,283	64.3%	10
Public Affairs Division	4,427,837	2,876,138	1,551,699	65.0%	2,245,675	61.8%	4
Total District-Wide Support	18,042,284	12,279,815	5,762,469	68.1%	10,085,488	64.3%	
Park Operations Department	33,812,127	23,404,111	10,408,016	69.2%	22,017,298	70.5%	
Maintenance and Skilled Trades Dept.	14,727,194	10,259,787	4,467,407	69.7%	8,434,152	68.5%	
Interpretive and Recreation Svcs Dept.	10,889,148	7,452,342	3,436,806	68.4%	7,658,590	69.0%	
Total Operations	59,428,469	41,116,240	18,312,229	69.2%	38,110,040	69.7%	
Planning and Stewardship Department	4,908,844	2,714,709	2,194,135	55.3%	2,855,196	61.2%	
Design and Construction Department	837,424	510,908	326,516	61.0%	543,760	69.6%	
Total Planning/Stewardship & Dev.	5,746,268	3,225,617	2,520,651	56.1%	3,398,956	62.4%	11
Land Division	2,855,670	1,904,486	951,184	66.7%	1,788,610	65.2%	
Public Safety Administration	6,779,834	4,715,372	2,064,462	69.5%	4,487,064	71.0%	
Police Department	11,385,676	7,489,314	3,896,362	65.8%	7,162,595	65.4%	
Fire Department	4,994,159	4,219,670	774,489	84.5%	4,003,298	79.4%	
Total Public Safety	23,159,669	16,424,356	6,735,313	70.9%	15,652,957	70.2%	1
Transfers Out	16,360,659	16,360,659	-,: 55,510	100.0%	9,782,920	90.0%	1
Total Expenditures and Transfers Out		\$ 92,661,700	\$ 35,118,189	72.5%	\$ 80,203,608	70.4%	_
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[^] Current Year to Date (YTD) Actuals excluding Encumbrances.

Notes

The percent of year completed equals 75% at September 30. Variances over or under 10% were investigated and are explained below. Prior year data is presented for comparison purposes.

- 1 Property taxes arrive in two major payments; the second will be received in December. Prior year included one-time revenue from RDA dissolution.
- 2 All budgeted Transfers In to the General Fund were completed at the beginning of the year.
- 3 Supply expenditures are low, but similar to the prior year.
- 4 Funds for services such as Civicorps, printing of RIN and legislative consulting are encumbered, but full costs were not incurred as of 9/30.
- 5 Capital Outlay appears low due to mid-year budget appropriation for vehicle acquisition that has not yet been spent.
- 6 Other Expense category includes taxes & assessments not yet paid for 2014. Expenditures are in the line with prior year.
- 7 Additional Transfers Out were approved as part of the mid-year adjustments. Transfers are typically completed as soon as they are budgeted.
- 8 Board expenditures were lower in salary & benefits due to absences.
- 9 Several large settlement payments in the Legal Division required additional funds to be appropriated from fund balance.
- 10 Human Resources Division expenditures are low due to vacant positions, but in line with prior year.
- 11 Planning & Stewardship expenditures are in line with prior year. Salary & benefits are low due to vacancies and reorganization of division.

East Bay Regional Park District

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ending Sept 30, 2014

Special Revenue Funds

Amended Budget Current YTD[^] Budget % of Budget 2014 Actuals 2014 Variance Complete 9,555,992 Total Revenues* 26,616,760 17,060,768 35.9% 24,867,950 11,276,084 13,591,866 45.3%

Prior YTD [^]	% Budget
Actual 2013	at 9/30/13
6,854,045	26.5%
13,558,770	51.8%

Total Expenditures**

Special Revenue funds include Measure CC, LLD funds, Zones of Benefit, as well as Measure WW Local Grants. Revenues and expenditures are as expected for this point in the year.

Project Funds

Total Revenues* Total Expenditures**

Α	mended Budget	Current YTD [^]	Budget	% of Budget
	2014	Actuals 2014	Variance	Complete
	65,133,106	45,480,146	19,652,960	69.8%
	121,539,589	43,193,568	78,346,021	35.5%

Prior YTD [^]	% Budget
Actual 2013	at 9/30/13
108,078,689	375.4%
23,444,881	39.5%

Project funds are used for land acquisition, and capital and non-capital projects. In July, the District received a land donation of the Peterson Ranch valued at \$14.3 million. Roddy Ranch was purchased in September at a cost of \$14.2 million. Major construction expenditures in Q3 included construction of the Iron Horse Trail from Dublin / Pleasanton BART to Santa Rita Road, the environmental restoration at Breunner Marsh, and completion of a section of the SF Bay Trail from Martinez to Crockett.

Debt Service Funds

Total Revenues* Total Expenditures*

Amended Budget	Current YTD [^]	Budget	% of Budget	
2014	Actuals 2014	Variance	Complete	
26,048,800	15,011,373	11,037,427	57.6%	
32,882,350	32,550,220	332,130	99.0%	

Prior YTD [^]	% Budget
Actual 2013	at 9/30/13
14,464,623	82.0%
19,576,757	98.3%

Debt Service revenues and expenditures are related to scheduled debt service payments. Current year activity includes Measure WW General Obligation bond tax receipts. Revenues & expenditures are on track to end the year as budgeted.

Internal Service Funds

Total Revenues* Total Expenditures**

Amended Budget	Current YID ^A	Budget	% of Budget
2014	Actuals 2014	Variance	Complete
20,186,210	17,384,824	2,801,386	86.1%
16,235,874	11,549,146	4,686,728	71.1%

Prior YTD [^]	% Budget
Actual 2013	at 9/30/13
9,595,101	74.8%
6,970,986	51.4%

Internal Service funds pay for services that are allocated District-wide, including costs of General Liability, Major Infrastructure, Equipment, and Employee Benefits. Current year activities include transfers out from the new 553 Major Infrastructure Renovation & Replacement Fund (553) to Project Funds, including 2.9 million transferred through mid-year budget adjustments. Revenues & expenditures in these funds are as expected for this point in the year.

Notes:

- ^ Current Year to Date (YTD) Actuals do not include Encumbrances (known obligations/contracts thru December 31).
- * including transfers in
- ** including transfers out

The percent of year completed equals 75% at September 30. Prior year data is presented for comparison purposes.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

- I. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - o. Approval of Appointments of Lou Ann Texeira and Robert Wilkins to the Park Advisory Committee (Pfuehler)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors approve the appointments of Lou Ann Texeira, a nominee of Contra Costa County Special Districts Association, and Robert Wilkins, a nominee of Director John Sutter, to the Park Advisory Committee.

REVENUE/COST

There is no cost associated with this action.

BACKGROUND

Lou Ann Texeira is a resident of Danville and is the Executive Officer for the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). Prior to her nine years of service with Contra Costa LAFCO, Ms. Texeira was Executive Director for Alameda LAFCo for six years. The mission of LAFCo is to preserve and protect open space and agricultural lands. Her prior experience includes working as Assistant to the City Manager for the cities of Dublin and Walnut Creek, both of which place a high value on parks and open space. Her interests are to ensure adequate funding for land acquisition, capital, maintenance and operations, of park and recreation facilities. She is also interested in expanding park and recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of the Bay Area (i.e. urban parks, parks for all ages and abilities, etc.).

Robert Wilkins is a resident of Oakland. He has led the YMCA of the East Bay as its President and CEO since 1997. He has served the YMCA for over 20 years, including leadership roles at YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles before joining the YMCA of the East Bay. Mr. Wilkins has over 35 years of program and executive level experience in Bay Area youth development, health and wellness, camping and public service. He sits on the boards of several organizations including Lake Merritt Uptown District Association and the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, and holds memberships in several organizations including the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board. His interests include acquisition, preservation and care of open

spaces. Throughout his career, Mr. Wilkins has worked to raise awareness among residents in communities of color about the need to be and stay active.

Board approval would authorize Ms. Texeira and Mr. Wilkins to serve their first two-year terms to commence on January I, 2015 and expire on December 31, 2016.

ALTERNATIVE

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF LOU ANN TEXEIRA AND ROBERT WILKINS TO THE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Lou Ann Texeira has been nominated to serve her first two-year term as a representative of Contra Costa County Special Districts Association; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wilkins has been nominated to serve his first two-year term as a representative of Director John Sutter, Ward 2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby appoints Lou Ann Texeira and Robert Wilkins to the Park Advisory Committee for a two-year term which will commence on January I, 2015 and expire on December 31, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director this 16 th day of December, by the followi	, seconded by Director ng vote:	, and adopted
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

CONSENT CALENDAR

p. Approval of Re-Appointment of Mary Ellen Tong to the Chabot Space & Science Center Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors

(Pulido)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors approve the reappointment of Mary Ellen Tong as a representative of the East Bay Regional Park District to the Chabot Space & Science Center Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors. This appointment will be for another three-year term beginning on January 1, 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2017.

REVENUE/COST

There is no cost associated with this action.

BACKGROUND

The Chabot Space and Science Center (CSSC) is governed by a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) that includes the Oakland Unified School District, the City of Oakland, the East Bay Regional Park District and the Eastbay Astronomical Society. The CSSC is governed by a body known as the Board of Directors. Three (3) of these directors are representatives of the Park District and are appointed by its governing body.

The District is currently represented by Mary Ellen Tong, Michael Levi and Paul Chapman. Mary Ellen Tong has served as a District appointee to the CSSC JPA since January 1, 2012 and her three-year term is expiring at the end of this year. She has signified her desire to continue to represent the Park District. Ms. Tong was Past President and Foundation Board member of the East Bay Zoological Society - Oakland Zoo.

ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 - 12 -

December 16, 2014

APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARY ELLEN TONG TO THE CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District is part of the Joint Powers Agency (JPA) for the Chabot Space & Science Center (CSSC), and as such, has three Park District representatives who are appointed by its governing body on the JPA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Tong, a past President and Foundation Board member of the Bay Zoological Society Foundation/Oakland Zoo, and an appointee of Director John Sutter to the CSSC JPA Board whose term is expiring on December 31, 2014, has agreed to serve for another three-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby re-appoints Mary Ellen Tong to the Chabot Space & Science Center Board of Directors for a term beginning on January 1, 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director this 16th day of December, 2014, by	, seconded by Director y the following vote:	, and adopted
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

q. Authorization to Purchase Golf Course Maintenance Equipment from Willow Park Public Golf Course, a Limited Partnership and Amend the 2014 Budget: Lake Chabot Regional Park (Victor/O'Connor)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the purchase of golf course maintenance equipment from Willow Park Public Golf Course, a limited partnership, ("the Partnership") at a total cost of \$42,775 and amend the 2014 Budget.

REVENUE/COST

The total cost of the will not exceed \$42,775. Funding for this purchase is proposed to come from the following available sources:

TRANSFER FROM:

District Counsel, Professional Services	Account 101-2120-000-6191	\$ 21,387
Operations, Shadow Cliffs Professional Svcs	Account 101-5141-281-6191	21,388
•	Total	\$ 42 775

TRANSFER TO:

Operations Division, Willow Park Golf Course		
Concession Equipment Account 101-5141-780-5376	Total	\$ 4 2,775

BACKGROUND

The Partnership's 50-year lease agreement to operate the Willow Park Public Golf Course expired on November 30, 2014. To ensure uninterrupted golf operations to the public, the District entered into an interim operation and management services agreement with Touchstone Golf, LLC. In the first quarter of next year, Park District staff will be issuing a new Request for Proposals for a long-term operator of the golf course.

An integral part of the golf course facility's operations is having the appropriate maintenance equipment on hand. Attached as Exhibit A is a list of maintenance equipment available from and that staff is recommending be purchased from the Partnership. The equipment will become Park District property and will be available for use or sale to the next operator of the golf course. Purchasing the used

equipment from the Partnership is more cost-effective than purchasing or leasing like equipment. In order to ensure that the golf course facility remains open to the public and become revenue generating, staff is requesting authority to purchase this equipment.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board of Directors could direct staff to seek other sources of equipment to purchase or lease; this is not recommended.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 - 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FROM WILLOW PARK PUBLIC GOLF COURSE, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND AMEND THE 2014 BUDGET: LAKE CHABOT REGIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, the fifty year lease of the Willow Park Public Golf Course, a limited partnership (Partnership), to operate the golf course facility at Lake Chabot Regional Park ended on November 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has entered into an interim operation and management agreement of the facility with Touchstone Golf, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Park District desires to purchase golf course maintenance equipment identified in Exhibit A attached hereto from the Partnership at a total cost of \$42,775 as it is a more cost-effective option to purchasing or leasing like-equipment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, approved by Resolution No. 2003-03-47, adopted March 18, 2003, Board authorization is required for any vendor purchases which exceed \$25,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the purchase of the equipment listed in Exhibit A in an amount not to exceed \$42,775 in 2014 from Willow Park Public Golf Course, a limited partnership; and with funding provided per the attached Budget Change form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this purchase is available via a transfer from District Counsel's Professional Services Account 101-2120-000-6191 in the amount of \$21,387 and from Operations Division's Shadow Cliffs Regional Park Professional Services Account 101-5141-281-6191 in the amount of \$21,388 to the Operations Division's Willow Park Golf Course Concession Equipment Account 101-5141-780-5376 per the attached Budget Change form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director this 16 th day of December, 2014 by	, seconded by Director the following vote:	, and adopted
FOR:		
AGAINST:		

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Exhibit A

Updated 11/19/2014

GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT INVENTORY Willow Park Public Golf Course

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION		CONDITION VALUE	VALI	当	Ď	Offer
3	JAC GKV GREENS MOWER	Demo pur. Summer 2007 Hours (5028-0)	GOOD	\$ 3,	3,200	£	3,200
7	TORO WALKING AERATOR		GOOD	\$ 3,	3,000	₩	3,000
6	4-INCH PUMP, TRASH WITH TRAILER		GOOD	& .,	3,500	ω ↔	3,500
=	KAWASAKI MULE 3000 UTILITY VEHICLE Hours (049638)	: Hours (049638)	FAIR	÷.	000,1	-	000,1
12	KAWASAKI MULE 3000 UTILITY VEHICLE Hours (042180)	: Hours (042180)	FAIR	÷.	000,1	-	000,1
13	KAWASAKI MULE 3000 UTILITY VEHICLE Hours (05685)	: Hours (05685)	FAIR	÷.	000,1	∽	000,1
<u>&</u>	TURFCO METERMATIC III		GOOD	8,	4,000	₩	4,000
20	CONVAULT DOUBLE 500 GAL.		GOOD	\$ 7,	7,500	8	7,500
21	OFFICE CONTAINER 8X20 HEAT/AC		GOOD	\$ 7,	2,000	8	2,000
22	RESERVE VERTICAL 75 HP IRRIG. MOTOR	~	LIKE NEW	& .,	3,500	₩	3,500
24	LITTLE WONDER WALKING BLOWER		FAIR	⇔	009	₩.	009
25	2" HONDA TRASH PUMP		GOOD	∽	200	₩.	200
26	I STIHL WEED EATER		FAIR	₩	7.5	₩	75
27	2-ECHO BACKPACK BLOWERS		FAIR	₩	200	₩	200
28	TORO WORKMAN AND SPRAY EQUIP		GOOD	\$ 6,	9,000	₹	4,000
29	TORO TOUCH NET		GOOD	` .	008,1	₩	1,800
30	2 MOTOROLA HT750 IRRIGATION RADIOS	SO	POOR	` \$	400	↔	400
		*To include all supplies including cup-cutters,					
31	MISC. PVC AND FITTINGS*	tools, ladder, etc	NEW	∽	200	₩.	200
				\$ 44,775	775	\$ 42,775	2,775

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BUDGET CHANGE FORM

NEW APPROPRIATIONS	3		BUDGET TRANSFERS		
New Appropriation		Х	Between Departments		
From New Revenues			Between Projects		
DECREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT		INCREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	A۱	IOUNT
Account Name: Expense: General Fund-		Acc	ount Name: Expense: General Fund-		
District Counsel-District Wide-Other		Lak	es Unit-Willow Park-Concession		
Services		Εqι	ipment		
Account: 101-2120-000-6191	\$ 21,387	Acc	ount: 101-5141-780-5376	\$	42,775
Account Name: Expense: General Fund-					
Lakes Unit-Shadow Cliffs-Other Services					
Account: 101-5141-281-6191	\$ 21,388				

REASON FOR BUDGET CHANGE ENTRY

As being presented at the Board of Directors meeting on December 16, 2014, the General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the transfer of \$21,387 from the services budget of the Legal Department and \$21,388 from the services budget of Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area budget to the supplies budget of Willow Park, to purchase used equipment from the exiting concessionaire.

	As approved at the Board of Directors Meeting on date: 12/16/2014
	Board of Directors Resolution Number: 2014-12
Posted By:	Posted date:
Signature:	

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A GENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- 2. GENERAL MANAGER
 - b. Second Public Hearing

Adoption of the 2015 Operating and Project Budgets for the East Bay Regional Park District (Auker/Collins/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager and the Board Finance Committee (by unanimous vote) recommend that the Board of Directors approve and adopt the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets for the East Bay Regional Park District. Prior to approval, District policy requires that two public hearings be held to receive any comments from interested parties. The first public hearing was held December 2, 2014.

REVENUE/COST

This resolution will authorize District-wide appropriations of \$194,405,486 to fund operating and project expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year. A summary of the appropriations are provided in the attached 2015 Budget At-a-Glance. The resolution also authorizes the carryover of 2014 encumbered funds into the 2015 fiscal year to complete projects and services previously authorized by the Board of Directors. The amount of the carryover encumbrances will not be known until the end of the 2014 fiscal year. In prior years, the amount of carryover encumbrances has averaged less than \$2 million.

BACKGROUND

State law and Board Operating Guidelines call for the District to adopt an annual budget. The District's budget process is a vital tool for establishing public policy, receiving public input, maintaining control over the management of resources, and implementing fiscal plans and initiatives. Formal budget planning begins in February with the first of five Board workshops that address District priorities including capital, land acquisition and trail projects. The process continues with a review of the proposed budget during Finance Committee meetings and budget hearings beginning in November and ending with approval of the budget at the final meeting in December.

In addition to approving the budget, the California State constitution requires that all local agencies annually adopt the Article XIII B Appropriations (Gann) Limit, which is included on page 317 of the proposed budget document and has been available for public review since November.

Comments and Adjustments during Budget Review

The Board Finance Committee discussed and unanimously recommended the approval of the 2015 Gann Limit and the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets at their November 19th meeting. Committee members asked several clarifying questions and thanked staff.

The Park Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended the adoption of the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets at their November 24, 2014 meeting. The Park Advisory Committee included two areas for consideration in the attached letter to the Board of Directors, as noted below:

- Reserve additional District funds for future matching grant opportunities. As the
 District positions itself for future grant opportunities, it may be required to increase its
 matching contributions.
- Continue the commitment to provide training and staff development to transition new leadership into the District and provide the best structure for the organization to meet its mission.

The Park Advisory Committee asked questions related to funding policies, maintenance practices, offered editing comments and suggestions to improve the budget document in future years.

The first public hearing for the aforementioned 2015 budgets was held at the December 2, 2014 Board meeting. Board members offered a number of comments regarding the budget. Staff received these comments and committed to making editorial corrections and adjustments in the final budget to accurately reflect year-end accomplishments, will incorporate suggestions for additional schedules and information to include in future budgets, responded briefly to questions related to the status of capital projects and suggested that further, in-depth review of project status could be continued during the Board workshops in the spring. Other comments and corrections received during the budget process are summarized below and the final language will be drafted and incorporated into the final 2015 Adopted Operating Budget - Volume 1 and 2015 Adopted Operating Projects Budget - Volume 2, as authorized by the Board's adoption of the Budget at this meeting.

The following specific items will be adjusted prior to printing and distributing the 2015 Adopted Operating and Project Budgets:

Volume 1:

- Revise District map to include recent acquisitions.
- Add updated five year forecast of revenues and expenditures table in the Budget Overview Section B.

- Complete all Section B narratives and schedules that were awaiting final budget amounts or information.
- Update FTE changes that are newly approved through the end of 2014.

Volume 2:

- Update project budgets to reflect changes through 1/1/2015.
- Update project data and expenditure actuals through the end of 12/31/2014.
- Add or change photographs and location maps to selected projects in Volume 2.

Volumes I and/or 2:

• Add or modify items as noted in today's public hearing or budget discussion.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

The full text of the 2015 proposed operating and project budgets (two volumes) are available for public review at District Headquarters and on the District's website at www.ebparks.org/about/budget or by calling the Clerk of the Board at 510-544-2020.

East Bay Regional Park District 2015 Proposed Budget at a Glance

	2015 GENERAL FUND	2015 SPECIAL REVENUE	2015 DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	2015 NTERNAL SERVICE	Ρ	2015 ERMANENT FUNDS	P	2015 ROJECTS FUNDS	2015 TOTAL ALL FUNDS
RESOURCES									
Revenues:									
Taxes & Assessments	\$109,800,000	\$ 7,917,400	\$ 28,824,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$146,541,400
Charges for Services	8,994,250	50,000	-	11,956,678		-		-	21,000,928
Property Usage	1,886,000	1,449,800	-	-		-		-	3,335,800
Investment Earnings	500,000	101,800	10,000	210,000		27,400		220,000	1,069,200
Grants/Inter-agency Agreements	236,400	-	-	-		-		221,000	457,400
Miscellaneous	581,000	27,000	-	40,000		-		-	648,000
Total Revenues	121,997,650	9,546,000	28,834,000	12,206,678		27,400		441,000	173,052,728
Other Resources:									
Transfers In	45,000	16,800,000	1,433,900	500,000		-		9,778,785	28,557,685
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 122,042,650	\$ 26,346,000	\$ 30,267,900	\$ 12,706,678	\$	27,400	\$	10,219,785	\$ 201,610,413
USES									
Expenditures:									
Personnel Costs	\$ 83,975,944	\$ 4,866,225	\$ -	\$ 4,023,882	\$	-	\$	7,217,008	\$100,083,059
Supplies	8,325,325	205,156	-	2,000		-		166,188	8,698,669
Services	14,978,875	338,820	15,600	6,487,600		-		2,660,814	24,481,709
Capital Outlay	826,060	147,900	-	380,000		-		3,370,165	4,724,125
Grants/Inter-agency Agreements	232,000	16,900,000	-	-		-		-	17,132,000
Debt Service	-	-	33,264,900	-		-		-	33,264,900
Intra-District Charges	6,021,024	-	-	-		-		-	6,021,024
Total Expenditures	114,359,228	22,458,101	33,280,500	10,893,482		-		13,414,175	194,405,486
Other Uses:									
Transfers Out	6,446,475	2,126,210	-	500,000		5,000		19,480,000	28,557,685
TOTAL USES	120,805,703	24,584,311	33,280,500	11,393,482		5,000		32,894,175	222,963,171
Change in Fund Balance									
/Net Assets	1,236,947	1,761,689	(3,012,600)	1,313,196		22,400		(22,674,390)	(21,352,758)
TOTAL	\$122,042,650	\$ 26,346,000	\$ 30,267,900	\$ 12,706,678	\$	27,400	\$	10,219,785	\$ 201,610,413





December 3, 2014

Board of Directors
East Bay Regional Park District

On behalf of the Park Advisory Committee (PAC), I am pleased to report on our unanimous support for the District's proposed 2015 budget. The PAC reviewed the budget at its November 24th meeting and met with your financial management team as part of our oversight advisory role for your Board.

The proposed budget continues the tradition in its application of sound budgeting principles by your staff and exemplifies the "best in class" in local government financial management and planning. This year's budget restores critical reserves, plans for contingencies and allows the District to add key positions to meet the growth in staffing necessary to manage our newly opened parks.

The budget maintains the critical balance in the relationship between land acquisitions, planning/program development and operations. Members of the PAC's finance committee were pleased with your budget team's work to provide a financial framework for the evolving reorganization, particularly with the Acquisition, Stewardship and Development Division and the transparency with which complex financial information was presented. Two areas discussed with your financial team for consideration by your Board include:

- I. Future matching grant opportunities The District has done extremely well in competing for local, state and federal grants. As the District positions itself for future grant opportunities, it may be required to increase its matching contributions under the changing landscape of grant programs requiring in some instances a 3 to I match and quick turnaround. The PAC recommends that the District take these factors into account in future budgeting for matching funds including the amount of staff time required to respond to competitive grant opportunities.
- 2. District reorganization and senior management changes -- The District has experienced an unprecedented loss of its senior management staff through retirements. Clearly this transition has provided an opportunity to bring new leadership into the District while assessing how to best structure the organization to meet its mission and the growing demands in managing the largest urban park system in the United States. The PAC believes that supporting the senior management team will be critical throughout this transition process. The District recognized this need when it restored last year's \$100,000 budget for training and staff development and offered over 60 training sessions. The current budget continues this commitment and the PAC encourages further consideration be given to resources for management development and team building.

The proposed budget is a dramatic improvement over prior years, reflecting the improving economic conditions in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The District's sound financial management practices have helped it to navigate the challenges following the economic recession and provided a solid base that the proposed 2015 budget builds on to meet its growth needs. On behalf of the PAC I want to thank the Board for providing the Park Advisory Committee the opportunity to comment on the 2015 proposed budget and express our support for the outstanding job the District is doing.

Bruce Kern Chair, PAC Finance Committee

Cc: Robert Doyle, General Manager
Dave Collins, Assistant General Manager, Finance and Management Services
Debra Auker, CFO/Controller
Erich Pfuehler, Government Relations and Legislative Affairs Manager
PAC Finance Committee and members

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

ADOPTION OF THE 2015 OPERATING AND PROJECT BUDGETS FOR THE <u>EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT</u>

WHEREAS, staff has prepared and submitted the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets in accordance with the requirements of state law and the Board Operating Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2014 the Board Finance Committee noted the inclusion of the 2015 California Article XIII B Appropriations Limit within the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2014 the Board Finance Committee reviewed and commented on the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budget and unanimously recommended its adoption by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2014 the Park Advisory Committee reviewed and commented on the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets and recommended its adoption by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the District duly noticed and held public hearings on the 2015 Proposed Operating and Project Budgets on December 2 and December 16, 2014, in the Board Room located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland, California;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby:

- Approves the 2015 Operating and Project Budgets in substantially final form as presented to the Board of Directors on December 2 and December 16, 2014 including language consistent with comments and corrections as identified and described in this material.
- 2. Authorizes the total appropriation of \$194,405,486 for the General Fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, internal service funds, permanent funds and project funds;
- 3. Approves the 2015 Salary Schedules for all District positions, in compliance with CalPERS requirements of annual Board approval of District compensation.

4. Authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to increase appropriations in the 2015 budget in an amount not to exceed the "Reserve for Encumbrances," the amount to be established at the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the 2015 California Article XIII B Appropriations Limit at \$332,087,195 using the California per capita personal income factor and County population factors to calculate the 2015 appropriations limit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties requesting said Counties collect and apportion to the District its due share of property tax revenues for 2015, in accordance with Article XIII of the State of California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director	, seconded by Director	and	adopted
this 16th day of December, 2014, by	the following vote:		

FOR:

AGAINST: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- 3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
 - a. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Atlas Bridge
 - (I) Authorization to Amend Existing Consultant Contract for Engineering Services, Enter into Consultant Contract for Construction Management Services and Enter into Contract with Utility Purveyor to Provide Gas and Electrical Distribution Service as Required for the Atlas Road Extension and Public Access Improvement Project: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline (Althoff/Nisbet)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize an amendment to the existing contract for engineering consulting services with Mark Thomas & Company and encumbrance of additional fees in the amount of \$123,750, entering into a contract for construction management consulting services with Parsons Brinckerhoff and encumbrance of fees in the amount of \$657,482, and entering into an agreement with PG&E to provide gas and electrical distribution services and encumbrance of fees in the anticipated amount of \$147,826.

REVENUE/COST

EXISTING SOURCE OF FUNDS

Current Approved Capital Project Budget

Construct Vehicular Bridge: Point Pinole	
Project No. 539700	\$4,343,497
Encumbrances and Expenditures to Date	<u>3,384,180</u> \$ 959,317
PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS Amend Mark Thomas & Co. Contract and Encumber Additional Fees	\$ 123,750

Amend Mark Thomas & Co. Contract and Encumber Additional Fees	\$ 123,750
Enter into CM Consultant Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff and	
Encumber Fees	657,482
Enter into PG&E Agreement and Encumber Gas & Electric Service Fees	147,826
TOTAL PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCES	\$ 929,058

BALANCE REMAINING \$ 30.259

BACKGROUND

In August 1992, the City of Richmond (City) adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Point Pinole Mixed-Use Development Project. The EIR identified the extension of Atlas Road as integral to the project circulation improvements and included a vehicular bridge over the railroad right-of-way to provide regional public access to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. The City completed the Atlas Road extension to the easterly boundary of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, but was unable to complete construction of the vehicular bridge over the railroad.

In 1996, the Park District acquired 182 acres of Pinole Point Properties located west of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks along the eastern boundary of Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. In August 1998, the Board of Directors adopted the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan Amendment and accompanying Negative Declaration to incorporate this acquisition, which describes the Atlas Road bridge connection as part of a new main Park entrance and point of regional access.

In July 2006, the Park District entered into a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City whereby the Park District would implement the final design and construction of the Atlas Road bridge and the City would own and operate the completed bridge. In July 2007 the Park District received \$1,455,000 in funds from the City of Richmond (collected by assessment district) to aid in the cost of design and construction of the bridge structure. In fall 2009 the Park District entered into a consultant contract with Mark Thomas and Company to perform bridge engineering design services.

PROJECT SCOPE, BUDGET LEVEL ESTIMATE & EXISTING AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

The complexity of building a bridge to highway standards designed to clear over an active railroad corridor and carry major utility lines has required a team of District staff from various departments, including Legal Counsel, Acquisition, Design & Construction and Operations, in conjunction with consultant engineering expertise. The Atlas Road Extension and Public Access Improvement bid documents are now complete and the project is tentatively scheduled to go to bid in spring 2015, pending the timely conclusion of current discussions with Union Pacific Railroad. In addition to the bridge structure, planned public access and recreation improvements include the development of new utility systems, a Bay Trail connector, circulation, parking, restrooms and picnic facilities. Project work completed to date includes:

- Negotiation and acquisition of numerous utility agreements and rights of way, including agreement with the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Consultant design development and engineering of the bridge structure with utilities and the westerly bridge approach, District staff design of Park site work, utilities and public access improvements and coordination of a combined set of bid documents.
- Survey work for tree removal and pre and post and fill placement for the westerly bridge approach.
- Tree removal work and site preparation to accept fill.

- Purchase, transport placement and compaction of 50,000 cubic yards of structural import material to build the westerly bridge approach, including implementation of best management practices.
- Acquisition of resource agency permits and local and construction-related permits with the City of Richmond and the associated reviews.

Expenditures and encumbrances to date total \$3,384,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$10,584,000. The balance of \$960,000 in Project No. 539700 is adequate to cover the actions and encumbrances proposed herein. However, approximately \$6,240,000 is anticipated to be needed to complete the project, to be confirmed at time of award of a construction contract. The cost breakdown for project work is as follows:

PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES TO DATE					
EXPENDITURE	ITEM DESCRIPTION				
\$700,000	Engineering/Geotechnical Consult. Services - Bridge Structure, Utilities & Approach				
\$420,000	Water Service and Connection Fees, Railroad Plan Checking Fees, Other Fees				
\$1,500,000	Construction Contracts to Remove Trees, Import Fill and Build Approach				
\$754,000	Staff Personnel Costs for Survey, Design, Construction Mgmt., Admin. & Inspection				
\$3,384,000	SUBTOTAL				
ESTIMATED COS	STS TO COMPLETE PROJECT				
ESTIMATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION				
\$2,000,000	Bridge Structure and Abutments				
\$640,000	Utility Systems				
\$525,000	Utility Service & Connection Fees and Railroad Flagging				
\$2,595,000	Site Work and Public Access Improvements				
\$535,000	10% Construction Contingency				
\$660,000	Construction Management Consultant				
\$245,000	Engineering Consultant Oversight & Staff Personnel Costs				
\$7,200,000	SUBTOTAL				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS: \$10,584,000					

Additional appropriation of \$6.24 million will be required at time of construction contract award. \$3.39 million is available in Measure WW Development funds for Point Pinole. The Additional \$2.85 million in funding will need to be appropriated from other fund sources which may include:

- Measure WW allocations currently assigned to for other project areas
- Measure WW Contingency Funds
- Measure CC Contingency Funds

This Atlas Road Bridge project, and the above discussion of financial requirements, does not provide or reserve funding for the two new associated Park facilities planned for future development at this site: the Visitor Center, and the Service Yard. The status of these future projects is as follows:

- Visitor Center: A site selection and concept planning process is scheduled for a future visitor center. Funds in the amount of \$257,200 were authorized for appropriation into Project No. 146700 at the regular Board meeting of May 2008 to develop a State Proposition 84 application for a grant to build a visitor center. A balance of \$164,000 is available for the site selection process. Sources of funds to build a future visitor center need to be identified and/or acquired, but may include a combination of future grant opportunities, a capital campaign (potentially led by the Regional Parks Foundation), Measure CC or WW Contingency funds.
- Service Yard: Design is well underway for a replacement Park service yard facility to be scheduled for construction after the bridge is built and the utilities stubbed up for future connection. Funds from the 2012 Promissory Notes in the amount of \$150,000 were authorized for appropriation into Project No. 173500 (Build Service Yard: Pt. Pinole) at the regular Board meeting of February 5, 2013 for design of this facility, with a balance available of \$100,000. The budget level estimate for the project is approximately \$1,750,000. Potential fund sources may include Fund 553 (renovation and replacement), or existing capital project funds for facilities replacement.

AMEND CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES - ENGINEERING

At the regular meeting of June 2, 2009 the Board of Directors authorized the acceptance of proposal from Mark Thomas and Company, Inc., Walnut Creek, CA in the amount of \$428,750 to engineer the Atlas Road extension improvements at Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline. Work performed included environmental analysis, topographic and boundary surveys, geotechnical investigation, railroad and utility coordination, detailed design and construction document preparation, estimates and permit acquisition as needed to design and bid the Atlas Road Bridge, westerly bridge approach, Bay Trail connector and utilities. Subsequent, Board authorized amendments brought total consultant fees to \$650,150. Work by amendment included engineering and geotechnical services related to the fill project for the approach, testing the existing stockpile at the Brickyard for suitability as a borrow source, additional geotechnical testing and work related to City of Richmond requested design changes.

This proposed amendment to the Mark Thomas and Company contract for services includes a budget augmentation for additional plan, specification and estimate revisions as requested by and additional coordination efforts with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Union Pacific Railroad and California Public Utilities Commission, as requested by the District. Proposed fees for this work are \$38,750. The amendment also includes a proposed increase in scope and fee to provide engineering design support during construction in the amount of \$85,000. Work would include assistance during bidding, requests for information, submittal and shop drawing review and response, change order review and assistance, ongoing engineering consultation and periodic site visits.

ENTER INTO CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The consulting firm for this project would provide construction management for the Atlas Road Extension and Public Access Improvements project at Pt. Pinole. Services provided by the staff

recommend firm of Parsons Brinkerhoff, Antioch, CA in the amount of \$657,482 would include constructability review prior to bidding, construction administration and inspection, submittal review, preparation of change orders, evaluation of payment requests, materials testing and project closeout, including all required documentation and as-constructed information. The construction management team would also coordinate with stakeholders, resource and regulatory agencies, utility companies and the railroad plus District staff, adjacent property owners and the public.

Entering into a consultant contract with a construction management firm in advance of going out to bid would allow time for a constructability review of bid documents. This type of analysis provides recommendations for bid document revisions that may lead to improved bidability and/or changes in methods and procedures that minimize risks and delays during construction, both of which may lead to project cost savings.

The request for proposals was posted on the Park District website. Four (4) firms submitted proposals on or before the due date of November 4, 2014. After careful review and consideration of these proposals, all four (4) of these firms were invited to proceed to the interview phase as listed below:

- I. Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc. Antioch, CA
- Ghirardelli AssociatesOakland, CA
- Park Engineering Orinda, CA
- 4. Zoon Engineering Emeryville, CA

The interview panel was comprised of District staff from the Design & Construction Department. The panel recommends acceptance of the proposal from the firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., Antioch, CA, due to the qualifications and specific experience of key project team members, ability to meet schedule and capacity to provide personnel in an expeditious manner, experience with similar types of projects and project understanding and approach.

ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE GAS & ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Construction of the Atlas Road extension will provide a new regional park entry to the northeast end of Pt. Pinole. Bridging over the railroad also allows an opportunity to develop new utility service from points of connection available at the improved portion of Atlas Road east of the railroad. New utility lines would be supported by the bridge where they cross over the railroad and then extended into the park to serve initial public access improvements and future facilities, including the planned Park service yard and visitor center.

The utility distribution system for delivery of gas and electric energy into the park will be developed by Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), a California Corporation. Facilities have been sized to meet the Park's gas and electric needs at future build out. PG&E fees for gas and electric distribution and service extension under the Statement of Applicant's Contract Anticipated Costs are anticipated to be \$147,826. The District would agree to pay these fees as a condition of entering into the Distribution Service and Extension Agreement with PG&E for provision of this service. PG&E rates and tariffs are set subject to review by the California Public Utilities Commission.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO ENCUMBER FUNDS,
AMEND EXISTING CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES,
ENTER INTO CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND
ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH UTILITY PURVEYOR
TO PROVIDE GAS AND ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AS REQUIRED FOR
THE ATLAS ROAD EXTENSION AND PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:
POINT PINOLE REGIONAL SHORELINE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District desires to complete development of a new regional entry and public access improvement project in accordance with the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan Amendment adopted in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the new entry requires the extension of Atlas Road over the Union Pacific Railroad right of way and to that end the Park District entered into a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City of Richmond whereby the Park District would implement the final design and construction of a vehicular bridge overcrossing and the City would own and operate the completed bridge; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing public access, the construction of the bridge allows an opportunity to extend new utilities into the park to support development of initial public access improvements and future facilities planned to serve this northeast region of the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the Atlas Road Extension and Public Access Improvement project it is necessary to amend the existing contract for engineering consultant services with Mark Thomas and Company, Inc., Walnut Creek, CA in the amount of \$123,750 to augment the design budget and add engineering support services during bidding and construction, to enter into a contract for services with Parsons Brinkerhoff, Antioch, CA (the firm selected through a request for proposals process) to perform construction management services in the amount of \$657,482 to include constructability review prior to bidding, construction administration and inspection, submittal review, preparation of change orders, evaluation of payment requests, materials testing and project closeout, and to enter into a Distribution Service and Extension Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company for development of the utility distribution systems for delivery of gas and electric energy into the Park in the anticipated amount of \$147,826; and

WHEREAS, there are appropriated funds available in Project No. 539700 (Construct Vehicle Bridge: Pt. Pinole) for these purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the amendment of the consultant contract for services with Mark Thomas and Company. Inc. and encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$123,750, entering into contract for services with Parsons Brinkerhoff for construction management and encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$657,482 and entering into a Distribution Service and Extension Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company and encumbrance of funds in the anticipated amount of \$147,826 in Project No. 539700 (Construct Vehicle Bridge: Pt. Pinole); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intention of this resolution.

Moved by Director adopted this 16th day of December, 2014 by	, seconded by Director the following vote:	, and
FOR:		
AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Atlas Road Bridge
 - (2) Authorization to Accept an Easement from Union Pacific Railroad Company and to Enter Into a Supplemental Agreement to the Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement with the City of Richmond and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the Construction, Maintenance and Use of the New Atlas Road Bridge: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline (Victor/Althoff)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize accepting an easement from Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRR or Railroad") and entry into a Supplemental Agreement to the Public Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement with the City of Richmond ("City") and UPRR providing for the construction, maintenance, and use of the Atlas Road Bridge, a grade separated crossing over the UPRR right-of-way.

REVENUE / COST

There are no costs associated with acceptance of this Easement and entry into this Supplemental Agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Atlas Road Bridge Project ("Project") will create a new grade separated crossing over the Railroad right-of-way providing a new main entry into Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. The Project requires a slope easement from UPRR for the bridge abutments. In 1998, UPRR agreed to grant the needed slope easement as part of a Memorandum of Understanding wherein the parties agreed to an exchange of various property interests to facilitate the Martinez Intermodal project. In 2012, as part of the right of way work associated with this Project, staff determined that the promised slope easement had never been finalized or recorded. District Counsel was able to work with UPRR to secure the easement for the Project in time to avoid further delays.

The Supplemental Agreement incorporates the slope easement into the Public Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement previously entered into by and between the District, the City of Richmond ("City") and UPRR.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FROM
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY AND TO ENTER INTO A
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE HIGHWAY OVERPASS CROSSING AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF THE ATLAS ROAD BRIDGE:
POINT PINOLE REGIONAL SHORELINE

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District desires to construct the Atlas Road Bridge, a grade separated crossing over the Railroad right-of-way, as the new entry into Point Pinole Regional Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRR") agreed to give the Park District a slope easement for the Atlas Road Bridge based on a 1998 Memorandum of Understanding between the parties arising from the construction of the City of Martinez Intermodal Project; and

WHEREAS, a Public Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement between the Park District, the City of Richmond, and UPRR was entered into in 2012 to allow construction, maintenance and use of the bridge over UPRR's rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Park District desires to accept the easement from UPRR and amend the Overpass Crossing Agreement to include the slope easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby accepts the slope easement from Union Pacific and authorizes entry into a Supplemental Agreement to the Public Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement with the City of Richmond and UPRR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intention of this resolution.

Moved by Director adopted this 16 th day of December, 2014, l	, seconded by Director by the following vote:	, and
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AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ARSENT:		

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. <u>BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD</u>

- 3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
 - b. Authorization to Award a Contract to Placeworks for Preparation of a Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report and Appropriate, Transfer, and Encumber Previously Appropriated and Unappropriated Funds to Support Planning and Acquisition Related Expenses for the Concord Hills Regional Park Project: Concord Hills Regional Park (Holt/Tong/Nisbet)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the award of a contract to Placeworks in the amount \$457,435 for preparation of a Land Use Plan and an Environmental Impact Report for the Concord Hills Regional Park project and the appropriation, transfer and subsequent encumbrance of previously appropriated and unappropriated Measure WW Development Funds and General Funds to support said contracts and continued planning and acquisition related expenses.

REVENUE/COST

By Resolution No. 2013-02-027, approved on February 5, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized the appropriation of \$50,000 of Measure WW development funds from the Concord Naval Weapons Station allocation area to Other Than Asset project account 519500WP15 to support the study of existing utilities and facilities located on the property which is to become the future Concord Hills Regional Park. By Resolution No. 2014-09-234, approved on September 16, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized a \$150,000 mid-year general fund appropriation to Other Than Asset project account 511300DS10 to fund public access studies, a Land Use Plan and a trails plan for the future park, as well.

This action will:

I. Appropriate Measure WW development funds from the Concord Naval Weapons Station allocation to OTA project account 511300WP15 to augment the current budget in support of the preparation of a Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report and preliminary design, planning, and permitting activities.

- 2. Transfer existing Measure WW budget and related expenses from OTA project account 519500WP15, intended to be used to study site utilities and facilities, to OTA project account 511300WP15, as the Land Use Plan will address the existing utilities and facilities and submit OTA project account 519500WP15 for closure.
- 3. Encumber funds in project accounts 511300 upon approval to award the Placeworks contract.

OTA PROJECT ACCOUNT 511300 EXISTING SOURCE OF FUNDS OTA Project No. 511300DS10 Less Expenditures and Enc	umbrances to Date Current Available Balance	\$150,000 <u>22,970</u> \$127,030
PROPOSED APPROPRIATION/TRAN	ISFER	
From Measure WW Development	- CNWS Allocation Area WPI5	
	Proposed Appropriation	<u>\$367,375</u>
From OTA Project No. 519500WF Transfer Previously Appro Transfer Expenditures and	priated Funds	\$50,000
	Total Available Balance in OTA 511300 After Appropriations/Transfers	<u>\$542,435</u>
PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS		
Proposed Placeworks Contract		\$457,435
Contract Administration		85,000
	Total Current Project Cost	\$542,435

BACKGROUND

The 5,028-acre Inland Area of the Concord Naval Weapons Station was officially closed by the Department of the Navy on September 30, 2008. The City of Concord, acting as the Local Reuse Authority, initiated a multi-year community planning process culminating in the adoption of a Reuse Plan in 2010. This plan was further refined and integrated into Concord's General Plan through the adoption of the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan in January 2012.

The Preferred Reuse Plan and adopted Area Plan provides for development of over 12,200 new housing units, over 6.1 million square feet of commercial floor space, and a variety of community facilities and city parks. The proposed development would primarily be clustered on the western portion of the former base. The adopted Area Plan also includes a new regional park of 2,540 acres located on the eastern portion of the site to be conveyed to the District through a public benefit conveyance.

The Board authorized submittal of an application for a Public Benefit Conveyance through the National Park Service Federal Lands to Parks program on September 3rd, 2013. On May 8, 2014, the National Park Service informed the District that the Public Benefit Conveyance application for 2,540 acres of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station was approved and that they will grant a public benefit allowance of 100 percent of the fair market value of the property to be conveyed for the establishment of the Concord Hills Regional Park.

Prior to conveyance, the Navy must complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the transfer of the former base. The Navy released a draft EIS on October 10, 2014. A final EIS is expected in the summer of 2015 with potential conveyance to the District in early 2016.

The Navy continues to evaluate the property for contamination and remediation issues. The District has an existing contract with Erler & Kalinowski, Inc. to provide remediation oversight and District representation in remedial project management meetings with the Navy and state and federal regulatory agencies. Erler & Kalinowski, Inc. will continue to provide oversight and advise the District on issues concerning remediation.

The District and the City of Concord will be working with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, California State Fish and Wildlife, and other state and federal natural resource agencies to provide for permitting of the development proposed in the Reuse Plan and the regional park prior to conveyance of lands to the City and District. Preparation of a Land Use Plan and associated environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is necessary to provide guidance to permitting agencies and to ensure timely implementation of initial phases of park development following conveyance to the District.

On June 24, 2014, staff presented an update of the Concord Hills Regional Park project and proposal to initiate land use planning activities to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was circulated to 49 environmental consulting firms and posted to the District's website in August 2014. Six interdisciplinary teams comprised of multiple firms responded to the RFQ. The District solicited proposals from three teams. The prime firms selected to submit proposals consisted of Placeworks, Ascent Environment, and Wallace, Roberts, and Todd. Each team was interviewed by members of the District's Planning, Regional Trails, and Legal Services Department as well as a representative from the National Park Service.

Following the interviews, the project selection team unanimously selected the Placeworks team based upon their project approach, cost, and schedule. Placeworks has extensive experience in parks and recreation planning and landscape architecture having worked previously for the District as well as for California State Parks, the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, City of Saratoga, Peninsula Open Space Trust, and the County of Los Angeles. The Placeworks team includes sub-consultants with experience working with the City of Concord on natural resource permitting at the Concord Naval Weapons Station, experience with the National Park Service in developing interpretive themes on historic parks including the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, and experience repurposing former buildings and brownfield properties including at the District's Camp Arroyo

Environmental Education Center.

The project scope includes a public outreach strategy, development of a land use plan, and initial designs for the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Visitor Center and a new operation and maintenance facility. Additionally, an implementation plan, operational economic strategy, and environmental analysis will be completed. The information developed will enable the District to receive the necessary natural resource permits, provide preliminary designs for park access and circulation, and facilitate necessary safety and security improvements.

Funds for the Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report will come from previously appropriated General Fund and from funds to be appropriated from Measure WW development funds. Board Resolution No. 2013-02-027, approved on February 5, 2013 authorized the appropriation of \$50,000 of Measure WW development funds to be utilized to study existing utilities and facilities on the property for potential use as a maintenance facility. Assessment of existing utilities and facilities will be conducted as part of the broader Land Use Plan and the funds will be transferred to Project No. 511300.

By Resolution No. 2014-09-234, approved on September 16, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized a \$150,000 mid-year general fund appropriation to Other Than Asset project account 511300DS10 to fund public access studies, a Land Use Plan and a trails plan for the future park, as well.

Additional funds for the Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report will come from Measure WW development funds and be utilized to develop preliminary designs and structural assessments necessary for safety and security purposes, permit acquisition, and implementation of initial phases of public access.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014 – 12 -

December 16, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PLACEWORKS
FOR PREPARATION OF A LAND USE PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND APPROPRIATE, TRANSFER, AND ENCUMBER PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
AND UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS TO SUPPORT PLANNING AND ACQUISITION
RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE CONCORD HILLS REGIONAL PARK PROJECT:
CONCORD HILLS REGIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, the 5,028 acre Inland area of Concord Naval Weapons Station was officially closed by the Department of the Navy on September 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Concord conducted an extensive public process and adopted the Preferred Reuse Plan for the Concord Naval Weapons Station on February 9, 2010 that identified a new Regional Park of approximately 2,500 acres of the property to be conveyed through a Public Benefit Conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Concord adopted the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan on January 24, 2012 that amended the Concord 2030 General Plan, refined the Preferred Reuse Plan, and set policy and development standards in place that ensure the vision for reuse of the base developed by the community, including the establishment of a new regional park, will be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2013, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District adopted the 2013 Master Plan Update that identified a potential new regional park on the Concord Naval Weapons Station; and

WHEREAS, on September 3rd, 2013, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District authorized submittal of an application for a Public Benefit Conveyance through the National Park Service Federal Lands to Parks: and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2014, the National Park Service informed the East Bay Regional Park District and the U.S. Navy that the Public Benefit Conveyance application for 2,540 acres was approved and public benefit allowance of 100 percent of the fair market value of the property to be conveyed to the East Bay Regional Park District would be granted; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District will be working in partnership with the City of Concord in obtaining natural resource permits that will seek to preserve, enhance, and restore habitats within the regional parkland in coordination with planned development elsewhere on the former Concord Naval Weapons Station; and

WHEREAS, professional landscape architecture, planning, and environmental analysis support will be necessary to receive permits, implement public access, and provide preliminary design for bunker disposition, building reuse or removal, and conversion of rail lines to trails within the lands to be conveyed for a new regional park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager on behalf of the Park District to award a contract in the amount of \$457,434 to Placeworks to provide professional services for development of a Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report for the Concord Hills Regional Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$367,375 from Designated Measure WW Development - CNWS Allocation Area WPI5 to Concord Naval Weapons Station Public Access and Use Study (CIP No. 511300) as shown on the attached budget change form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$50,000 from CNWS – Utilities and Infrastructure Study (CIP No. 519500) to Concord Naval Weapons Station Public Access and Use Study (CIP No. 511300) as shown on the attached Budget Change form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director	, and seconded by Director	and
adopted this 16th day of December, 2	2014 by the following vote:	

FOR:

AGAINST: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BUDGET CHANGE FORM

NEW APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET TRANSFERS	
X New Appropriation		Between Fund Sources	
From New Revenues		X Between Projects	
DECREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	INCREASE BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Account Name: Expense: OTA-		Account Name: Expense: OTA-	
Stewardship-Concord Hills (CNWS)-		Stewardship-Concord Hills (CNWS)-	
Analyze Utilities & Facility-Measure WW		Study Public Access and Use-District	
Concord Naval WS Development		funds-Contract Work	
Allocation Area Principal-Contract Work			
Account: 336-7420-103-6191 /		Account: 336-7420-103-6191 /	
519500WP15-009	\$ 50,000	511300WP15009	\$ 417,375
REASON FOR BUDGET CHANGE ENTRY			
As being presented at the Board of Directors meeting on December 16, 2014 the General Manager recommends that			
the Board of Directors authorize the appropriation of \$367,375 Measure WW Concord Naval Weapons Station			
Development Allocation Area Principal (WP15) to project 511300 to Study Public Access and Use as well as the			
transfer of Measure WW (WP15) funding and expenditures to date in the amount of \$50,000 from another OTA			
project in the same area: 519500 WP15.			
As approved at the Board of Directors Meeting on date: 12/16/2014			
Board of Directors Resolution Number: 2014-12			
Posted By:		Posted date:	
Signature:			

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS
 - a. Actions Taken By Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District (Doyle)

<u>City of Fremont – Ardenwood Historic Farm</u>

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, the Fremont City Council unanimously granted a Park District appeal of the Historical Architectural Review Board's (HARB) denial of a demolition permit for three structures located at Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Preserve (Ardenwood). The action also formalized the City's findings as a Responsible Agency and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On November 18th the Council had previously voted 3-2 to grant the appeal and directed staff to bring back a resolution finalizing the decision. The HARB denial of the permit application was issued on October 2nd. The three structures slated for demolition include the Mowry Schoolhouse, the Bettencourt House, and the Brown House. All three structures were moved to Ardenwood from other locations and have been stored there since 1984-85. Prior to seeking the demolition permit, Park District Planning staff fully examined potential alternatives for the three buildings in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) approved by the Board in February, 2014. The EIR considered several alternatives, including restoration, relocation, and the 'no project' alternative, which would leave the buildings to further degrade at their present location. Ultimately, the report found that the cost to restore or move the buildings was disproportionate to the long-term benefits to the public. Since 1996, the Park District and the City of Newark, which owns the Mowry Schoolhouse, had explored many potential funding sources for improvement of the buildings, but no viable option had been found.

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

STAFF PRESENTATION

Government Relations and Legislative Affairs Manager Erich Pfuehler and Legislative Policy and Social Media Intern Lisa Baldinger will present on the District's pilot social media and public policy program. The goal of the program is to ensure the District is positioning itself to effectively communicate with policy makers using emerging technology.

GM COMMENTS

HPHP Multicultural Nature Walks

In 2014, Public Affairs and Interpretive Services led three Multicultural Nature Walks at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline on August 16, Lake Chabot Regional Park on October 18, and Sunol Regional Wilderness on November 15. An average of 75 people from the Latino, Chinese, Korean, and African American communities, ranging in ages from 5 to 75, in our two counties attended the walks. In addition to walking and learning about the natural resources and history of the parks, the Nature Walk participants practiced yoga, produced music using natural elements, and sang songs in multiple languages. Participants also enjoyed cultural dances and ethnic food. The Nature Walks were sponsored by the Regional Parks Foundation and Kaiser Permanente, as part of the Healthy Parks Healthy People Bay Area program.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Interpretive and Recreation Services Department

Interpretive Services Unit

Big Break: On November 14, staff hosted 14 participants at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's invasive aquatic species training.

<u>Black Diamond</u>: On October 21, over 130 students and staff from Antioch High School Environmental Studies Academy participated in a day-long exploration of the park.

Coyote Hills: On October 25, an Eagle Scout re-thatched the cattail house with Tule.

On November 2, in partnership with Bay Nature Magazine, naturalist staff led a featured article hike for 28 Bay Nature readers and District Board Members Beverly Lane and Douglas Siden.

<u>Crab Cove</u>: On October 18, approximately 95 participants attended the *Healthy Parks Healthy People* hike at Lake Chabot.

Mobile Education: On October 14, the Mobile Visitor Center was present at the Boy Scouts STEM Encampment Fair at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The event attracted over 1,800 Scouts and volunteers.

<u>Sunol</u>: On October 21, staff led a hike for 20 people at Brushy Peak to view the Orionids meteor shower autumnal display.

On October 23, staff led over 20 participants on an Outdoor Discoveries program, to view the partial eclipse of the sun.

<u>Tilden Nature Area</u>: On November 6, nearly 20 people attended a Moonrise Hike at Briones Regional Park.

Cultural Services

On November 13, staff conducted a Honcharenko grotto site visit with the Economic Council of Ukraine, Vice Consul of Ukraine, and a member of the Ukrainian-American Coordinating Council.

Recreation Services Unit

<u>Community Services/Volunteers</u>: On October 16, over 135 students with disabilities participated in a *Special Kids Fishing Derby* at Contra Loma Regional Park. Staff partnered with the Lions Club, Shell Oil, and Assemblyman Jim Frazier to offer the event.

Outdoor Recreation: On October 18, Recreation and Stewardship staff partnered with the high school mentoring program, Summer Search, to provide an exotic plant removal service project for 80 teens in Roberts and Miller/Knox Regional Parks.

<u>Reservations</u>: On November 18, staff worked with the California Parks and Recreation Society at the *CPRS Northern California Software Symposium* at the San Ramon Community Center. Over 200 people learned about the latest options in Recreation Management software.

Park Operations Department

Recreation Areas Unit

<u>Contra Loma</u>: Staff assisted with the Special Kids Fishing Derby and Special Needs Adult Derby hosted by Parks Express, and the Kids Bass Derby hosted by the local Striped Bass Association.

On October 20, staff organized a Peregrine Falcon/Castle Rock protection meeting with Stewardship and Mt. Diablo staff. A hike to Castle Rock was taken to inventory the graffiti damage, erosion issues, and party spots. Cleanup efforts and a seasonal closure of the affected areas are being implemented.

On October 22, staff installed temporary fencing to prevent park users from using an illegal trail between the West Shore trail and the lower overlook bench. Signage was posted to advise park users to use designated trails.

Delta Unit

On October 26, the Spencer Trust Property, part of Crockett Hills Regional Park, was opened to the public. This area has been in land bank status since 1988.

On November 8, approximately 300 people, including government officials, bicyclists, hikers, and park supporters attended a trail dedication honoring retiring U.S. Congressman George Miller. Congressman Miller, a ranking member in the House of Representatives, was in attendance with his family and cut the ribbon to inaugurate the George Miller Regional Trail.

Interpretive Parklands Unit

On October 15, staff hosted the annual Garin and Dry Creek Garden Volunteer Appreciation BBQ and Pot Luck. Twenty-one garden volunteers were in attendance.

On October 25, Garin park staff worked with 40 Union City volunteers at the annual Make A Difference Day. Volunteers helped spread mulch and planted trees.

Lakes Unit

<u>Quarry Lakes</u>: On October 15, the Alameda County Water District contractor completed repair of the levee at Lago Los Osos and Stevenson Pond. The temporary pumps remain in place and should be removed before the end of the year.

Parkland Unit

During the month of October, staff installed one of two retaining walls at the Mineral Springs site in Tilden Park. In addition, staff graded over 50-yards of clean fill to address the foot print and slope of the new picnic table pads. Staff placed erosion blankets and waddle material around the new site and seeded it with a native grass and wildflower mix.

Maintenance & Skilled Trades Department

North County Trades

The Little Farm restrooms were completed and made ADA accessible. The TXI property restrooms remodel was also completed. New ADA fountains were installed at the Tilden Little Farm, Crown Beach, Pt. Isabel, and Miller Knox.

Emergency water line repairs were made to Del Valle's east side and at the Tilden Merry-Go-Round. The Vasco Hills service yard is set-up with a new underground electrical feed and upgraded power and panels. An additional underground feed has been installed to serve the storage building.

Roads & Trails Crew

Staff worked on Phase II at the East Shore State Parks Albany Bulb, by importing an additional 3,000 yards of soil from University Ave. Staff placed and compacted the imported soil, installed BMP erosion control measures, and hydro-seeded the disturbed areas.

Staff and the South County Trades crew upgraded Anthony Chabot Puma Point to meet ADA standards per the District's ADA transition plan. The upgrades include new ADA tables, a new ADA compliant BBQ pit, and a new ADA high-low accessible drinking fountain.

At Camp Arroyo's main entrance road staff replaced the rubber speed humps with new asphalt speed humps.

Sanitation/Recycling Crew

The Sanitation crew completed repairs to the septic system servicing the residence on the Aginson Prime property located at Delta Access Regional Shoreline. The crew, in collaboration with Roads and Trails staff, completed the installation of five CXT restrooms at Point Pinole, Black Diamond, and Briones. The crew conducted minor repairs and annual service on the Camp Arroyo septic system.

South County Trades

Staff repaired the footbridge near the Sunol naturalist's office. Work has begun on the Operations office remodel. Staff also completed upgrades to the Coyote Hills Visitor Center kitchen.

Tilden Corporation Yard Equipment Shop

On November 5, a hands-on Equipment Trailer and Tie-Down Safety Training was held in collaboration with staff, Risk Management, and Human Resources. Each student performed every step of the trailer connection process while being observed by classmates and critiqued by the instructors.

Water Utilities/Electrical Maintenance Crew

The servicing/re-pack of the sand filters at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant was completed. The water quality process testing/monitoring instruments have been replaced with new units.

Annual service of flood control pumping systems has been completed District wide.

Staff is rebuilding wastewater pumps for the Lake Anza wastewater pumping station and refurbishing the Caldecott bypass pumping station at Temescal. The system at Temescal prevents run-off water from Highway 13 from entering the lake.

Event CalendarDecember 2014 – February 2015
Board Meeting Date: December 16, 2014

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Sponsoring Organization
12/19/14 Friday	Friday	All Day	Free Third Friday	All Parks	EBRPD
12/21/14 Sunday	Sunday	3:30 – 6 pm	Winter Solstice Celebration	Tilden Nature Area	EBRPD
1/19/15 Monday	Monday	8:30 am – 12 pm	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service	MLK Jr Regional Shoreline	EBRPD
2/20/15 Friday	Friday	11 am – 12 pm	Artists' Reception: Creativity Explored	Tilden EEC	EBRPD

Reservation Date: From Jan 1, 2015 through Mar 31, 2015 Event Type: Special Event

Attend/Qty	1,050		1,050	-	70	10	12	09	09	09	175
Contact Information	Brazen Racing (Customer) Sam Fiandaca	P: (510) 750-5919	Brazen Racing (Customer) Sam Fiandaca P: (510) 750-5919	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Ira Bletz D: (510) 544-3290 P: (510) 544-3290	Miguel Barrera P: (415) 994-1457	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Jeff Manley P: (510) 544-3111	REI (Customer) Michael Beetham P: (510) 527-4140 x213	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	Bay Area Orienteering Club (BAOC) (Customer) George Minarik P: +1 (510) 525-1574
Event / Event Type / Schedule Type	Brazen New Years Day 2015 Special Event		Brazen New Years Day 2015 Special Event	New Year's Day Butterfly Discovery Special Event	Aztec Dance Special Event	HOLD Volunteer Project 1st SAT and 2nd SUN Special Event	REI Outdoor School Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	Annual Orienteering Event Special Event
Facility / Equipment / Type / Center	ANT Anthony Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit	Anthony Chabot Regional Park	CHA Lake Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Lake Chabot Regional Park	ARD Ardenwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Ardenwood Historic Farm	GAR Garin/Dry Creek: Special Event Special Event Permit Garin / Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	COY Coyote Hills: Special Event Special Event Permit Coyote Hills Regional Park	CCT Contra Costa Canal Tr: Special Event Special Event Permit Contra Costa Trails	CCT Other Contra Costa Tr. Special Event Special Event Permit Contra Costa Trails	CCT Iron Horse Trail :Special Event Special Event Permit Contra Costa Trails	TIL Tilden Special Event Special Event Permit Tilden Regional Park
Date / Setup - Ready Time / Start - End Time	sday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Jan 3, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Jan 10, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Jan 11, 2015 Sunday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Reservation Date: From Jan 1, 2015 through Mar 31, 2015 Event Type: Special Event

Attend/Qty	10	20	09	-	200	1,200	09	200	20	50
Contact Information	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Jeff Manley P: (510) 544-3111	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Kevin Fox P: (510) 544-2515	Bay Area Orienteering Club (BAOC) (Customer) Vicki Woolworth P: +1 (510) 407-1876	Brazen Racing (Customer) Sam Fiandaca P. (510) 750-5919	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	Bay Area Orienteering Club (BAOC) (Customer) Vicki Woolworth P: +1 (510) 407-1876	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	UC Berkeley - Summer Sessions (Customer) Mike Palmer D: (510) 642-5034 P: (510) 642-5034
Event / Event Type / Schedule Type	HOLD Volunteer Project 1st SAT and 2nd SUN Special Event	Wildemess Torah Youth Program Special Event	2015 Training Run #11685 Special Event	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Special Event	Orienteering Event Special Event	Coyote Hills Race 2015 Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	Orienteering Event Special Event	Wildemess Torah Youth Program Special Event	Fremont 50K Special Event
Facility / Equipment / Type / Center	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	TEM Temescal: Special Event Special Event Permit Temescal Regional Recreation Area	MLK Martin Luther King Jr. Special Martin Luther King, Jr. D Event Special Event Permit Special Event Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline	OYS Oyster Bay: Special Event Special Event Permit Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline	COY Coyote Hills: Special Event Special Event Permit Coyote Hills Regional Park	PTI Point Isabel:Special Event Special Event Permit Point Isabel Regional Shoreline	OYS Oyster Bay: Special Event Special Event Permit Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	ALA Alameda County Trails: Special Event Special Event Permit Alameda County Trails
Date / Setup - Ready Time / Start - End Time	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Jan 17, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Jan 19, 2015 Monday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Jan 24, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Jan 25, 2015 Sunday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Jan 31, 2015 Saturday 1 1 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Reservation Date: From Jan 1, 2015 through Mar 31, 2015 Event Type: Special Event

Attend/Qty	20	20	250		1,200	30	10	300	300	10	06
Contact Information	UC Berkeley - Summer Sessions (Customer) Mike Palmer D: (510) 642-5034 P: (510) 642-5034	UC Berkeley - Summer Sessions (Customer) Mike Palmer D: (510) 642-5034 P: (510) 642-5034	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Suzannah Sosman P: (510) 926-4648		Solai Alagappan P. (510) 676-9857	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Jeff Manley P: (510) 544-3111	Sasquatch Racing (Customer) Matt Forsman P: (415) 572-4437	Sasquatch Racing (Customer) Matt Forsman P: (415) 572-4437	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Jeff Manley P: (510) 544-3111	Title Nine (Customer) Melanie Dries P: (719) 323-5088
Event / Event Type / Schedule Type	Fremont 50K Special Event	Fremont 50K Special Event	Tu B'Shvat in the Redwoods Special Event	1 44: · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Social Walk with Friends and Family Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	HOLD Volunteer Project 1st SAT and 2nd SUN Special Event	Rattlesnake Ramble 1/2 Marathon, 10K, 5K Special Event	Rattlesnake Ramble 1/2 Marathon, 10K, 5K Special Event	HOLD Volunteer Project 1st SAT and 2nd SUN Special Event	Title 9 Challenge Special Event
Facility / Equipment / Type / Center	COY Coyote Hills: Special Event Special Event Permit Coyote Hills Regional Park	QUA Quarry Lakes: Special Event Special Event Permit Quarry Lakes Regional Park	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	Total TOO	CC1 Iron Horse Trail :Special Event Special Event Permit Contra Costa Trails	CRO Crown Beach: Special Event Special Event Permit Crown Memorial State Beach	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	ANT Anthony Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Anthony Chabot Regional Park	CHA Lake Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Lake Chabot Regional Park	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	ANT Anthony Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Anthony Chabot Regional Park
Date / Setup - Ready Time / Start - End Time	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Feb 1, 2015 Sunday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM		Feb 7, 2015 Saturday 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Feb 8, 2015 Sunday 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM	6:00 AM - 3:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Feb 12, 2015 Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Contact Information	Title Nine (Customer) Melanie Dries P: (719) 323-5088	Brazen Racing (Customer) Sam Fiandaca P: (510) 750-5919	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	Livermore Area Recreation And Park District (Customer) Moe Kline P: (925) 373-5717	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	Inside Trail Events (Customer) Tim Stahler P: (510) 735-9057	Inside Trail Events (Customer) Tim Stahler P: (510) 735-9057	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Kate Collins P: (510) 544-2755
Event / Event Type / Schedule Type	Title 9 Challenge Special Event	Bay Breeze 2015 Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	LARPD Photo Class with Barbara Mallon Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	10K/30K/50K/Half Marathon Trail Run Special Event	10K/30K/50K/Half Marathon Trail Run Special Event	Wilderness Torah Youth Program Special Event	2015 Training Run #11685 Special Event	Black Diamond Mines Open House Special Event
Facility / Equipment / Type / Center	CHA Lake Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Lake Chabot Regional Park	HAY Hayward: Special Event Special Event Permit Hayward Regional Shoreline	CCT Iron Horse Trail :Special Event Special Event Permit Contra Costa Trails	DEL Del Valle: Special Event Special Event Permit Del Valle Regional Park	ALA Alameda County Trails: Special Event Special Event Permit Alameda County Trails	ANT Anthony Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Anthony Chabot Regional Park	CHA Lake Chabot: Special Event Special Event Permit Lake Chabot Regional Park	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	TEM Temescal: Special Event Special Event Permit Temescal Regional Recreation Area	BLK Black Diamond Mines: Special Event Special Event Permit Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
Date / Setup - Ready Time / Start - End Time	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Feb 14, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Feb 21, 2015 Saturday 7:00 AM - 7:00 AM	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Feb 22, 2015 Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Feb 28, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mar 1, 2015 Sunday

Reservation Date: From Jan 1, 2015 through Mar 31, 2015 Event Type: Special Event

Attend/Qty	20	20	10	10	-	20	1,100	20	30	30
Contact Information	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	Lake Merritt Joggers And Striders (Customer) Allegra Kim P: (916) 600-5359	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Jeff Manley P: (510) 544-3111	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Jeff Manley P: (510) 544-3111	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (Customer) Ira Bletz D: (510) 544-3290 P: (510) 544-3290	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	Brazen Racing (Customer) Sam Fiandaca P: (510) 750-5919	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	Bay Area Wilderness Training (BAWT) (Customer) Aaron Gilbert P: (510) 452-2298 x301	Bay Area Wilderness Training (BAWT) (Customer) Aaron Gilbert P: (510) 452-2298 x301
Event / Event Type / Schedule Type	Wildemess Torah Youth Program Special Event	2015 Training Run Special Event	HOLD Volunteer Project 1st SAT and 2nd SUN Special Event	HOLD Volunteer Project 1st SAT and 2nd SUN Special Event	Johnny Appleseed Day Special Event	Wildemess Torah Youth Program Special Event	Badger Cove 2015 Special Event	Wilderness Torah Youth Program Special Event	Frontcountry Leadership Training Course Special Event	Frontcountry Leadership Training Course Special Event
Facility / Equipment / Type / Center	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	HAY Hayward: Special Event Special Event Permit Hayward Regional Shoreline	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	ARD Ardenwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Ardenwood Historic Farm	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	DEL Del Valle: Special Event Special Event Permit Del Valle Regional Park	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	TIL Tilden Special Event Special Event Permit Tilden Regional Park	TIL Tilden Special Event Special Event Permit Tilden Regional Park
Date / Setup - Ready Time / Start - End Time	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Mar 7, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Mar 8, 2015 Sunday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Mar 14, 2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Mar 15, 2015 Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Mar 20, 2015 Friday 4:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Mar 21, 2015 Saturday 12:01 AM - 12:00 AM

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Date / Setup - Ready Time / Start - End Time	Facility / Equipment / Type / Center	Event / Event Type / Schedule Type	Contact Information	Attend/Qty
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	KEN Kennedy Grove: Special Event Special Event Permit Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area	2015 Spring Walk-A-Thon Special Event	Contra Costa College Foundation (Customer) Denise Noldon P: (510) 215-3801	09
Mar 22, 2015 Sunday 12:01 AM - 2:00 PM	TIL Tilden Special Event Special Event Permit Tilden Regional Park	Frontcountry Leadership Training Course Special Event	Bay Area Wilderness Training (BAWT) (Customer) Aaron Gilbert	30
			P: (510) 452-2298 x301	
6:00 AM - 11:00 AM	TEM Temescal: Special Event Special Event Permit Temescal Regional Recreation Area	Oakland Marathon Special Event	Corrigan Sports (Customer) Gene Brtalik P: (510) 371-5273	1,500
7:00 AM - 5:30 PM	SUN Sunol/Ohlone/Mis Peak: Special Event Special Event Permit Sunol Regional Wilderness	Orienteering Event Special Event	Bay Area Orienteering Club (BAOC) (Customer) Peteris Graube P: (650) 604-3760	150
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	RED Redwood: Special Event Special Event Permit Redwood Regional Park	Canyon Meadow (Winter) Trail Run #12265 Special Event	Coastal Trail Runs (Customer) Wendell Doman P: (415) 515-6761	400
Mar 29, 2015 Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	ROB Roberts: Special Event Special Event Permit Roberts Regional Recreation Area	Wildemess Torah Youth Program Special Event	Wilderness Torah (Customer) Sarai Shapiro P: (510) 508-7107	20

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BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT 2950 Peralta Oaks Court Oakland, CA

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 12:45 p.m., Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

			AGENDA		
<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>		<u>ITEM</u>	<u> Page #</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
(R)	12:45 p.m.	1.	Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports	1-5	Spaulding
(R)	I:00 p.m.	2.	East Bay Regional Park District 2015 Proposed Budget	6-10	Burnor
(R)	2:15 p.m.	3.	2015 Article XIIIB California Appropriation Limit (Gann Limit)	11	Burnor
(D)	2:30 p.m.	4.	Future Agenda Items		Auker
	2:40 p.m.	5.	Public Comment		

⁽R) Recommendation for future Board consideration (I) Information (D) Discussion

2014 Meeting Dates (all meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted): There is no meeting in December 2014.

BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ted Radke-Chair, Doug Siden, Whitney Dotson, Ayn Wieskamp-alternate

Distribution/Agenda	Distribution/Packet		
Ayn Wieskamp	Robert Doyle	Dave Collins	Jim O'Connor
Carol Severin	Carol Victor	Sukari Beshears	Debra Auker
John Sutter	Deborah Spaulding	Pam Burnor	David Sumner
Beverly Lane	Meadow D'Arcy	Tyrone Davis	Cliff Rocha
Norman LaForce	Sharon Corkin	Sharon McAleavea	Bruce Kern
Afton Crooks	Allen Pulido	Kim Balingit	Mimi Waluch
Yolanda Barial	Kristina Kelchner	J	

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Finance Committee Minutes and Recommended Actions from the November 19, 2014 (Siden)

<u>Attendees</u>

Board: Directors Doug Siden, Whitney Dotson and Ayn Wieskamp (Alternate)

Staff: Dave Collins, Debra Auker, Deborah Spaulding, David Sumner, Kim

Balingit, Pam Burnor, Nadine Vargas, Jim O'Connor, Meadow D'Arcy,

Mark Ragatz, Bob Nisbet, Carol Victor, Kelly Barrington

Public: Bruce Kern – PAC, Beverly Lane - Board

<u>Committee member Doug Siden</u> began the meeting at 12:50 PM with the introduction of committee members.

Agenda Item No. I

Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports

Assistant Finance Officer (AFO) Deborah Spaulding reported on the General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial reports, noting that this new quarterly financial reporting combines budget and expenditure information in a single report.

As of September 30, 2014, the District's financial activities are as expected when compared to prior year and to the current year budget.

General Fund Revenues & Expenditures as of September 30, 2014

Both revenues and actual expenditures are on track for the year.

General Fund (in millions)	Budget 2014	-	Actual u 9/30/14	variance		% of Budget Complete
Revenue	\$ 111.1	\$	61.0	\$	50.1	54.9%
Expenditures	\$ 127.8	\$	92.7	\$	35.9	72.5%
net change in Fund Balance	\$ (16.7)	\$	(31.7)	\$	15.0	

Attachments to the report provide additional information on the past five years of revenues and expenditures, and comments on areas with revenues or expenditures 10% higher or lower than prior year, along with summarized financial information for all other governmental funds.

AFO Spaulding reported on the status of the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance and reviewed the table below. The table shows that the target Unassigned Fund Balance is \$35.5 million and the estimated ending fund balance based on the budget is \$36.6 million. It was noted that the estimated fund balance number is for budget comparison purposes only and will not be updated to reflect actual year-end results until after completion of the CAFR in the second quarter 2015.

Budgetary	General Fund Unas	ssigned Fund Bal	ance
Beginning Unassigne	d Fund Balance (1/1/14)	\$ 44,514,739	
Release of the Committe	d Fund Balance (1/1/14)	9,000,000	
	2014 Budgeted Revenue	111,058,800	
2014 Budgeted	d Expenditure (Adopted)	(120,003,900)	
Move tipping fees	to special revenue fund	(1,883,000)	
Various Budget Incre	ases approved by Board	(5,989,628)	
Estimated Ending Budgetary Fu	ınd Balance (12/31/14)	\$ 36,697,011	
Estimated Excess (de	ficit) over 32% Reserve	\$ 1,158,195	
Res	erve Target per Policy *	\$ 35,538,816	
	32% of annual revenue)		
* The Fund Balance Reserve Policy states the to provide emergency funding in the event	•		•
Use of the funds requires Board of Director		, , ,	,

Recommendation: Motioned by Ayn Wieskamp and Seconded by Whitney Dotson that the Finance Committee recommends to the full Board of Directors for approval the Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports. Motion approved.

Agenda Item No. 2

East Bay Regional Park District 2015 Proposed Budget

<u>Budget Manager Pam Burnor</u> presented the EBRPD 2015 Proposed Budget Volumes I and 2 and stated that the 2015 proposed budget materials provided an overview of the 2015 proposed budget, on which the Committee's recommendation to the full Board for approval of the 2015 operating and project budgets was sought.

The 2015 District proposed budget is balanced when taking into account planned use of fund balance. The General Fund is balanced and allows for the replenishment of certain contingency reserves.

2015 Proposed Budget Summary

- The District's total 2015 budget revenue (not including transfers in or use of fund balance/net assets) is \$173 million, compared to \$156.3 million in 2014. This represents a 10.7% increase, with the majority of the increase attributed to increase property taxes.
- The District's total 2015 appropriations (not including transfers out) are \$194.4 million, compared to \$191.8 million in 2014, a 1.4% increase. Total uses, including transfers out, are \$222.9 million compared to \$211.3 million in 2014, a 5.5% increase.

Changes to Full Time Equivalents (FTE's)

The 2015 authorized FTE schedule includes an addition of 24.89 FTE's when compared to 2014. The 2015 FTE's, ongoing and one-time, total 762.15. The summaries of positions are:

- ➤ Increase of 21.158 regular and 3.732 limited term employees:
 - 12.075 ASCFME employees, I confidential employee, 3 management employees,
 3.11 sworn police employees, 2 non-sworn police employees and 3.75 seasonal/temporary staff.

General Fund

Increases in General Fund Revenue

- 2015 General Fund budgeted revenue is \$121.9 million compared to \$111 million in 2014 a 9.9% increase, the majority of which is related to property tax revenue. A significant portion of this increase is a one-time effect due to 'catch-up' provisions allowing tax officials to reinstate assessed values and therefore property tax rates to pre-recession levels. Future annual increases of this magnitude are not anticipated.
- General Fund transfers in total \$45,000 with funding from the Coyote Hills/Linear Park Fund and several permanent funds, to be used toward 2015 operating costs.

General Fund Appropriations

 2015 General Fund appropriations total \$114.3 million, compared to \$108.8 million in 2014, a 5.1% increase. The increase is comprised of personnel costs, supplies, services and a one-time increase for fleet replacement. Personnel cost increased by \$4.9 million due to the increase in wages and benefits included in the AFSCME and Police Association contracts, plus the addition of permanent and one-time FTE's.

General Fund One-Time Budget Requests - One-time appropriations requested in the 2015 General Fund preliminary budget, funded with the use of the one-time funding sources and excess unassigned fund balance include:

- One time uses:
 - \$2.4 million to annual design and construction, \$1.4 million to debt service, \$500,000 to Major Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Fund, \$423,000 to rolling stock purchases, \$350,000 to Mission Peak staging area, \$150,000 financial system upgrade, \$130,000 to mine shaft safety at Black Diamond, and \$100,000 for the concessionaire transition at Willow Park Golf Course.

Other Funds

- The largest changes in special revenue funds include:
 - o 2015 resources exceeded 2014 budget primarily due to the property usage revenue anticipated from Coyote Hills-Dumbarton Quarry Fund (tipping fees). These fees were recorded as General Fund revenue prior to 2014.
- Debt service funds revenue and expenditures increased due to required payments for Measure AA and Measure WW Bonds.
- The decrease in the internal service fund compared to 2014 is due to the one-time \$6 million transfer to the Major Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Fund in 2014.

<u>Budget Manager Burnor</u> concluded her report by thanking all District staff, especially Nadine Vargas and Debra Auker, for their assistance in completing the 2015 Proposed Budget.

<u>CFO Debra Auker</u> highlighted a number of pages in the 2015 Proposed Budget for the committee members. <u>CFO Auker</u> reviewed Total Resources, funding types, how the budget is put together, list of base line budget increases, summary of one-time appropriations, FTE's, history of spending, Special Fund Revenue Fund, Division summaries, the reorganization of Land Division with Planning and Stewardship and, finally, noted that throughout the budget there is statistical and economical information that will be updated for the Adopted Budget.

<u>Committee member Wieskamp</u> questioned the grazing agreements and asked how increased revenues are predicted when California is in the second year of a drought. <u>CFO Auker</u> replied the projection for next year is reflective of what the District is trending even for this year, which is coming in higher than projected.

Committee member Siden asked for and received clarification on the "Cajun Zydeco Supply Services", and if this event was winding down. <u>CFO Auker</u> answered that this is an event that was never properly budgeted (in prior years used other funds) and never put in as on ongoing event. It has not generated the revenue as in the past. <u>Operations AGM Jim O'Connor</u> added that the event was previously being funded through the Ardenwood budget. This event is now a line item in the 2015 budget; it will be funded for one year and then reevaluated, since the trend has been lower in participation in recent years.

<u>Committee member Whitney Dotson</u> asked if the North Richmond Shoreline Festival is funded. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied yes.

<u>Committee member Siden</u> noted from General Managers comments, that with the proposed FTE's the total number of District staff will be the "highest in the history of the District". <u>AGM</u> Collins confirmed these numbers.

<u>Committee member Dotson</u> asked what the percentage of increase is over last year. <u>AGM</u> <u>Collins</u> replied approx. 3.5% increase.

Committee member Siden questioned why the rate in Fund 220 (Two County Lighting and Landscape District Fund) has remained the same for years. CFO Auker advised District is not overspending in that funding source. AGM Collins added that the Lighting and Landscape assessments are 'grandfathered' due to the passage of Prop 218 and are therefore fixed on a per-parcel basis, cannot be indexed to inflation and only increase when new parcels are developed – typically at a rate of 1%/year or less.

<u>Committee member Siden</u> asked if the Acquisition, Development and Stewardship reorganization will be completed by end of year. <u>Acquisition, Development and Stewardship AGM Bob Nisbet</u> commented the goal is to have majority of changes done in 2015 and present accurate accounting of the reorganization in the 2016 budget.

Committee members Siden, Wieskamp and Dotson praised staff for all their work on the budget.

Recommendation: Motioned by Whitney Dotson and seconded by Ayn Wieskamp that the finance committee recommends to the full Board of Directors to review and accept the 2015 Proposed Budget. Motion approved.

Agenda Item No. 3 2015 Article XIIIB California Appropriation Limit (Gann Limit)

<u>Budget Manager Burnor</u> reviewed with the committee the process of calculating the Gann Limit.

She shared that Article XIIIB of the California State Constitution established a formula to calculate a limit on public agency appropriations of taxes as follows:

- The appropriation limit applies to maximum appropriations to be charged against property tax. Only the General Fund is subjected to the appropriation limit.
- The limit is increased each year by the cost of living factor and the population change factor (the annual increase factor).
- The appropriation limit is compared to the appropriation to be paid with property tax. The 2015 appropriation limit is \$332 million, compared to the appropriations subject to limit, which is \$109 million.

Committee member Wieskamp asked for explanation on the logic of this appropriation limit. CFO Auker advised that before Proposition 13 all entities were setting their own tax rates. Proposition 4 amended the State constitution and was a way to limit the growth of appropriations at the state level to ensure that each agency's expenditure growth rate was not excessive when compared to the growth factors of the community served. The initiative also requires state and local governments to return any funds to taxpayers in excess of the amount appropriated for a given fiscal year. The State of California Department of Finance sets the population growth for every jurisdiction and per capita growth (this is where the factors come from); it is a State required calculation. The District serves a very large, growing, and economically diverse community in the east bay and; therefore, the factors evaluated under this statute have resulted in a Gann limit that far exceeds the actual revenue receipts and expenditure budgets of the District. The appropriations for the District, subject to the limit, are well below the established amount; however, the District must still comply with the statute and include evidence of compliance with the Gann limit with the annual budget.

Recommendation: Motioned by Ayn Wieskamp and seconded by Whitney Dotson that the finance committee recommends to the full Board of Directors to review and include this information in the 2015 Proposed Budget.

Agenda Item No. 5 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

<u>CFO Auker</u> reminded the Board finance committee and staff that there will be no Finance Committee meeting in December.

Committee Chair Siden adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Swisher Finance Department

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AGENDA BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, October 24, 2014 12:45 p.m., Peralta Oaks Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

		AGENDA	
<u>STATUS</u>	TIME	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
	12:45 p.m.	I. STATE LEGISLATION / ISSUES A. NEW LEGISLATION – N/A	Doyle/Pfuehler
(R)		 B. ISSUES I. Proposition I- State Water Bond 2. Proposition 48 –Referendum on Indian Gambling 3. Legislative Wrap up 4. Measure T- Dublin Open Space Initiative 5. Other issues 	Doyle/Pfuehler
		II. FEDERAL LEGISLATION / ISSUES A. NEW LEGISLATION – N/A	Doyle/Pfuehler
(R)		 B. ISSUES I. Land and Water Conservation Fund – competitive grant application update 2. Other issues 	Doyle/Pfuehler
		III. ADVOCATE CONTRACT RENEWAL	
		IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS	
		V. ARTICLES	
(R) Recomm		Board Consideration	

(I) Information

(D) Discussion

Future 2014 Meetings:

November 21, 2014

December 19, 2014

Legislative Committee Members: Doug Siden, Chair, Ted Radke, John Sutter, Whitney Dotson, Alternate Erich Pfuehler, Staff Coordinator

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. (Board Legislative Committee (10.24.14) (Sutter)

The Legislative Committee met at District headquarters on Friday, October 24, 2014.

Present: Directors: Ayn Wieskamp, Doug Siden

Staff: Robert E. Doyle, Erich Pfuehler, Kristina Kelchner, Jeff Rasmussen,

Larry Tong

Consultants: Doug Houston, Houston Magnani & Associates

Public: None

I. STATE LEGISLATION / ISSUES

A. NEW LEGISLATION - N/A

B. ISSUES

I. Proposition I - State Water Bond

The \$7.5 billion water package will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot as Proposition I. In August, both Democrats and Republicans voted nearly unanimously to put the water bond on the ballot. Prop. I has backing from Governor Jerry Brown and the legislature, as well as agricultural and conservation groups.

The allocation of the funding is as follows:

- \$2.7 billion for water storage, potentially for new reservoirs
- \$900 million for groundwater cleanup and monitoring
- \$725 million for water recycling projects
- \$1.5 billion for watershed restoration programs, such as increasing river flows for wildlife
- \$200 million for storm water capture projects
- \$395 million for statewide flood management, including delta flood protection projects
- * The state anticipates it would cost \$360 million annually over 40 years to pay off the bond debt.

The \$1.5 billion for watershed restoration programs could be a potential funding opportunity for the District.

<u>Legislative Advocate Doug Houston</u> reported a Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) poll showed about 57% support for the state water bond. Both the Democratic and Republican parties support the bond. Ultra-conservative Republicans, however, are against it because of the debt it would incur.

Houston discussed the funding categories within the water bond. Most of the funding specific to the District will pass through the Coastal Conservancy. There is specific funding for the L.A. river restoration as "a river parkway urban greening program." The bond contains funding for Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) programs. There is money for the Wildlife Conservation Board, but it is unclear how it will be allocated. There is language to improve "stream flows" which could mean acquisition of water rights. There is \$285 million in the Department of Fish and Wildlife allocation for work outside of the Delta and \$85 million for projects within the Delta. There is concern by environmentalists the \$285 million will be used on projects which essentially provide mitigation for the conveyance tunnels. Although there is language which suggests the funds cannot be used for that purpose, it is not definitive.

General Manager Robert E. Doyle inquired how much would be directly allocated by the Legislature versus how much discretion would be left to the agencies. Houston replied the only agency that has historically received continuous appropriation is the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). The current Administration wants legislative oversight over every dollar to ensure the funding is allocated in a fair and equitable way. Director Siden asked what role the Governor will have in the appropriation of the funds. Houston replied the Governor will propose allocations in his budget, but it will not be all \$7.5 billion at once. Recommendations by the Governor will be based on the readiness of projects and programs. Storage will be continuously appropriated, so the money for damns and storage will go directly to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and based on the way they structured the language, underground storage will not be as competitive.

Government Relations and Legislative Affairs Manager Erich Pfuehler asked about the bond language being intentionally vague. Houston agreed it is vague. He thinks the Legislature will be able to provide more detail and clarity to the programs in future sessions. Pfuehler added the lobbying will be competitive and need to continue.

<u>Doyle</u> stated the District should seek to partner with some of the agencies which will receive funds from the water bond. The District has some footholds in the Delta which could qualify for restoration or public access funds. While public access is clearly a low priority in the bond, the District could partner with WCB from a recreation standpoint. WCB could buy the land. The District could do the restoration. WCB doesn't have the infrastructure to do the projects, but the Park District does. <u>Pfuehler</u> interjected the District has a fairly comprehensive list of shoreline projects which were provided to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. Some of them may be eligible.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> asked if there were any projects suitable for Coyote Hills. <u>Doyle</u> replied State Fish and Wildlife would like to put more money into the South Bay. <u>Grants Manager Jeff Rasmussen</u> commented he and <u>Acting Environmental Programs Manager Chris Barton</u> will be giving the Environmental Protection Agency a tour of Coyotes Hills to review future projects.

2. Proposition 48 - Referendum on Indian Gambling

Prop. 48 asks voters to approve or reject a deal signed by the Governor and passed by the state legislature that would allow the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians to build a casino on a 305 acre plot of land about 30 miles northwest of Fresno.

In 2005, the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians submitted a request to the federal government to acquire and put into trust about 305 acres of land in Madera County along Highway 99 for the purpose of establishing a casino with up to 2,000 slot machines. In 2011,

the Federal government determined this would be in the best interest of the tribe and would not hurt the surrounding communities. The California Legislature passed AB 277, which approved the North Fork compact, as well as a compact with the Wiyot Tribe. The Wiyot compact does not allow the tribe to operate a casino, but allows the tribe to receive a portion of the revenue generated by North Fork's casino. Governor Jerry Brown signed the bill in July 2013. The Federal government issued final approval for the Wiyot compact in September 2013 and the North Fork compact in October 2013. A "yes" vote on Prop. 48 would allow the casino development to move forward. Governor Brown is a supporter.

This proposition was brought to the District's attention by Dave Weiman because the Citizen's for Sustainable Point Molate are opposed to Proposition 48. Weiman suggested the relevancy to the District is a successful "reservation shopping" effort precedent could be made here which could renew efforts for a casino at Point Molate.

Two other casino-owning tribes – the Table Mountain Rancheria whose casino is about 25 miles from the proposed North Fork site and the Chukchansi casino near the North Fork site – have advanced this referendum to stop the construction of casinos off-reservation.

3. Legislative wrap up

<u>Houston</u> discussed Cap and Trade. The legislature and Governor agreed to a formula for the annual distribution of 60% of the Cap and Trade auction proceeds. Of that 60%, 20% will be an annual set aside for sustainable communities and affordable housing. <u>Houston</u> stated he is trying to find ways to weave projects into this new type of funding stream. <u>Rasmussen</u> indicated it looks like the successful projects are mostly urbanized parks or landscaped strips.

Pursuant to AB 32, the Governor needs to come up with a Cap and Trade investment plan every three years. Next year, the Governor and Legislature will have to do an update of the investment plan. Parks were excluded from the last investment plan, so it is incumbent upon Houston and the District to provide data to share with California Air Resources Board about the importance of parks, how they operate as carbon sinks and generate carbon benefits. This will help the District get into the queue for acquisition and park improvement money. There is some money appropriated for specific acquisitions: \$30 million for mountain meadows, coastal wetlands and vernal pools. Houston believes it is important for the District to apply for some of these funds.

<u>Doyle</u> asked <u>Houston</u> if there was any funding for better management of forests to reduce fire risk. <u>Houston</u> replied there is money included for forest health. <u>Rasmussen</u> announced Cal Fire just released information about a new Cap and Trade grant program at the Hills Emergency Forum. For the November 4 Board meeting, staff will be requesting authority to apply for around \$1.2 million in Cap and Trade grants. <u>Doyle</u> asked if there is any Cap and Trade money to get large agencies off of electrical power. <u>Houston</u> replied there will be some energy efficiency grants which will be administered through the California Energy Commission.

Houston reported SB 628 (Beall), Enhanced Infrastructure Districts, was a gut and amend bill that found its way through the process. It is the Governor's answer to the elimination of redevelopment agencies. SB 628 allows for the establishment of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) type of District which allows all agencies within a designated jurisdiction to opt-in to financing infrastructure, development projects. Agencies which opt-in sacrifice some of their tax increment to do so. Agencies which do not opt-in do not lose any of their tax increment.

<u>Houston</u> suggested this could be a mechanism to leverage additional funding if enough agencies chose to opt-in on a package of projects in a geographic region.

The District attempted to amend AB 745 (Levine) for general manager expenditures of up to \$25,000. The District is seeking to increase that authority to \$50,000. AB 745 unifies this authority to all regional agencies across the board, as previously only three regional agencies had this authority. Siden asked about the outcome. Houston said the author was not willing to do it. He was mostly just trying to help Marin County Open Space.

The District's sponsored bill, SB 1183 (DeSaulnier), provides an opportunity to secure funding for bicycle trail development and maintenance. It passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor. Houston commented it was a real pleasure to work with Senator DeSaulnier. He was enthusiastic about the subject matter and a great author. Doyle said this could be an opportunity to build narrow trails to accommodate mountain bikes. He said the District does not have a crew for trail maintenance. The mountain biking community was represented in the Master Plan, and the District will have to deliver some projects. Wieskamp pointed out they want single track trails. Siden mentioned mountain bikers made a token effort to oppose Measure WW.

<u>Houston</u> said another bike bill the District was monitoring and supported, AB 1193 (Ting), creates new classifications of bikeways also known as cycle tracks. These are mostly stretches of urban road right-of-way which become dedicated, separated bike lanes with some type of physical barrier between the road and bike lane. These are used for commuter bicyclists. AB 1193 grants local agencies some flexibility on how to design their bikeways, but establishes some minimum standards within the Caltrans regulations.

Houston touched on AB 2150 (Rendon) and SB 633 (Pavley), two separate bills which included many of the recommendations made by the Parks Forward Commission. Both bills have bits and pieces about how to improve efficiencies and help State Parks become more entrepreneurial. Both bills were vetoed by the Governor. The Administration wants to wait for the final Parks Forward Commission's recommendations. The Governor has essentially issued a gag order on State Parks. Doyle added some in the Administration are not thrilled with Parks Forward. Siden asked about the gag order. Houston said the Governor just doesn't want any more stories about state parks, which remind people of the "lost" money, prior to the election. Wieskamp wondered if there is a value for the District if state parks are transferred to local authorities. Doyle said it depends on the agreements. Siden wondered if a new director for state parks would be named after the election. Pfuehler mentioned there is some speculation on some termed out legislators – State Senator Christine Kehoe for one.

The District actively supported AB 2193 (Gordon), the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act. It creates incentives for voluntary or small scale mitigation projects, some streamlining of permitting processes and could be a benefit to the District. The Senate put some more detailed information about what an agency could and couldn't do to secure these streamlined permits. It was sponsored by the California Council of Land Trusts on behalf of nonprofit land trusts throughout the state and private property owners. Public agencies were cobbled into the bill later in the process.

 $\underline{\text{Houston}}$ reported the District endorsed Parks Makes Life Better Month and also supported the 150^{th} Anniversary of the State Parks System.

The Park District also supported SB 1086 (de Leon) – the Park Bond placeholder. <u>Doyle</u> testified in support of the effort. SB 1086 did not find its way to the Governor's desk, as the Water Bond took precedent over any other bond including an education bond. Written into SB 1086 was a regional park program. This program was included in the bill because regional parks and county parks did not fare very well under what is called the Statewide Park Program, a competitive program which targets urban areas.

Importantly, it would be good to see some recreational trails money in a Park Bond. The recreational trails program was eviscerated through the active transportation initiative. Money that was otherwise available for recreational trails is now being applied to active transportation and commuter oriented trails. Trails money from the environmental enhancement mitigation program was also assimilated into the active transportation initiative, so there's not a single program for recreational trails. <u>Pfuehler</u> stated this was really a result of the Federal Transportation bill that nearly eliminated all trail funding.

4. Measure T- Dublin Open Space Initiative

Interagency Planning Manager Larry Tong reported about Measure T. He likened it to a land use puzzle with several different pieces. In December of 2010, Dublin City Council authorized a general plan amendment study to take a look at 1,990 dwelling units in Acacia Partner's land on the east side of Dublin. In June of 2014, the Dublin City Council considered two-competing initiatives. One initiative they adopted established Dublin's eastern urban limit line and set it west of Doolan Canyon. Simultaneously, Measure T was considered. The Dublin City Council agreed to put it on the ballot, and then unanimously opposed Measure T. In effect, Measure T would change the existing urban limit line to include all of the identified area and move it east of Doolan Canyon.

Danville developer Pacific Union sponsored the original general amendment study. The study was put on hold. In the interim, the City of Livermore petitioned LAFCo for this area to become part of their sphere of influence, primarily with the intent of keeping it open space. LAFCo has informed the cities of Dublin and Livermore they need to decide.

<u>Doyle</u> commented this is on the Nov. 4 ballot. He would like to bring this to the Board to see if they would like to take a position. Staff recommends the Board consider opposition of Measure T. The District has traditionally supported urban limit lines.

The Legislative Committee of the Board voted unanimously to oppose Measure T. <u>Wieskamp</u> recommended a press release be sent to the Tri-Valley papers to reflect the Committee's position.

5. Other issues

None.

II. FEDERAL LEGISLATION / ISSUES

A. NEW – N/A

B. ISSUES

I. Land and Water Conservation Fund – competitive grant application update Pfuehler reported the District has a pending grant application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$500,000. The project is to develop a staging area off of

Kirker Pass Road which will eventually connect to the Concord Hills Regional Park. The District is one of forty-nine pending applications and there will be six to twelve grants awarded. <u>Pfuehler</u> commented there have been encouraging discussions with National Park Service (NPS) and <u>Doyle</u> was recently in Washington speaking with NPS.

Doyle reported D.C. Advocate Peter Umhofer did a great job getting meetings scheduled. He was able to secure a meeting with the Associate Director of the National Parks and the Regional Division Chief for NPS that works on these types of grants and community assistance partnerships. It's a little difficult for them because the District is advocating for a grant that NPS is looking at on a competitive basis. NPS said the District's type of application had the priorities for which they were looking. They specifically referenced the Concord Hills Regional Park. NPS understands the 47% minority representation in the community surrounding the park which is 35% Hispanic. NPS sees this as an underserved community. The District is putting the staging area on the Pittsburg side of the park. This staging area will link up the HCP property, the new park in Concord and Black Diamond Mines. NPS likes the idea of taking regional open space, state open space, federal lands and connecting them together.

2. Other Issues

<u>Pfuehler</u> noted there will be another meeting after the election to discuss how the District wants to work around the legislative schedule and the trip back to D.C. NRPA is no longer hosting an annual "legislative days" conference. <u>Doyle</u> commented this is probably the year the District may want to put a little more time, effort and dollars into the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

<u>Siden</u> inquired if there was a response to the letter sent on February 12, 2014 to David Cottingham of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pertaining to the wind turbines. <u>Doyle</u> said they met with them last year, but have not received any written correspondence. There was a scoping hearing workshop in Sacramento that <u>Wildlife Program Manager Doug Bell</u> attended. <u>Pfuehler</u> said that he believed a lawsuit had been filed about the 30-year period, and Fish and Wildlife may not respond until after the lawsuit is settled. <u>Siden</u> asked if he could get an overview of where our wind turbines are located, who has the ownership and what is the status of their contracts.

III. ADVOCATE CONTRACT RENEWAL

<u>Doyle</u> stated he anticipated bring forward to the full board a contract renewal for E2 strategies.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Respectfully submitted:

Erich Pfuehler

Government Relations and Legislative Affairs Manager

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BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Tuesday, September 23, 2014 - 12:45 p.m. Peralta Oaks - Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

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<u>Status</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>ltem</u>		<u>Staff</u>
(I)	12:45	1.	Update Alternative Work Program – YEP Crew	(Stoneham)
(I)	1:15	2.	Update Tilden Merry Go Round Concession	(Waluch)
(R)	1:30	3.	Review 2015 Consolidated Fee Schedule	(Dort)
	2:00	4.	Public Comments	
	2:10	5.	AGM Comments	
	2:25	6.	Board Comments	
	2:30	7.	Adjourn	

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Recommendation

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(D) Discussion

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. Operations (Tuesday, September 23, 2014) (Lane)

Present

Board: Directors Beverly Lane, Ayn Wieskamp, Carol Severin

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Mimi Waluch, Denise Valentine, Noah Dort, Paul Miller, Michelle

Julene, Renee Patterson, Anne Kassebaum, Dania Stoneham, Ross Mitchell, Mark

Ragatz

Guests: Judi Bank

I. Update Alternative Work Program - Youth Employment Program

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> began by providing a brief review of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) crews. The program is currently in its fifth year and is involved with both Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

To present an overview of the program, <u>AGM O'Connor</u> introduced the new <u>Alternate Work Program (AWP) Supervisor Ross Mitchell.</u>

<u>Unit Manager Dania Stoneham</u> started by providing an overview of the updates and relayed that <u>Mr. Mitchell</u> has completed the summer eight week program and is currently working on the fall program.

Mr. Mitchell gave a presentation covering projects completed by the summer and fall crews. The summer crew included seven participants.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> inquired if the program starts with seven crew members. <u>Mr. Mitchell</u> indicated they started with eight; however, one member had to cancel. <u>Director Wieskamp</u> questioned if it is normal for someone drop out of the program prior to starting. <u>Mr. Mitchell</u> stated it is fairly common. He explained that to increase the application pool, he will begin seeking referrals from both Oakland and Richmond. Each city has their own Workplace Investment Board programs.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> asked if a crew of eight is an optimum size. <u>Mr. Mitchell</u> replied that eight crew members per supervisor, works well.

Future opportunities include adding a spring crew, providing more certificate opportunities such as CPR, and ensuring there is adequate feedback from participants.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> asked if there is a minimum qualification to join the program. <u>Mr. Mitchell</u> replied no. She expressed that it might be of interest to speak with the county library and offer a class on how to utilize the library as a resource. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> explained that one reason the District partners with the Workforce Investment Board is due to the social service support they provide and assistance with potential barriers that the youth may encounter.

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> advised <u>Director Lane</u> that funding for the crew member stipends is provided by the Department of Labor while the District pays the salary for <u>Mr. Mitchell</u> and other program related expenses.

Ms. Stoneham explained that the Field Intern Program is assisting individuals to obtain the required skills needed. The intent is the acquisition of the skillset to apply for seasonal position opportunities within the District and transitioning into regular employment.

The Youth Engagement Task Force is looking into a seasonal employee academy and would seek to have a Recreation Coordinator assist with transportation and activities for seasonal employees. The goal is annual engagement with the District.

Ms. Stoneham informed the Committee of their plan to partner with junior colleges in the area and to obtain an educational track that would benefit the entry level positions. Director Lane asked if most of the District seasonal employees attend school. Ms. Stoneham replied yes and that younger seasonal employees must be students in order to obtain employment with the District.

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> shared that National Parks is also focused on this concept of getting youth into the organization through various program channels and seasonal work.

2. Update Tilden Merry-Go-Round Concession

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> recounted the process of selecting a new operator for the Merry-Go-Round and introduced <u>Administrative Analyst II Noah Dort</u> to provide the Committee with a recap and update.

Mr. Dort recalled that Sycamore Concession Corporation was selected on March 18, 2014. Thorough inspections and assessments were conducted by a State Inspector, experienced carousel mechanics, an electrician, and a carousel restoration team familiar with the history of the Merry-Go-Round. He shared with the Committee some of the repairs that have been completed to the carousel.

Mr. Dort shared a sample of a report that catalogs each item of the carousel. The report was produced by Pam Hessey of Hawks Eye Studio, Lise Lipmann and Tim Racer.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> inquired if a cost for repairing the figures was available. <u>Mr. Dort</u> indicated that each figure could cost up to \$20,000 each to restore.

<u>Director Lane</u> made reference to Little Hills and expressed concern about the responsibility of supplying funds for particular items. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> explained that the new contracts will state the

District's ability to conduct more inspections and ensure the concessionaire is meeting the terms of the contract. In addition, a new operations and maintenance and operations manual was created and issued to the concessionaire prior to taking over.

Revenue and Administration Manager Mimi Waluch agreed with Director Wieskamp that it is the District's responsibility for the restoration of the carousel and advised there is a concessionaire maintenance fund in place. Director Wieskamp suggested speaking to the Regional Parks Foundation about fundraising to begin the process of restoring one or two figures.

<u>Director Lane</u> inquired on the use of the Adopt-An-Animal fundraising program. She commented it would be a logical way to approach a fundraising opportunity.

Mr. Dort concluded by providing the Committee with a list of completed updates to the carousel and facility.

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> recalled the issue with honoring past ticket sales. It was noticed that recent tickets looked new. One concern is the effect on the gross profit of the new concession. A plan is being implemented to set a cut-off date for the old tickets. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied that the public would be notified ahead of time.

In response to a question from <u>Director Severin</u> regarding the carousel organ, <u>Mr. Dort</u> relayed that the carousel music is currently being played on a CD. He indicated the smaller organ is restored and functional, but the volume is loud and complaints are received from the residential neighbors. There are discussions regarding the possibility of installing an enclosure, possibly made of plexiglass, to reduce music volume. Due to the volume issue for both the carousel rider and the neighbors, the CD will continue to be played.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> inquired on the total costs of the restoration. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied that the information will be obtained and provided to the Committee. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> also acknowledged <u>Mr. Dort</u> for taking on this project and for a job well done.

3. Review 2015 Consolidated Fee Schedule

In presenting changes to the 2015 Consolidated Fee Schedule, <u>Administrative Analyst II Noah Dort</u> noted that it is anticipated the concessionaire operations will generate approximately \$1,123,000 in revenue with public use fees generating approximately \$5,885,500.

Mr. Dort detailed each recommended change to the Consolidated Fee Schedule, which includes Concessionaire Fee requests and Public Use Fee recommendations. If all items are approved, the requested Consolidated Fee schedule changes in 2015 could result an estimated increase of \$6,700 in concessionaire revenue and \$11,100 in public use fees.

<u>Del Valle – YMCA Camp Arroyo</u> - <u>Director Lane</u> recalled that when conducting the RFP for this concession, the expectation was to break even as the program matured. She inquired if that point has been reached. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied no. She then inquired if we suggest to concessionaires to request a larger amount of increase. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied that operators are trusted to know their business and their needs.

Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline - Golden State Model Railroad Museum - In response to Director Lane, Acting Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz confirmed that the museum is open each Saturday from 12:00-5:00 p.m., Sundays from 11:00-3:00 p.m., from April through December.

Ms. Waluch noted that as the term of the contract comes up for renewal, an evaluation will be conducted. She stated that this contract was renewed in 2009 with a Special Use Agreement for \$100 per year. The intent is to incrementally increase the contract to reach \$2,400 per year.

<u>Director Lane</u> inquired about the impact to staff and requiring more service yard space due to the size of the location. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied he has not received any requests from staff on requiring more space.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> moved that the Committee approve and recommend to the full Board all presented changes to the 2015 Consolidated Fee Schedule. <u>Director Severin</u> seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (3-0).

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. AGM Comments

Mission Peak

Signs are in place with a press release issued and the information placed on the District website. The new hours begin on Monday, October 29. A grace period will be observed before citations are issued. Comments are being directed to Acting Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz.

<u>Director Lane</u> requested a summary of comments being made by park visitors. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> responded that the information will be forwarded to the Committee. He also mentioned that he will contact Vice President Ron Little at Ohlone College to provide an update.

<u>Restoration Project</u> – This project will begin in October 2014. This includes work on the trail, fencing, scarification and reseeding of the surface to regrow the vegetation over the winter.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> inquired on the status of the staircase project. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> indicated that the design is still being worked on. She also inquired on the art object at the top of the peak. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied that a solution is being developed to potentially remove and restore it.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> inquired on the two potential staging area parking lots. <u>Park Planner Michelle Julene</u> replied that the geo-technical report was received but have not heard from our design engineer if that will change the design of either option. The EIR will likely be on hold until for a complete a cycle, since an analysis can't be completed on an alternative that is in process.

Drought and Water

At Del Valle, the District still expects DWR to draw lake down to the normal winter low. That would still be above the water system level. Guarded swimming has ended. Reservations are being accepted through October 5 and in October the District will close down Phases 3 and 4 and will extend reservations through November 2.

At Shadow Cliffs, water levels continue to recede. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> shared current pictures of the lake with the Committee.

AGM O'Connor shared current data on El Nino and the drought, which was presented at the recent Operations Managers/Supervisors Forum by Logan Johnson from the National Weather Service.

AGM O'Connor and Chief of Park Operations have requested that the Park Supervisors develop a restoration plan for turf in their parks. Once the information is gathered, it will be presented to the Committee.

Funds currently in the budget will potentially be used towards purchasing equipment for in-house restoration work, weather dependent.

Willow Park Golf Course

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> indicated that the RFP closed last Friday and two proposals were submitted. The next step is the review and interview process.

In reference to the interim operator, staff requested \$30,000 of Board Contingency funds at the Executive Committee Meeting, and is seeking an additional \$35,000 internally for the interim operations for 2014. The contract will be brought before the Board on October 7, 2014.

Personnel Changes

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> anticipates announcement of the new Chief of Park Operations by the end of the week. With the retirement of the Delta Unit Manager, <u>Acting Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz</u> is interviewing for a long term acting assignment. The Unit Manager position is in open recruitment. This will provide a new list for Unit Managers for future openings. Acting positions are in place for the Interpretive and the Recreation Managers.

Lake Chabot Project

A new engineering fix is currently taking place for the dam which could mean the water levels might not need to be drawn down as low and would keep the Marina operating. The design is scheduled to be finalized August 2015.

6. Board Comments

<u>Director Lane</u> inquired on the progression of the Shady Slope Bridge at Las Trampas. She received an update from <u>Trails and Development Programs Manager Jim Townsend</u>. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> stated that if there are early rains then weather will dictate the timeline on the progress of the bridge.

<u>Director Lane</u>, along with National Park Service staff, provided an Anza Trails presentation to the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association. At the presentation, concern was raised about Peace Grove. The association is working directly with <u>Park Supervisor Sergio Huerta</u> and <u>Park Supervisor Justin Neville</u> on this concern. <u>Acting Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz</u> indicated that the first volunteer clean-up effort is taking place this week. Potential funding for a Civicorp crew to be provided by the rotary. The crew would assist under the District's direction.

<u>Director Lane</u> mentioned that at this meeting comments were made on Temescal and that the path from Broadway Terrace has some precarious elements and seems to be unsafe. It was mentioned that smaller picnic tables at Temescal would be nice for a more quiet experience.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> suggested sending a thank you note to the volunteers who completed the conservancy trial connection between the edge of Sycamore Grove and Del Valle.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> suggested funding a crew to clean-up after major holidays such as Labor Day and 4^{th} of July.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next Board Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. on **Thursday, October 23, 2014**, in the Board Room, Peralta Oaks.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Valentine Executive Secretary Operations Division <u>Page Left Blank Intentionally</u>





BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Thursday, October 23, 2014 – 12:45 p.m. Peralta Oaks – Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

AGENDA								
<u>Status</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>ltem</u>		<u>Staff</u>				
(R)	12:45	1.	Review Patterson Ranch Concession: Coyote Hills Regional Park	(Waluch/Mattingly)				
(D)	1:15	2.	Review Willow Park Golf Course Concession: Lake Chabot Regional Park	(Waluch)				
	2:00	3.	Public Comments					
	2:10	4.	AGM Comments					
	2:20	5.	Board Comments					
	2:30	6.	Adjourn					
	2:10 2:20	4. 5.	AGM Comments Board Comments					

Status

- (R) Recommendation
- (I) Information

(D) Discussion

Board Operations Committee Members

Beverly Lane (Chair); Carol Severin; Ayn Wieskamp; Doug Siden (Alternate); Jim O'Connor (Staff Coordinator)

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

d. Operations (Thursday, October 23, 2014) (Lane)

Present

Board: Directors Beverly Lane, Ayn Wieskamp, Carol Severin

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Mary Mattingly, Mark Ragatz, Mimi Waluch, Matt McDonell,

Warren Schultz, Carol Victor, Noah Dort, Denise Valentine

Guests: Judi Bank, Doug Perry

I. Review Patterson Ranch Concession: Coyote Hills Regional Park

Administrative Manager Mary Mattingly began by sharing with the Committee the donation accepted by the District on June 3 of 296.4 acres from the Patterson family. The donated property borders the eastern boundary of Coyote Hills Regional Park. Deed restriction granted to the District earlier this year set aside 200 acres on the northern end of the donated property to reserve its agriculture and open space values.

Mr. Joe Perry has expressed interest in farming a portion of the donated property, as well as utilizing some of the historic buildings. Perry Farms Group has farmed the lands surrounding Ardenwood Historic Farm since the mid-1980's and is currently under contract with the District through September 2030. The first phase of farming for this designated acreage would be to test the soil to determine if it is suitable for organic farming, evaluate the condition of the existing wells, and plant a cover crop in the winter of 2014. A map of the property was displayed for the Committee.

Staff is recommending entering into a concession agreement with Perry Farms Group Farming for farming and use of several storage buildings on a designated portion of the Patterson Ranch property. The initial term of the agreement would be five years commencing on December I, 2014, with two additional five-year options. During the initial term the annual concession fee paid to the District by Perry Farms, including the average of 60 acres leased, will be at the rate of \$100 per acre.

<u>Director Lane</u> inquired as to options at the end of the first five year term. <u>Administration and Revenue Manager Mimi Waluch</u> replied that at the end of the first term, a review will be conducted to see what has transpired during that period and determine if the agreement is still suitable for both parties. It is a mutually agreed upon option. <u>Director Lane</u> expressed concern that in prior agreements, a concessionaire could solely make that decision. <u>Ms. Waluch</u> confirmed it is now handled differently and is considered a mutual agreement.

<u>Director Lane</u> indicated a letter was received from an outside party expressing interest in conducting farming on the property. <u>Ms. Waluch</u> stated that several requests have been received for use of the property, however, each submission was for a single use of the property. For example, one was for farming, another for the produce stand, another for use of a storage building for car storage. <u>Ms. Waluch</u> believes the option presented today is the best thus far. Joe Perry Farms is experienced, can provide the necessary insurance and is currently in a stable agreement with the District. In addition, a discussion was had with Joe and Doug Perry regarding the addition of another farming group and the possibility of creating a sub-lease for another part of the farm. It was determined that this could present problems, as far as soil cross-contamination.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> moved that the Committee approve and recommend to the full Board a five year concession agreement with Perry Farms Group Farming commencing on December I, 2014 with two five-year options thereafter. <u>Director Severin</u> seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (3-0).

2. Review Willow Park Golf Course Concession: Lake Chabot Regional Park

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> relayed that the results of the RFP process, next steps for the District, and that the interim operations will be shared with the Committee. He began by stating that a team was created to review the two proposals received for this RFP. Team members included the following:

AGM O'Connor, Revenue and Administration Manager Mimi Waluch, Chief of Park Operations Mark Ragatz, Chief of MAST Kelly Barrington, Unit Manager Warren Schultz, Park Supervisor Tamie Andrews, Administrative Analyst Renee Patterson, District Counsel Carol Victor, Design Manager Audrey Som, Auditor David Sumner, retired City of Alameda Parks and Recreation Director Dale Lillard.

The proposal submitted by Tayman Park Golf Group, Inc. was determined to be incomplete. Designs were submitted on capital improvements, however, no commitment of funds were received in the proposal. A commitment to paying the rent was included, however, the terms, funding, and financing proof for the capital program was excluded. For these reasons the proposal was rejected.

The proposal submitted by Billy Casper Golf, LLC., was determined to be incomplete. After review, a legal partnership under the tenant who would be the group in contract with the District could not be proven. There is no proven financial records for a non-entity that would have the backing to support the capital program, as listed in the RFP. Other elements, such as

fee increases and a revenue plan, were not consistent in terms of the return on investment for the capital investment. The term presented was 25 years plus two ten-year options, which is not legal for the District to enter into. For these reasons the proposal was rejected and both proposers have been notified of their proposal status.

The next step is to enter into the interim operation with Touchstone and begin the transition from the current operator. Once Touchstone is in place, the facilities will be re-evaluated and the District will determine the necessary changes to the Capital Program for the future RFP.

Revenue and Administration Managers Mimi Waluch stated that the District received a few phone calls from people thanking the District for the opportunity to submit proposals, but indicated that the Capital Program was too large. As the current operator exits, this will present an opportunity for the District to have the independent group, Touchstone, work with the facility and provide their professional evaluation of what is currently taking place.

Ms. Waluch stated that, in reference to the food service, Touchstone reached out to the current operator and they do not have an interest in remaining at the facility.

<u>Director Lane</u> questioned if golfing will continue with the interim operator. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied yes and confirmed Touchstone will not be operating the restaurant or banquet facilities. The snack and bar area will be opened during the interim operation. In response to <u>Director Lane</u>, <u>Ms. Waluch</u> replied that the hours of operation should remain the same.

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> commented that a facility inspection of the golf course, which includes fire protection and sanitation, will be conducted. The results of that inspection will dictate the interim operation of the restaurant. <u>Ms. Waluch</u> commented that the facility is aged and that upgrades and renovation will need to be completed.

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> stated that, after these steps have been completed, the internal staff will meet and discuss the scope of work for the second RFP.

<u>Director Lane</u> inquired if the evaluation of the golf course itself is being conducted. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied yes. He indicated the District has been working with EBMUD on the debris issue downstream, which seems to have helped the flooding issue. Last year, when the site received a high flow, there was no flooding. Work was also completed on the course and lower areas to correct conditions.

<u>Director Lane</u> inquired as to when the lease with EBMUD will be completed. <u>Ms. Waluch</u> stated the lease expires November 30, 2014 and that the Land Department is currently in negotiations on the new lease.

<u>Cliff Sherwood</u> - Castro Valley resident, expressed the interest of himself and Billy Casper Golf in Willow Park. He indicated they put a proposal together that made sense economically, to raise the capital in response to the RFP. He shared his concern should the facility shut down for a term of six months.

<u>AGM O'Connor</u> stated it is not our intention to be closed any more than two weeks during the transition of the current operator to Touchstone. The challenge will be the results of the health inspection.

<u>Scott Hill</u> – Manager of Watershed and Recreation for EBMUD explained that the takeaway from a recent District Board meeting was that the current RFP did not include the operation and banquet hall and restaurant. He questioned if the interim operations included the operation of the banquet hall and restaurant.

AGM O'Connor responded that the RFP included the operations of the banquet room and facility. Some confusion might have come in where the operation was listed as an alternate capital improvement, with the potential to expand the current banquet facility. It was an alternate option in which the District would negotiate a potential public/private partnership for future development. The general RFP Scope of Work included operations of the banquet and restaurant facility.

AGM O'Connor stated the interim operator is focused on golf operations. The operation of the banquet room and the restaurant was not included for the interim operator. The intention with Touchstone is to operate the bar, snack bar, pro shop and the golf course.

Robert Maddow – legal counsel representing the current Willow Park Golf Course operator. Mr. Maddow clarified that the District does not have a lease with Mr. Renee Viviani, but instead a long term partnership. He indicated Mr. Viviani's commitment to fulfill his obligations with the District. He shared that the conversation taking place today is the most detailed discussion he's aware of between the District and what will occur with Willow Park Golf Course. He expressed his hope for a good transition.

Mr. Maddow then addressed Mr. Scott Hill in stating that from 1986 to 2012 the District did not conduct work in the inlet downstream from the golf course. To the credit of retired General Counsel Ted Radosevich and Mr. Hill, excellent cooperation has been done between the two Districts.

3. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

4. AGM Comments

No AGM comments were made.

5. Board Comments

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> inquired if a meeting was scheduled for November. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> replied yes and it will be held on a Tuesday.

<u>Director Lane</u> expressed her appreciation of receiving reports from the field. Her interest lies with <u>Chief of MAST Kelly Barrington's</u> department. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> stated as part of staff development they plan to provide regular updates beginning next year.

<u>Director Wieskamp</u> requested an update on Mission Peak at the next Board Operations Committee meeting.

<u>Director Lane</u> requested a presentation on the District's Visitor Centers. <u>AGM O'Connor</u> indicated that <u>Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services Anne Kassebaum</u> will take the lead on that directive.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m. The next Board Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 25</u>, <u>2014</u>, in the Board Room, Peralta Oaks.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Valentine Executive Secretary Operations Division



WORKFORCE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 2:00 p.m., Board Conference Room

2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

		AGENDA	
<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
(I, D)	2:00 p.m.	Discussion of Workforce Diversity Reports	Beshears
(D)	3:00 p.m.	Public Comments	
	3:30 p.m.	Adjournment	

(R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration

(I) Information

(D) Discussion

Future Meeting Dates: October 2015

Workforce Diversity Committee Members:
Doug Siden, Whitney Dotson, Board Representatives
Ayn Wieskamp, Board Representative Alternate
Sukari Beshears, Bismarck Blanco, Management Representatives
Sabrina Pinell, Rachel Reside, AFSCME Representatives

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT Tuesday, December 16, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

e. Workforce Diversity Committee (10/8) (Siden)

Attendees:

Board: Director Doug Siden (Chair), Director Whitney Dotson

Staff: Sukari Beshears, Quynh Truong, Rachel Reside, Sabrina Pinell, Elaine Feemster, Nadine Vargas, and Philip Coffin.

<u>Director Siden</u> called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF WORKFORCE DIVERSITY REPORTS

Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager, reviewed annual diversity reports provided to the committee members in advance and explained they are based on fiscal year from July I, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to coincide with requisite federal reporting to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in periods ending in odd years. Ms. Beshears began with the amount of turnover the District is experiencing, stating she is committed to increasing workforce diversity, and will continue to promote hiring of staff to reflect the communities the District serves. The group reviewed the narrative report summarizing key statistics of new hires, promotions, upward mobility, and turnover during the reporting period. Ms. Pinell stated she is encouraged to see similar numbers of males and females receiving promotions. Ms. Pinell wanted clarification for the upward mobility section of the types of positions for this data. Ms. Pinell stated that the breakdown of the turnovers is great information; however, if possible for the future, to include gender, ethnic breakdown and reasons why the employees left the District.

Ms. Pinell brought up the challenges of the online application process. Ms. Gonzales mentioned last year there would be a kiosk in the lobby for candidates to complete the online application. If kiosk utilization is low after one year, then Information Services would remove it. How would candidates know to apply from that computer? Ms. Beshears responded Human Resources will ensure the website is updated to provide that information. Ms. Beshears also mentioned the online application process is an efficient streamlined approach many public agencies are using and simplifies tracking. Ms. Beshears will follow up with Mr. Tallerico about usage of the kiosk in the lobby. Other staff members added they have heard candidates, of all ages, having a hard time completing and submitting online applications. Mr. Coffin mentioned

this program asks questions regarding race, gender, age, etc. which should not be required. <u>Ms. Beshears</u> will look into this; however, Human Resources has no data to support there are any issues with completing the online application, and any identifying candidate information is optional and not required.

Ms. Pinell requested two minutes to present at the New Hire Orientation (NEO) to introduce the diversity group and be a resource for newly hired staff. Ms. Beshears will take the request into consideration, but also suggested the group provide a brochure or flyer to pass out during NEO. Ms. Pinell stated that Mr. Coffin is currently working on the flyer.

The group discussed outreach to include more than job fairs. November through February provide better opportunities for job fairs; however, the group should also attend events in order to provide public awareness about the District. Costs may change depending on the event. Ms. Feemster suggested creating a list of events and job fairs available. Ms. Beshears will talk to Bismarck Blanco, Human Resources Analyst II about how that information is currently tracked.

Ms. Pinell commented that while there has been a steady decline in the number of black males leaving the District, in the past couple of years, the District has increased the number of males hired, and decreased the number of females hired.

<u>Ms. Reside</u> appreciates Mr. Blanco providing the reports and information for this meeting two weeks in advance but requested information be provided four weeks in advance for review. <u>Ms. Beshears</u> will take that request into consideration.

Ms. Reside inquired about the District's plans to continue the job shadowing program and whether it would be opened to all staff members, including seasonal staff, to participate should it be brought back. Ms. Reside also inquired about whether the District would increase the \$1,600 training reimbursement benefit, since this amount was established in the late 90s and tuition rates have since increased.

Ms. Feemster commented she would like to see more long term acting assignment opportunities.

Ms. Pinell mentioned that the District offers Diversity training. The Diversity group would be interested in meeting with the trainer to see what is on the agenda.

<u>Director Siden</u> commended the committee members and asked if <u>Director Dotson</u> had any questions. <u>Director Dotson</u> did not. <u>Director Siden</u> is glad that diversity in the workplace is important for all, especially with all the changes in staff.

RECOMMENDATION

<u>Director Siden</u>, with the concurrence of <u>Director Dotson</u>, agreed to grant \$1,000 from the Board Contingency fund for the Workforce Diversity Committee to attend job fairs and community outreach efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further committee business at this time, <u>Director Siden</u> adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m. The next meeting of this committee will take place on October 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:		
Quynh Truong		

BREAKING: Park district drops lawsuit

Michele Ellson

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, The Alamedan



The East Bay Regional Park District has filed a request to dismiss its two-year-old lawsuit against the City of Alameda over city leaders' decision to zone property the park district wanted to permit housing, the park district announced Tuesday.

"With the open-space zoning in place and the time to challenge its adoption having expired, the park district's lawsuit was no longer necessary to protect this property from incompatible development," Carol Victor, the park district's counsel, was quoted as saying in a press release.

Assistant City Manager Alex Nguyen said the city was waiting for a court-filed copy of the dismissal to comment.

The park district sued the city and developer Tim Lewis Communities in 2012 over a proposal to develop homes on a 3.899-acre federal government parcel across the street from Crab Cove, which the park district sought to acquire in order to expand the park. The Roseville-based homebuilder won an auction for

the property after agreeing to pay \$3.075 million for it. The city then zoned it to permit housing, prompting the park district to sue.

Development plans were halted after the state refused to permit the developer to use McKay Avenue, prompting the federal government to sue to reclaim the road; the Bay Conservation and Development Commission also threatened a lawsuit. A group of community members successfully gathered signatures for a ballot measure to rezone the property for parks and open space, and the City Council adopted the zoning change in July. Tim Lewis Communities relinquished its interest in the property in November.

The legal fracas strained relations between the city and the park district, which officials on both sides are saying they'd like to repair. Mayor-elect Trish Spencer has said that rebuilding the city's relationship with the park district is one of her first priorities as mayor.

"We are glad this lawsuit with the City of Alameda has been resolved and that there is a general consensus that the federal property should become parkland if it can be acquired from the General Services Administration," the park district's general manager, Robert Doyle, was quoted as saying in the release. "We look forward to rebuilding a cooperative relationship with the City of Alameda so both agencies can work together to better serve the public."

Fire prevention grants spare some eucalyptus trees in East Bay hills

By Doug Oakley doakley@bayareanewsgroup.com, December 11, 2014

OAKLAND -- Nine years and 13,000 public comments later, the federal government has decided that thinning eucalyptus trees in the East Bay hills instead of cutting them all down is the correct way to help prevent a repeat of the 1991 firestorm.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency last week ended its environmental review process for \$5.67 million in grant applications from Oakland, UC Berkeley and the East Bay Regional Park District for tree and vegetation management. The announcement caps a debate among residents and firefighters over whether it is better to remove all the highly flammable eucalyptus and nonnative trees in the hills or just some of them.



The federal government has decided that thinning eucalyptus trees in the East Bay hills instead of cutting them all down is the correct way to help prevent a repeat of the 1991 firestorm. (Doug Oakley/Bay Area News Group archives)

But in the end, FEMA said much of the weight of the decision was on preserving habitat for animals in the hills in addition to removing vegetation.

"We have to be responsible stewards for the animals as well," said Jeff Lusk, director of hazard mitigation at the FEMA Oakland office. "It is about thinning appropriately while not completely removing the habitat where sensitive species live. We had to determine the happy point where we could reduce fire risk and maintain the habitat for animal species."

The red-legged frog and the Alameda whipsnake are a couple of those, he said. If the grant comes through and there are no lawsuits blocking the grants, Oakland will get some much needed fire prevention relief, said fire Chief Theresa Deloach Reed, who started the job in 2012.

"I think this is going to be great for Oakland," Deloach Reed said. "We've been waiting a really long time for it."

Deloach Reed said Oakland's portion of the grants, \$3 million, will allow the city to draw up a comprehensive plan to cut back trees and bushes in the hills. Until now, the city has removed only low-lying vegetation and some dead trees, but it hasn't done any wholesale thinning of trees.

"Eucalyptus trees are very dangerous," Deloach Reed said. "I think thinning is a start, and it will allow us to prevent the spread of fire from tree to tree that happens so quickly."

The end of the environmental review process starts an internal 30-day review within FEMA that will determine if the government will award the grants, Lusk said. If approved, the money should be released after that, he said.

If the grants are awarded, Oakland will get the largest portion, East Bay Regional Park District will receive about \$2.2 million, and UC Berkeley will get about \$500,000.

Tim Wallace, of Berkeley, who is president of the Claremont Canyon Conservancy, didn't like the decision because it leaves the eucalyptus trees in the hills.

"Thinning will never take care of the issue," Wallace said. "It gets you into a perpetual public cost because it requires the removal of underbrush and leaves the eucalyptus there. They will continue to grow and drop acid on the native bushes below, which kills them. So what you have left is a eucalyptus plantation."

Sal Genito, associate director of grounds at UC Berkeley, which has about 400 acres of land in the hills the FEMA grant would be used on, said all the entities that applied for grants will have to follow the same rules if they plan to use the money.

"The new approach does leave some of the eucalyptus in place," Genito said. "We don't have a choice. Everybody has to follow the same rules."

In some areas of land it owns, UC Berkeley has been cutting down all the eucalyptus trees, Genito said.

Dan Grassetti, of Oakland, who represents the Hills Conservation Network, an organization that has been fighting the idea of clear-cutting in the hills and a group that believes eucalyptus trees are not as flammable as many say, was cautiously optimistic about FEMA's decision to publish its environmental review.

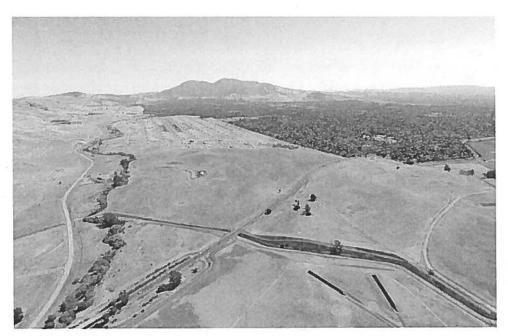
"In general, the decision to not allow radical clear-cutting is a good thing," Grassetti said. "The process of getting to fire mitigation is not nearly as disastrous as was proposed earlier. But we're still concerned about the number of trees that would be cut down."

He said eucalyptus trees have been "scapegoated" in the past by fire department officials who say they are one of the worst fire hazards in the hills.

"We had an independent third-party expert do an analysis on what the risks are and how to mitigate them, and there is a general agreement that ground fuels are the biggest problem and not tall trees," Grassetti said. "Bay trees are particularly problematic."

Barnidge: Patience is a necessary evil with the Concord Naval Weapons Station project

By Tom Barnidge Contra Costa Times Columnist, December 6, 2014

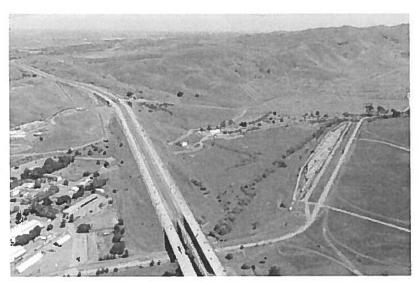


An aerial view of the shuttered Concord Naval Weapons Station as seen in this Sept.15, 2009 photograph. ((Karl Mondon/Staff Archives))

Mike Wright has fielded a lot of different queries about development of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station in his eight years overseeing the project, but the questions have been more predictable lately.

"We get more folks asking 'when,' " he said. "When are the jobs coming? When are we going to be able to build something?" He understands that it seems the waiting will never end.

Wright is executive director of the local reuse authority, a position that requires knowledge of military protocol, regulatory agencies and governmental process. But there's no more important part of his job qualifications than endless patience.



An aerial view of the former Naval Weapons Station (on right side of freeway) near Concord, Calif. May 2, 2011. (Karl Mondon/Staff Archives))

When he was asked for a projection five years ago, he guessed the property would be transferred to Concord and shovels in the dirt by 2014. Instead, the Navy is running about two years late in getting its environmental impact statement finalized. (It's better at war than land transfers.) His newest estimate is late summer of 2017, and it's safe to assume that his fingers were crossed when he said that.

"These sites are really complicated," he said, "and it doesn't take too much to get them derailed."

Both the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife must be satisfied that development plans don't harm sensitive habitat. Both the federal Environmental Protection Agency and California Department of Toxic Substances Control have to certify there are no contaminants in the soil. Then the Regional Water Quality Control Board gets to weigh in.

Approval from those and a laundry list of other alphabet agencies is required just to transfer property ownership. Then comes the real business of developing the site.

Waiting for the wheels of bureaucracy to turn has at least given Wright time to tackle an assortment of challenges he knows are awaiting him. Among the first is finding temporary access to the land, which until now has been across Army property.

He's had conversations with the water district and the sanitary district about infrastructure needs ("We'll probably need an area, at elevation of about 300 feet, to put in water tanks to provide water pressure," he said).

He's talked with PG&E about requirements for electric and gas power ("Natural gas shouldn't be a problem, but we're going to have to put in a new substation to provide electric power").

He's discovered that approvals will be needed even from aviation officials because a small portion of the development site sits beneath one of the approach patterns to Buchanan Field.

"There are a lot of moving parts," he said, "and a lot of people have to give their OKs. But the exciting thing to me is we really are getting close to having control of the land."

What lies on the immediate horizon is the search for a master developer for the initial 400-acre phase. Next will be a public review of the Navy's final environmental impact statement. Then, perhaps as soon as early 2016, a specific plan will begin to unfold, with a first peek at how the architecture might look and where streets will go.

When all is said and done, the Concord Reuse Project is expected to be home to 28,000 residents in 12,000 new residential units, 25 percent of which will be affordable housing. There will be retail establishments, athletic fields and about 2,700 acres of East Bay Regional Park District land.

The wait will be worth it. Just ask Mike Wright.

East Bay's Park It: Fremont's Ardenwood offers views of Christmas past

By Ned MacKay Columnist, CC Times, December 5, 2014

Victorian-era Christmas celebrations and traditions come to life again each year at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

Ardenwood's historic Patterson House is fully decorated for Christmas in Victorian-inspired splendor. Docents will lead tours of the mansion at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19; and again at 11:30 a.m., noon, 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Dec. 13-14 and 20-21. The fee for the tours is \$4 for adults and seniors, \$3 for children ages 3 and older (plus the farm admission fee).

The Patterson House staff and docents will also host a Christmas open house from 5 to 8:45 p.m. Friday, including live music. The fee for the event is \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Registration is required. For information, go to www.RegeRec.com. And don't forget Christmas at Ardenwood. The park-wide celebration with lots of music and activities is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The fee for that is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children and free for ages 3 and younger.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., just north of Highway 84 in Fremont. For more information on fees and the Christmas celebration, call 510-544-2797.

ALSO IN FREMONT: Nearby at Coyote Hills Regional Park, naturalist Kristina Parkison will lead a leisurely stroll on the trails from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday for ages 12 and older. It's one of the district's "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" activities.

And muskrats will be the focus of Family Fun Hour from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Coyote Hills. Family fun hours include stories, games and activities with a natural history theme for ages five and older. Meet at the park visitor center. Coyote Hills is at 8000 Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway in Fremont. For information, call 510-544-3220.

Alameda: A treasure hunt using map and compass is the featured attraction at Family Nature Fun Hour from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda. Then it's time to feed the fish from 3 to 3:30 p.m. both days at the visitor center aquarium. The programs are free. Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Central Avenue. For information, call 510-544-3187. Berkeley: Works of art depicting plants and animals of the regional parks are on display from now through Jan. 4 in the Environmental Education Center at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley.

The artists are members of the local Guild of Natural Science Illustrators. You can meet them in person at a free reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the center. Light refreshments will be served. The center is located at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive, which can be reached by descending Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley. Center hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. For information, call 510-544-2233.

Oakland: An easy, 2-mile walk along the Stream Trail at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland is the plan for a naturalist-led Saturday Stroll from 10 a.m. to noon this weekend. The group will practice some stretching techniques and also look for signs of wildlife. It's a great family-friendly activity. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash on the Stream Trail.

Meet at Redwood's Canyon Meadow picnic area. To get there, drive east on Redwood Road up the hill from Highway 13 in Oakland. About 2 miles past the intersection with Skyline Boulevard, turn left into the park at Redwood Gate and drive to the end of the road. For information, call 510-544-3187.

Oakley: Mammals of the Delta -- river otters, beavers, minks and others -- will be the stars of a program from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley. All these animals live in the Delta, and river otters have been captured on video at Big Break. The park is located at 69 Big Break Road off Main Street in Oakley. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 3050.

Tilden Regional Park Road Closes as Newts Cross to Mating Pools

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(KGO) - South Park Drive at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley is now closed to vehicles as local newts cross the streets and head back to their mating pools.

Naturalist Trent Pearce says that the newts come out of a kind of hibernation called aestivation after the first winter rains. The newts then usually travel back to the breeding pools where they were born, and the females will lay their eggs.

Though many species of salamanders are endangered, The California newt is "doing pretty well," Pearce says.

South Park Drive will be closed until April 1st.

California Parks: System sadly deteriorating as it hits 150 years old

By Mary Wright, Ted Jackson and Dick Troy Special to the Mercury News, December 5, 2014

The National Park Service will celebrate its centennial in 2016 and has multiple programs funded through the Budget Act and partnership agreements to commemorate this noteworthy anniversary.

Not so for California State Parks. The state budget is silent regarding the department's sesquicentennial, and the department has struggled to raise money to support celebrating its anniversary.

Wallace Stegner, famed writer, historian and conservationist, said our national park system was "the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic." And true to California's trailblazing nature, America's so-called "best idea" was born in California. Yosemite was California's first state park (1864) before it was transferred back to the federal government.

California's parks movement flourished in the early 1900s thanks to conservation giants such as John Muir, Andrew Hill, Frederick Law Olmstead and others. Baby boomers enjoyed a state park system that was affordable, accessible and unparalleled in its inventory of natural and cultural resources.

But what's to celebrate today? The system is in free fall, what with failing infrastructure, worn facilities, ever-increasing fees, nearly \$2 billion in deferred maintenance, political and public indifference, a dispirited workforce and a complete absence of leadership or urgency on the part of elected officials to do anything about it.

Gov. Jerry Brown has struggled to provide consistent leadership for state parks. To his credit, his administration created the Parks Forward Commission, and it has provided some worthwhile recommendations. Its final draft is expected soon.

Consistent with the Parks Forward recommendations, we encourage the governor to act on three critical initiatives:

☐ A permanent, adequate funding source. State Parks has suffered from
inadequate and inconsistent funding since the 1980s. These are public trust assets
that contribute to the quality of life, and they deserve public funding.
Yes, user fees should be used to support the system. But an overreliance on
revenues and bottom-line management is creating a park system for the wealthy,
alienating major segments of the population and fostering an unhealthy dynamic of
revenues over resources.
Now is the time to develop a permanent, adequate funding source.
☐ Leadership. It is time for the governor to use his expansive Rolodex to find a
dynamic, talented, qualified state parks director. There are talented park
professionals who would welcome the challenge if given assurances that the
governor is serious about fixing state parks.
☐ Infrastructure. It is bad business to allow further deterioration and the loss of
these irreplaceable assets. The system and its iconic parks are major contributors
to California's tourism industry and are economic engines for scores of gateway
communities. Commit \$75 million per year for the next decade to repair worn
out facilities and restore crumbling historic structures. Address the no-growth
attitude that is pervasive around the capital. The California story has many more
chapters to be told, and the 10 million new residents expected in the next 20
years will need places to recreate and reflect.

It is really a question of what kind of California we would like to leave for our children and our children's children. The governor could and should lead a new parks movement for the 21st century and leave a legacy of renewed commitment to the preservation of the state's natural and cultural heritage. Ensuring a protected and appropriately funded state park system for another 150 years and beyond is the least that he -- and we -- should do.

Mary Wright was chief deputy director of California State Parks from 1991-2001. Ted Jackson was deputy director of park operations from 2004-2009, and Dick Troy was deputy director of operations from 2000-2002. They wrote this for this newspaper.

The Significance of Wonder

Connecting with Wonderments co-authors Malcolm Margolin and Sylvia Linsteadt by Beth Slatkin on December 04, 2014



Yellow-faced bumblebee (Bombus

vosnesenskii) on a solanum blossom. Photo: Rollin Coville



Heyday Books' Malcolm Margolin

According to local legend, some four decades ago Malcolm Margolin was fired from his position as a seasonal naturalist with the East Bay Regional Park District for refusing to wear a uniform. But then, liberated from the constraints of a public agency job, the future Heyday Books founder took an unlikely sort of revenge: He wrote and published *East Bay Out*, a personal guidebook and homage to the East Bay parks. It became an instant classic for Bay Area nature lovers and the first title in his nascent local publishing empire.

Forty years later, Margolin has returned to the parks of the East Bay in Wonderments of the East Bay, a new book marking the 80th anniversary of the Park District. He wrote the book with Marin-based nature writer Sylvia Linsteadt,

a 2014 winner of the San Francisco Foundation's James D. Phelan Award for emerging writers. We recently sat down with the co-authors at Heyday's office in Berkeley to discuss the book and Margolin's forty-year publishing career — and his concept of "wonderment."

[Note: Margolin was the cofounder and first publisher of Bay Nature magazine.]

BN: Congratulations on celebrating the 40th anniversary of Heyday Books. How does it feel?

MM: Oh God, I don't know – It feels like we're the world's oldest startup. When I come to the work, it still has a freshness to it; there's a sense of novelty and interest, as if we haven't the vaguest idea of how to do a book.

BN: How did you end up collaborating on Wonderments?

SL: I was working on a manuscript about animals in California in conjunction with the National Wildlife Federation, researching frogs. Then I worked at Heyday for a little while on some of their books, like an introduction to a literary guide to state parks.

MM: I love working with her and try to get her involved in anything I do!



Wonderments co-author Sylvia Linsteadt

BN: Malcolm, 40 years ago you published East Bay Out. How did this book come about, for those who aren't familiar with the work?

MM: I'd written a book called Earth Manual and sold it to Houghton Mifflin for 10,000 bucks. Then I used that money to write and publish East Bay Out.

BN: Did you see Wonderments it as a sequel to East Bay Out?

MM: No, it's a whole different form.

The East Bay Regional Park District is celebrating its 80th anniversary. They got hold of me and asked me to write something for their annual report. And since they fired me years ago, I owed them something. I figured I'd express my gratitude by writing it. Then they wanted us to do a coffee table book for the anniversary. I knew exactly what that book would look like. It's got thick pages. It will have pictures of hills, oak trees. Maybe there will be a baby fox or a baby bobcat. And then you'll turn the page and there will be a quote from John Muir. But the era of picture books is over. They don't have the same hold on the public imagination. I wanted something livelier, and something small.

At the same time I was working with Gordon Frankie at the Urban Bee Lab on his book *California Bees and Blooms* and I'd just found out about buzz pollination. It struck me as the most astounding thing I'd ever heard.



Photo: John Kehoe

BN: Can you describe buzz pollination?

MM: Pollen is formed within the anther of a flower. Usually the anther splits open and the bee goes in and covers itself with pollen, then goes to the next flower and deposits the pollen. But some plants, like manzanitas and shooting stars, have flowers where the anther is rigid and doesn't split easily so it's hard to get the pollen out. So certain species of bumblebees have developed the most extraordinary trick: They cling to the rim of the petal, and vibrate their wing muscles, which sets up a sympathetic vibration in the thorax, which produces a middle "C" note. That middle C note causes the anther to tremble in sympathy, and the tufts of pollen come out. All this activity creates a negative electrical charge around the bee, so that when the pollen comes out, it's attracted to that negative electrical charge and clings to the bee, which then goes off with the pollen.

BN: What's the significance of wonder?

MM: I think there are certain things you can say about something that narrow them down, e.g. scientific language. There's another kind of knowledge; the kind I like is the knowledge that expands.

I think I'm less interested in selling people on the wonderments of nature than selling them on the wonderments of language, of thought, of poetry. It's like that wonderful line from Wallace Stegner: "No place, not even a wild place, is a place until it has had that human attention that at its highest reach is called poetry." And it's that use of the world of the poetic imagination to set up a world parallel to the natural world. That is where I wanted to go with it.

SL: And I think it tries to engage readers in the act of feeling wonder. It's meant to evoke an emotional response.

MM: One of the big changes I've seen in my lifetime is the language of salesmanship; it's taking over everything. People think the reason to describe natural phenomena is to sell the idea that you have to protect the environment. So it becomes a kind of commodity. This is necessary and okay, but for me there's that world of forgotten language, the language of poetry, of playfulness, and love.



Insect on blue elderberry bush.

Photo: John Kehoe

The reason I love your elderberry chapter, Sylvia, is not for the elderberries, but for the language you use to describe them. The concluding sentence, about how the Miwok used elderberry for courting: "To select the right branch for flute-making and wooing, you had to find a branch with music in it. To do that, you waited for a windless day, and then you wandered until you found an elderberry with a leaf moving in the still air. Such a tree had music held inside." I love that.

BN: Do children need to experience wonder?

MM: You need to instill a sense of magic and wonder. If you don't have the rooting in magic, you're lost as a human being. What you've got to teach children is the beauty, magic, and fairy tales. Kids learn in a different part of their mind.

BN: Do you have any plans to work together on future projects like Wonderments?

MM: Well, I don't know whether we're going to franchise this or not. There's that marvelous Buddhist wisdom that repetition is the Buddhist definition of suffering. To do something again and again just because it worked is not my idea of a good time. I think it depends upon what brings out the best in us. The poetry of this — that spirit will be in whatever we work on together.

BN: What is your favorite wild place?

MM: The mind.

SL: The trail from Jewel Lake to Wildcat Canyon in Tilden Park is my favorite spot. I started going there when I began doing a lot of animal tracking. There's a lot going on there because of Wildcat Creek, so it's a crossroads for lots of animals. They have regular coyotes – I've noticed one that has a heel pad with a funny shape. And I see tracks of bobcats and deer and wood rats and salamanders.



elderberry bush. Photo: Jerry Ting

Chestnut-backed chickadee on blue

BN: Do you find these tracks after a rain?

SL: Yes, or in the summer when it gets really dry, in August. The dust is so fine, you can see prints. There's something really special to me about that little place; maybe it comes from creating a relationship with it.

MM: I'm not too good at hierarchies. There are places that I love at certain seasons of the year. I love Mount Diablo's Mitchell Canyon at wildflower season. I tend to go there all the time. There's a mortar hole on Albany Hill that speaks of people that once lived there.

I have strong personal associations with places where things happened to me in these places, the people I was with. The experiences I've had are more important than the places. There's my wonderful friend Ernie Siva, a Serrano Indian who sings traditional songs that go on for four nights; he sings songs of the wanderings of divinities when the world was first made. One particular song he sang was very haunting. I asked what the song meant. Ernie said: "If you want me to translate the words, I can do that. But that's not what gives the song meaning. What gives it meaning is who taught it to me, where I sing it in the cycle, who I'm going to teach it to, whether we've ever sung it at a funeral. And the fact that you're asking me about it gives it meaning. This is what the meaning of the song is: the association I've had with these places."



Photo: Allen King

I had a another wonderful friend, Ernest Landauer, who wrote poems that I don't even think he knew what they meant. I once saw him at the Monterey Market, and it was springtime. I was loading up the cart with apricots and peaches and plums and cherries and all these beautiful foods of spring, and I see Ernest coming by with his shopping cart, and it's got three potatoes and four rutabagas, and a couple of turnips. And I said, "What's wrong with you, Ernest? It's springtime." He said, "Sometimes you'll find that the things you like best in this world aren't the most interesting."

So probably the trail I go on most often is the Claremont Canyon trail—the "Bataan death march"—that goes straight up that hill. I can't say that it's my favorite in terms of dramatic scenery. But I've seen a rattlesnake on it. Every time I pass by that place where I saw the rattlesnake, I'm super-alert. That rattlesnake hasn't been there for 20 years, but every time I come to that place, I seize up. And then I meet people on that trail that I know.

BN: Are you enjoying the fall weather here in the Bay Area?

MM: I was hiking at Mt. Tam yesterday – it was so damn beautiful.

SL: I love this time of year -1 think it might be my favorite. The grass is starting to come up, so you see that green glow at the edge of the path.

Would you like to add anything?

MM: If you don't like our wonderments, find some of your own.

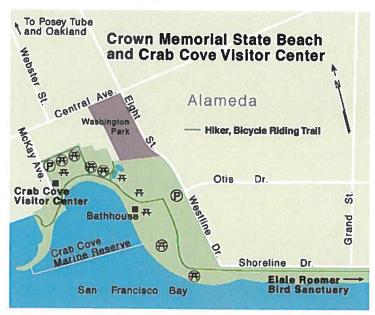


Wonderments of the East Bay cover

Visit Sylvia Linsteadt's website, Wildtalewort.net to learn more about her ecology- and myth-based taleweaving.

Feds continue court action over Crown Beach Park

December 3, 2014 Sierra Club Yodeler



Last July, the Alameda City Council heeded the will of Alameda citizens (and the Sierra Club) by zoning federal surplus property near Crown Memorial State Beach as open space. As a result, a private housing developer recently defaulted on its contract to purchase the property from the federal General Services Administration (GSA), and walked away from a plan to build 48 houses on the property.

One might think this is great news for the East Bay Regional Park District—that the way is now cleared for the district to acquire the land for the purpose of expanding the park at Crab Cove, just as the voters intended back in 2008 when they passed Measure WW. But the United States Department of Justice, acting on behalf of the GSA, is continuing its action to take over title of McKay Avenue, the state-owned street leading to the Crab Cove Visitor Center. If the GSA were to take control of McKay Avenue, the GSA could transfer the right to a private developer to dig up the street in order to install the utilities necessary for its project. The state and park district are fighting to kill the eminent domain action so that the GSA—which currently only has utility easement rights for federal government agencies—is compelled to sell the empty lot to the park district. The Department of Justice says it needs to seize McKay Avenue for the "continuing operations of the Alameda Federal Center," which is located on the upper part of the street. (The 3.89 acres vacated by the Department of Agriculture—and now zoned open space—are located at the end of the road

closest to the beach.) However, the state and the park district argue that the eminent domain action is actually intended to secure a more profitable sale of the vacant property.

On November 10, the court sided with the state and the park district on a motion to strike affirmative defenses. In his ruling, Judge William Alsup determined that the Department of Justice's claim that it needs to take ownership of McKay Avenue for its "continuing operations" is disingenuous and "belied by the easement it already retains and the circumstances around the now defunct sale to the private developer." The judge went on to write, "The only real reason the United States seeks to obtain title to McKay Avenue in fee simple is to secure easements for a prospective private development of the vacant federal parcel." This ruling was good news, but it is far from the last word on the matter. Judge Alsup ordered the United States to file a summary judgment motion, in which the judge decides the case based on undisputed facts without a trial, on or before February 16, 2015, and also urged the parties at the hearing to pursue immediate settlement negotiations. If the case is neither settled nor resolved by summary judgment, it is scheduled for trial in October 2015.

What You Can Do

Write to the Alameda City Council, Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and ask them to help end the eminent domain action and make way for the expansion of the park at Crab Cove.

- Alameda Mayor Marie Gilmore: <u>mgilmore@alamedaca.gov</u>
- Alameda Vice Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft: <u>mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov</u>
- Alameda Councilmember Lena Tam: <u>ltam@alamedaca.gov</u>
- Alameda Councilmember Stewart Go Chen: schen@alamedaca.gov
- Alameda Councilmember Tony Daysog: tdaysog@alamedaca.gov
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Learn about forest-fire mitigation in the East Bay hills from EBMUD and Cal

December 3, 2014 Sierra Club Yodeler



1991 East Bay hills fire.

Saturday, December 6, 10 am-5 pm. Ever wanted to know why there aren't more fires in our hills, especially during a drought? Join outings leader Ben Alvers for an educational hike on forest-fire mitigation in the East Bay hills. EBMUD Ranger Mark Silva and UC Berkeley facilities planner Tom Klatt will instruct us on their respective institutions' strategies to avoid another firestorm like the one that ravaged 1,520 acres and destroyed nearly 4,000 homes in 1991.

Our route will take us along the border between the EBMUD and UC Berkeley watersheds then back along the Sibley ridge line, where we can enjoy (weather allowing) beautiful views of San Francisco, Mount Tamalpais, and Mount Diablo.

Meet at 10 am sharp in the <u>Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve</u> parking lot. Eat a large breakfast because lunch will be later on the route. Total distance will be about 10 miles, although there is an early opt-out for those who want a shorter hike (7 miles, and less elevation). This event has been organized by the Bay Chapter's Conservation Committee, and is free and open to the public. Learn more at the <u>Bay Chapter activities calendar</u>.



December 2, 2014

FEMA Releases Final EIS on Eucalyptus Fire Hazard Reduction

Yesterday, on December 1 FEMA released the Final Environmental Impact Statement that sets conditions that must be followed by the University of California and the City of Oakland and the East Bay Regional Park District as they move forward with eucalyptus removal. The Conservancy has not yet examined the document in detail but here's our initial impression.

FEMA takes what it calls a unified approach for all three agencies' land but it is in fact the thinning approach favored by the Park District. This represents a departure from the draft EIS which permitted each agency to take a different approach and therefore appears to prevent the University from removing nearly all the hazardous eucalyptus trees in the upper part of Claremont Canyon and enabling conversion of its land to native species, the plan it had proposed originally.

The Conservancy's analysis of thinning generally is that it is less effective than conversion in reducing fire hazards and is far more expensive, considering the initial cost as well as the ongoing maintenance required. If UC and the other agencies do not have sufficient funds to perform the required ongoing maintenance, the fire danger would grow and FEMA is not increasing the size of the grants to pay for the added cost of thinning. In addition, thinning prevents less fire prone native species from replacing the eucalyptus. However, the final EIS does state that at the conclusion of the 10-year implementation period, the effect may be the same. It is unclear what this means. It may not be clear until the grant is implemented and we see how thinning is defined as the work is performed.

We will have more to say as we evaluate the EIS. In the meantime, we urge our members to review two documents. 1) Our Q&A on the issue which we revised and lengthened to discuss thinning in anticipation of the EIS and 2) the Executive Summary of the EIS itself. The Q&A is located on our website

here: http://claremontcanyon.org/pdf/Eucalyptus Q&A.pdf

and the Executive summary is located

here: http://ebheis.cdmims.com/Libraries/FinalEIS/Executive Summary 508.sflb.ashx.

Slugging it Out at Crown Beach

A curious sight washes ashore along the bayside.

by Renee Macalino Rutledge

Photography by: Photos by Morgan Dill, December 2, 2014



If you find a sea hare on the beach, just observe it. They eject a purple ink when agitated. PHOTOS BY MORGAN DILL

In October, dozens of sea slugs washed up on the shores of Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach and Crab Cove, catching the attention of curious beachgoers. Far bigger than your garden-variety slugs, the peculiar creatures, called California sea hares, made a strong impression for their sheer size and deep purple color.

The slugs were grouped alone or in pairs, spaced out every few feet among clumps of seaweed.

"We were originally alerted to their presence by a park visitor who had taken a picture and came into the Crab Cove Visitor Center and didn't know what he had found," says Morgan Dill, a naturalist aide for the East Bay Regional Park District. "The sea hares were still alive when they first washed up on the beach, but over the course of the next few days, gradually dried out and no longer were alive."

According to iNaturalist.org, the California sea hare is likely the world's largest gastropod, weighing up to 35 pounds. The striking marine animals live in coastal regions where they feed on algae and eelgrass, taking on the color of what they

eat. They have two pairs of antennae on their head, the anterior pair being much larger and ear-like, giving them their name.

They feed with a pair of jaws and a ribbon-like radula, and their thin, see-through shells are covered by a mantle. The Monterey Bay Aquarium website states that each sea hare is both male and female and has both sexual organs. Aside from telling light from dark, sea hares can't see.

It's uncertain why so many sea hares chose to make Alameda their final resting place this past October. According to Dill, sea hare sightings have increased, and the fascinating aquatic gastropods are always out in the Bay, eating seaweed and swimming around with their wing-like extensions. Cyclical mass mortality events such as the one at Crab Cove are not uncommon, though it has been a long time since one has happened on the island.

"The [mortalities] are likely not due to pollution, but more likely due to a large population boom about a year ago because of favorable conditions in the water for these large sea slugs," Dill says. "The juveniles rapidly mature at the same time, and at the dying end of their life cycle, they all tend to wash up on shore and die at the same time."

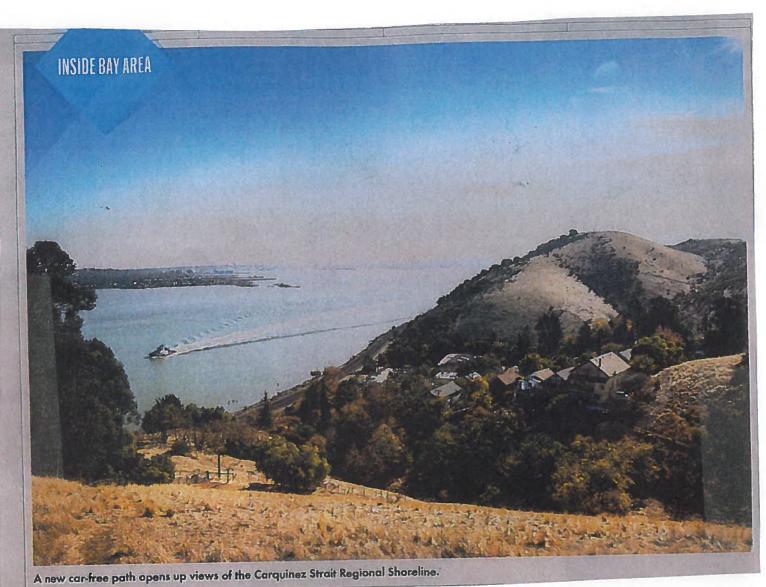
If you come across a California sea hare while at Crab Cove, keep in mind that putting it back in the water will not prevent it from dying. While the slugs aren't dangerous, they will eject a purple ink if agitated. Visitors should know that that Crab Cove is a marine preserve and anything found there is protected and should be left undisturbed.

"It is best to just let these creatures be, and not disrupt the process of their death," Dill says. "It is completely fine to look at them up close, though, and observe their beautiful skin color."

The adult generation lives in the shallow, sheltered places, while younger sea hares choose to stay in deeper waters. Along with sea hares, several species of sea slugs thrive in the Bay. Nudibranchs are sea slugs with bright colors and frills, among them the Salted Yellow Doris, which possess a plume of gills, and the white frond aeolis, which have small projections running parallel along their backs. Sea cucumbers, somewhat similar in shape, are often mistaken for sea slugs.

The sea hares need not wash up on shore to be seen; if you're lucky, you might find one on the mud flats when the tide is low. If the hares have struck your

curiosity, and you don't want to rely on chance, trek over to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where they're on exhibit at the Sandy Shore & Aviary and the Kelp Forest. The California Academy of Sciences also houses a large collection of sea slugs.



Strait joy

As it snakes between Martinez and Crockett, Carquinez Scenic Drive delivers everything from bald eagles to jawdropping views across the Carquinez Strait to the hills of Benicia. It's a primo path to bike, full of small dips and climbs that keep the ride zippy. But landslides had left portions eroded, and the best sections were fenced off. No longer. In October, East Bay Parks, which owns much of the surrounding land, reopened the 1.7-mile stretch after a \$5.5 million renovation. Now free of cars and superSunset Mayazini December 2014

New Bay Bridge plan: Turn piers into park

By Jaxon Van Derbeken, SF Chronicle

Friday, November 28, 2014



Photo: Terray Sylvester / The Chronicle

Bay Bridge officials want to keep some of the old eastern span's concrete piers in place — a plan they say would save on demolition costs and create a memorial for the historic structure.

It's a plan, however, that also would run contrary to an agreement bridge officials have with environmental authorities to minimize damage to the bay, both from building the new eastern span and tearing down the old one.

The eastern span project is running over its \$6.4 billion budget, so to save money, bridge officials are trying to cut costs where they can. One idea, backed by Steve Heminger, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, is to keep several of the old span's concrete piers in place near the Port of Oakland.

"We're talking about a half a dozen or so," said Randy Rentschler, commission spokesman.

The idea is to preserve and remember a portion of the old span as part of the planned Gateway Park. The 170-acre park would be built on Caltrans land near the span as an approach for the bike path to the bridge.

'Historical purposes'

Bridge officials also hope to leave behind the old span's main pier, used to support the cantilever segment of the bridge near Treasure Island.

"This is for historical purposes," Rentschler said. "The motivation here, while it almost certainly would save us money, is to create something that is going to look like sculptured art on the bay.

"They would be out there as a remembrance of the old structure."

But there's a hitch. The original permit for the bridge project, issued by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, requires all the piers to be removed down to the bay floor.

More than 'a ruin'

Rentschler said the hope is that the preserved parts of the old span would not look like abandoned relics, like what remains of the unrestored portion of the Berkeley Pier.

"That's just a ruin," Rentschler said. "It just goes out a mile into the bay and doesn't have a purpose, other than to save money for the people who abandoned it there."

The proposal to preserve some of the old bridge piers, Rentschler said, "is for the betterment of the bay."

One idea for the piers, he said, is to build a pedestrian walkway on them. Another is to leave a steel remnant of the old span on one of them.

"There's all these different ideas about what it could be, but I don't think there is a final plan, and we haven't really put our minds to what it would be like, to raise the money," Rentschler said.

The total cost of removing all the foundations is expected to be more than \$107 million, but the project has not gone out to bid.

Saving the five piers closest to Oakland would save about \$10 million. Sparing the foundation closest to Yerba Buena Island would save more than \$2 million.

But any plan to keep the piers in place would not be free and would not be easy.

Seeking permission

Keeping the piers would require a sign-off from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard as well as the state bay conservation agency. "There have been staff-level discussions with each of these agencies," Rentschler said.

Brad McCrea, regulatory program director for BCDC, said the agency has been in talks with bridge officials about the plan.

Leaving the piers as is, however, is not an option, McCrea said.

"The removal of the old Bay Bridge is required by the BCDC, in its entirety," McCrea said. "We stand by that, and we think it's very important."

On the other hand, he said, leaving a few pier foundations in place is not out of the question, if it included "building bridges out to walkways or piers over to them."

"We have told them at the staff level that we would consider leaving a few of these in for a different purpose, allowing them to reuse them for public access or recreational purposes," McCrea said.

He said he expects the commission will hear proposals on the bridge pier plan sometime in the spring.

J.D. Hardesty, spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco, said there have been informal discussions on the issue. "We have received no formal request. I know there have been discussions, meetings, but that is all there is," he said. "Currently, the permit and mitigation plan (requiring the piers to be demolished) remain in place."

San Jose council member urges rejection of Central California refinery's crude-by-rail project

By Tom Lochner, Oakland Tribune, November 27, 2014

BERKELEY -- As the deadline arrived for comments to an environmental report on a Central California crude-by-rail project, a San Jose City councilman got the early jump, announcing his opposition in a news release Monday afternoon.

The Phillips 66 Company Rail Spur Extension Project would bring as many as 250 unit trains a year with 80 tank cars plus locomotives and supporting cars to a new crude oil unloading facility in Santa Maria from the north or from the south along tracks owned by the Union Pacific Railroad.

Likely itineraries for the crude oil supplies coming from out-of-state include the Union Pacific Railroad tracks along the eastern shore of San Pablo and San Francisco bays that also carry Amtrak's Capitol Corridor and Coast Starlight trains.

"This will allow mile-long oil trains carrying millions of gallons of explosive, toxic crude oil in unsafe tank cars to travel through California every day," reads a news release from San Jose City Councilman Ash Kalra. "These trains will travel through the Bay Area passing neighborhoods in San Jose, including Kalra's District 2 in south San Jose. This proposed plan threatens the residents and families along the rail routes and also threatens the environment and local water supplies."

Kalra continues by urging San Luis Obispo County to reject the project, saying, "The safety of our community members, our health, and our environment, should not be taken lightly."

In March, the Berkeley and Richmond city councils voted unanimously to oppose the transport of crude oil by rail through the East Bay.

As of early Tuesday, Berkeley had not communicated to this newspaper its comments to the environmental report. San Luis Obispo County as of early Tuesday had not published what is expected to be a voluminous body of comments from public agencies, advocacy groups and individuals.

On Tuesday, Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates said, "Having 60-car trains going through our town, as many as two a day, is an area of concern for anyone in the Bay Area because of the vulnerability of the rail cars and the problems that would ensue if one of them would explode."

The Phillips 66 Santa Maria refinery currently receives its crude oil supply via underground pipeline from locations throughout California, but with the decline in crude oil production in the state, it is looking to alternative supplies that would be delivered most practically by rail, according to the refinery website.

"The refinery currently uses trains to transport products, and refinery personnel have decades of experience in safely handling railcars," the Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project page reads in part. "The proposed change will help the refinery, and the approximately 200 permanent jobs it provides, remain viable under increasingly challenging business conditions.

"Everything at Phillips 66 is done with safety as the highest priority."

Oakland-Berkeley hills groups at odds over eucalyptus fire hazard

By Tom Lochner, Oakland Tribune, November 26, 2014

OAKLAND -- Waiting for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to give the green light to remove eucalyptus trees from Claremont Canyon for wildfire mitigation is like, well, watching the eucalyptuses grow. That's the view from some of the people who lived through the great 1991 Oakland hills fire and now want to rid nearby public lands of the trees, which some liken to fuel tanks wrapped in kindling.

But another group of people, many of whom also lived through the Oct. 20, 1991, fire and remember the spectacle of exploding trees, view the eucalyptuses as less of a fire hazard than the trees and other vegetation that would replace them. They say that rather than eliminate the eucalyptuses, a better solution would be to thin them and clear out their understory.

Almost 10 years since the University of California, City of Oakland and East Bay Regional Park District applied for \$5.4 million worth of FEMA grants to manage the fire hazard posed by eucalyptus trees, no money has been paid out, and an environmental-impact statement for the proposal has yet to be completed.

The latest target date for completion is early 2015, FEMA Region IX External Affairs Director John Hamill said recently.

"It shouldn't take 10 years for even a government agency to do its work," said Jon Kaufman, stewardship coordinator of the Claremont Canyon Conservancy.

With the recent 23rd anniversary of the Oakland hills fire and a multiyear statewide drought that shows little sign of abating, about a dozen public officials, Kaufman said, have sent letters supporting removal of the eucalyptuses and urging FEMA to approve the environmental impact statement.

"The fire hazard posed by these trees is well documented," read letters signed by state Sen. Loni Hancock, Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates and Oakland Mayor Jean Quan.

"In Claremont Canyon, complete removal of these dense tree clusters will enable native species of oak, bay and willow to regenerate," the letters continue. Assemblymember Nancy Skinner and several Berkeley and Oakland council members sent similar letters.

But a vocal group that opposes what they call the clear-cutting plan say the letter writers are putting ideology before science.

"We believe that the creation of the letter being discussed, and getting various folks to sign it, was done as a last-ditch effort to do an end run around FEMA, the responsible land managers ... and the facts," Dan Grassetti, president of the Hills Conservation Network, said recently. "It's unfortunate that rather than let the EIS process play out with all of the scientific rigor it requires, some people have chosen to ignore the science and instead attempt to use political pressure to accomplish their goals."

Grassetti, speaking of the conservancy, said: "Their real agenda is native plant restoration rather than fire hazard mitigation."

He added that he is "impressed by FEMA's diligence to get it right."

According to a question-and-answer paper from the conservancy, the eucalyptus trees were planted in the early 1900s as a source of hardwood lumber for industrial and commercial uses. But the trees proved unsuitable for their intended use and were essentially abandoned and left to proliferate.

Part of what makes them such an intense fire hazard, the conservancy contends, is that they pack a much greater fuel load than other trees -- a mature eucalyptus forest in the Berkeley hills contains more than 8 tons of litter per acre, or about five times as much as an oak-bay woodland, according to the paper.

But Grassetti said the conservancy's estimate includes the trunks, which he said don't burn, and that, furthermore, the oak and bay forest, combined with chaparral and brush that would grow in the eucalyptuses' stead, would present an even greater fire risk.

The Hills Conservation Network, he said, favors "a nuanced approach to vegetation management. Not a clear-cut."

A consultant's report commissioned by the group outlines a fuel-management approach that would maintain the canopy and thin the forest, increasing spacing

between larger trees by removing smaller ones rather than eradicating the eucalyptuses altogether.

But the conservancy says such an approach would burden the public agencies that own the eucalyptus-wooded land with costly and continuous maintenance obligations.

Also, "Simply thinning the trees will continue to block sunlight, consume the limited amount of groundwater and not enable the native, less flammable species to regenerate," read some of the letters to FEMA.

The East Bay Regional Park District, which owns the Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve, thins the trees as part of its longtime approach to fuels management, according to Carol Johnson, assistant general manager for Public Affairs.

Some opponents of removing the trees also warn that herbicides would need to be applied to keep the eucalyptus stumps from sprouting anew. But Kaufman said no spraying would be involved and that herbicide will be applied topically to the stumps with a brush.

Mission Peak trail rules change due to neighbors' backlash

By Aliyah Mohammed - Fremont Bulletin, November 26, 2014

Mission Peak Regional Park, a parkspace where local residents could once hike in relative solitude, has become a statewide attraction to leg the arduous 3-mile trip and snap "selfies."

An increased number of visitors in recent years -- and the ensuing vehicle congestion, parking and noise issues -- resulted in residents near one trailhead loudly complaining to the East Bay Regional Park District, which operates Mission Peak, and the City of Fremont, which owns the land, to find solutions.

Due to the complaints and impact on the residents and to the park itself, East Bay Regional Park District issued new hours for the park in late September, similar to some of its other parks -- without soliciting public input.

The former hours were 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. But on Sept. 29, the Hidden Valley Trail and the Peak Meadow Trail from the Stanford Avenue staging area shifted to being open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Nov. I the closing time changed to 6 p.m. and will remain so until Feb. 2, 2015.

On Feb. 2, the closing time will change to 6:30 p.m. On March 8, it will shift to 8 p.m.; from March 30 through Aug. 30 the park will be open until 9 p.m.; and from Aug. 31 through Sept. 28 the park will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"New closing times will adjust based on the timing of dusk and is consistent with some other regional parks that adjust their hours similarly," said Carol Johnson, a spokesperson for East Bay Regional Park District. "Our goal is to moderate the intensity of the park use and balance the needs of the park, public use and neighbor impacts. The park is well loved, as you know, and unfortunately that sometimes has a negative impact on the park itself as well as the neighborhood it resides in."

In June, 24,271 hikers came through the Stanford staging area, with another 3,164 coming from the Ohlone College side of the park, which accesses the Peak and the Panorama trails, which lead to Mission Peak's summit.

In July, 23,402 people came through the Stanford area, with 3,414 coming from Ohlone; in August, 22,378 came through the Stanford area, with 3,425 coming

from Ohlone; in September, the number dropped to 17,781 from the Stanford area, with 2,563 from Ohlone; in October, 11,258 came through the Stanford area, with 2,447 from Ohlone.

The count from November so far is 15,690 from the Stanford area, with 4,680 from Ohlone.

Hikers who like to start early in the day or later at night are being encouraged to park in the Ohlone College parking lot adjacent to the staging area, which is open year round from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., instead of going to the Stanford staging area. District officials also say the Ohlone routes are shaded and easier to hike than the trails on the other side of the mountain.

East Bay Regional Park District's Police Department has been enforcing the posted curfew, and have been ticketing anyone found at the park before or after hours with a citation that can cost more than \$300.

This is problematic for some residents and hikers, such as William Yragui, who said people who work a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job in Fremont don't have sufficient time to park and climb up and down the peak without breaking the curfew.

He and other hikers are gathering signatures to protest the new hours of the park, and also the lack of community and hiker representation in the decisionmaking process.

"We want a voice at the table ... It's a public park, not a private park, but it is being treated like a private park ... we want the hours extended to 8:30 p.m.," Yragui said.

He said reducing the number of hikers is harmful to businesses in Fremont, especially small businesses.

Yragui said there are issues with park officials redirecting hikers to the Ohlone trailhead, saying there is no water or public bathroom facilities available at the entrance, as there are at the Stanford staging area. Additionally, the hikers have to pay \$2 to park in the Ohlone parking lot.

"What is more important to me is that the Ohlone trail is not illuminated at night, the Peak trail which feeds the Ohlone trail is on the backside of the mountain and doesn't catch the light so the trails are dark and one stretch of the trail is along Mill Park Road, which is accessible by car," he said. "A lot of women use that trail, if you are a young woman and it's a dark trail it's not safe to hike it alone ... I have

two daughters. I wouldn't put them in a situation that would not be safe ... if you are going to use it do so in groups, but nobody is talking about that issue."

Mona Koh, spokesperson for the East Bay Regional Park District, said Ohlone College maintains that side of the park's trails. She noted the park district only leases the trailhead entrance and is not responsible for making sure there are adequate facilities, signage, lighting and safety measures in place.

Koh said the park's new hours would be in effect until next year, as the district is conducting an environmental impact report for adding a parking lot on park grounds to ease the parking issues in the Stanford staging area.

Koh said the new park hours were not just implemented because of safety and traffic issues, but to respect the neighbors in the area.

"It's darker in winter. In summer people are out later. In winter it gets darker quicker so we are trying to adjust the time to the neighborhood because it has been heavily trafficked to the point where it is disrupting neighbors early in the morning and late at night," she said.

Koh added the decision to change the park times was done by the park district, with guidelines that exist at other parks in the East Bay district. She noted the district has received mixed feedback about the new hours, with many hikers unhappy with the new curfew.

"Instead of shutting the park down, we are making a concession," she said.

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East Bay Express

We Should Just Eat Them

There is something we can do about non-native wild turkeys: we can eat them. They are delicious. Hunting them with shotguns is problematic in the hills of Montclair, but bagging one with a bow is safe, assuming there's a safe backstop. Create a scientific hunting season with bag limits that reflect carrying capacity of the land. Have hunters participate in a lottery for tags. Close some East Bay Regional Park lands where the birds roost and have a four-day hunt in fall and spring. Use the revenue from tags for habitat protection and conservation as practiced by Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, and the American Turkey Federation. We all "hunt." Most folks leave the killing to others.

Michael Sagehorn, Oakland

Man Fatally Shot At Regional Park

Mario Sevilla, Nov 26th, 2014, KRON 4 News

OAKLAND (BCN) — A man was fatally shot at an Oakland park this afternoon, according to the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department.

Police received a report from a witness, who heard gunshots fired around 3:45 p.m. in the area of the Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve, park district police Lt. Gretchen Rose said.

The park is on Skyline Boulevard, just south of Elverton Drive, in the Oakland hills.

The witness then found a man in his early 60s suffering from gunshot wounds, Rose said.

Oakland police and park district officers responded to the scene and found the man lying down on a trail, she said.

Paramedics also responded to the trail and pronounced him dead at the scene, according to Rose.

No other victims were found in the area, she said.

Police contacted area witnesses who heard gunshots in the area at around the same time, Rose said.

There were no people or vehicles seen leaving the park, police said.

Officers recovered spent shell casings near where the man was found, according to Rose.

The man's identity has not been released pending notification of his family, police said.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department's investigations unit at at (510) 690-6549 or dispatch center at (510) 881-1833.

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has been hired as the interim op- trict, in turn, sub-leased the golf erator to continue daily play for the facility to Baldock Pacific Properpublic and oversee maintenance of ties, which assigned the lease of all the course and facilities.

house, and pro shop - will con- Corporation, its current operator. tinue under Touchstone's manage- That sublease, in effect for the past ment. The restaurant, however, 50 years, expires this Sunday.

Effective next Monday, Dec. 1, will remain closed while the Park Willow Park Golf Course will be District and Touchstone explore since Nov. 17 while the current op-

"We are thrilled to assume mangional Park District searches for agement of Willow Park Public stone Golf. a qualified long-term operator for Golf Course facility and look forward to working with the East Bay "We know that Willow Park Regional Park District to exceed Public Golf Course is a popular the needs and expectations of local golfers and the community," said

The 150-acre site is leased to the Park District by East Bay Munici-Touchstone Golf of Berkeley pal Utility District. The Park Disdevelopment and concessions to Concessions - the bar, club- Willow Park Public Golf Course

The golf course has been closed erator closes out its operation and assists in the transfer to Touch-

"We are so pleased that the East Bay Regional Park District was able to provide an interim management team such as Touchstone to keep Willow Park Golf Course Touchstone Golf President and operating until a permanent lessee can be found," said Steve Falzone, president of the Willow Park Golf Club. "We look forward to working with the District and Touchstone as they prepare for a new RFP and Lessee in 2015."

Willow Park's Golf Course hours and fees will remain the same under the interim operator.

For more information, call Touchstone Golf after Dec. 1 at 510-537-8001.

Land Acquisitions Connect Regional Parks and Extend Bay Area Ridge Trail

By EBRPD Public Affairs

November 25, 2014

On Tuesday, November 18th the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors authorized the acceptance of the donation of three properties and two trail easements totaling more than 989.8 acres in the Hayward hills, along with the acquisition of a maintenance access easement and a trail easement in the cities of Union City and Fremont, to expand park opportunities and trail connections in southern Alameda County.

The donation of the three properties in Hayward, by Stonebrae L.P., a Delaware developer, represents the second largest donation of open space ever accepted by the Park District. Coincidentally, the largest donation was 1,200- acres of land bequeathed by Mildred, Jeanette, and Edith Meyers in the early 1990's to create what is now Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park. The new donation will connect existing open portions of Dry Creek and Garin Regional Parks and increase the parks' land mass by almost 20% of their current 4,755 acres.

The acquisition "will permanently protect public trail access and will bring almost 1,000 acres of the visually stunning and ecologically vital Walpert Ridge under District management and conservation," said General Manager Robert E. Doyle. In addition to extending the park's boundaries, the donation will also make it possible to develop a 3.5-mile segment of the <u>Bay Area Ridge Trail</u>.

The city of Hayward first considered residential development on Walpert Ridge in the late 1970's and it finally approved the construction of 650 single family houses atop the ridge in 1998. In 2001, the Park District successfully negotiated a donation of open space and trail and local access to another historic site within the parks known as the Ukraina Loop. In 2005, the development was annexed into the Walpert Ridge Zone of Benefit in order to fund the long-term operational maintenance of the open space and trails, and the protection of the Alameda whipsnake and the California red-legged frog habitat found on the property.

"This acquisition has been over 35 years in the making, and it marks a significant achievement for the land conservation community," said Doyle.

The donated parcels border much of the eastern boundary of Garin/Dry Creek parks, extend northward to the North Garin parcel, which in turn connects to the Five Canyons trail system, and continue south of the Stonebrae Golf Course. As a condition for the development of the housing project, the city of Hayward required the developer Stonebrae to construct the 3.5-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, which will pass through the residential area and along the golf course. The segment, upon completion, will be maintained and operated by the Park District.

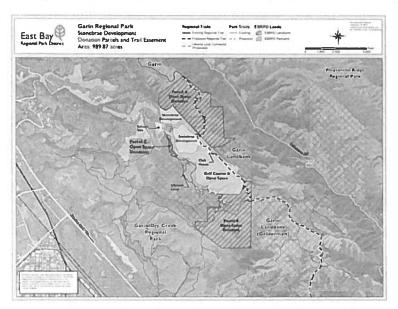
The donation of an additional trail easement near Stonebrae Elementary School and the neighboring Hayward Area Recreation District's sports park will grant permanent access to the Ukraina Loop Trail, formerly known as the Carden Lane Trail. A portion of this trail will also serve as an Emergency Vehicle and Maintenance Access (EVMA) easement for the Stonebrae development. A license agreement for a small area near the end of Carden Lane for potential parking area was also offered to the Park District.

At the Board meeting, the Park District also announced the settlement of eminent domain proceedings and the acquisition of two easements over a portion of private property in the cities of Union City and Fremont. These acquisitions culminate more than seven years of negotiations and will help close gaps in the Bay Area Ridge Trail south of Garin Regional Park leading to Vargas Plateau Regional Park.

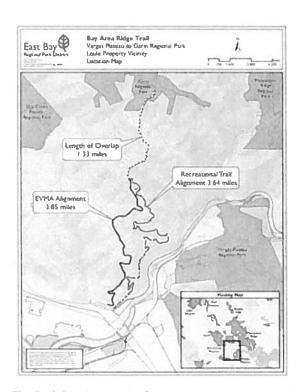
The Park District will pay the land owners \$475,000 for a 20-foot wide 3.64-mile public recreational trail easement and a 3.85-mile EVMA easement. Both easements alignments share an additional 1.33-mile dirt path that begins at the southern edge of Garin Regional Park, and traverse a property situated west of Palomares Road and north of Niles Canyon Road, along cliffs overlooking the San Francisco Bay to the west, and Niles Canyon and Sunol Ridge to the east.

The 3.64-mile recreational trail is designed for multi-use, single-track, non-vehicular use. It follows portions of older ranching roads, swings southeast toward Fremont's Vallejo Mill Park, Alameda Creek Regional Trail, and Vargas Plateau. It will be built and maintained by the Park District.

The 3.85-mile EVMA easement is located along an existing ranch road that joins Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer to Mission Boulevard. The maintenance of this easement will be split 50/50 between the Park District and the land owners.

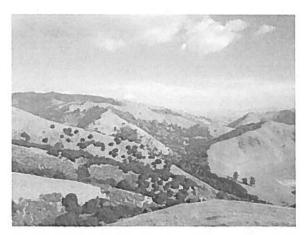


The Park District accepted the donation of three parcels totaling 989.8 acres in the Hayward hills.



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The two easements afford spectacular vistas along cliffs overlooking the San Francisco Bay to the west, and Niles Canyon and Sunol Ridge to the east.

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Alameda: Developer drops housing plans for Crab Cove Visitor Center

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ALAMEDA -- A developer has agreed to drop plans to build housing near the entrance of Crab Cove Visitor Center at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach, a move that follows the City Council rezoning the area as open space.

Roseville-based developer Tim Lewis Communities withdrew its development application with the city on Nov. 19.

"It was a long process, but it ultimately yielded a result that was in the best interest of the residents of Alameda," Mayor Marie Gilmore said. "I appreciate the steps (the developer) took to resolve this issue."

The East Bay Regional Park District wants to acquire the approximately four-acre property off McKay Avenue to expand Crab Cove by using funds from Measure WW, which Alameda and Contra Costa County voters approved in November 2008 to protect and expand open space at the district. But the developer was the winning bid for the property in a June 2011 auction hosted by the U.S. General Services Administration, offering about \$3 million.

The sale was never completed, however, and the park district sued the city of Alameda after it changed the zoning from "administrative professional governmental" following the auction to help meet its affordable housing and other residential needs.

The auction outcome and the council's action prompted 6,000 people to sign a petition to place an initiative before voters to designate the property as open space.

The council voted to adopt the initiative in July, which meant it did not appear on this month's ballot and set the stage for the negotiations that ended with the developer withdrawing its application with the city. Officials announced the developer's move Tuesday.

The developer has also agreed to give up its interest in the property with the federal government, according to city officials.

Tim Lewis Communities is currently behind the proposal to build up to 414 apartments, lofts and townhouses and at least 30,000 square feet of commercial and retail space at the historic Del Monte warehouse at 1501 Buena Vista Ave. The property includes two vacant lots between the 240,000-square-foot warehouse and Sherman Street.

News

Willow Park Public Golf Course Under New Management

By EBRPD Public Affairs, November 24, 2014

Effective Monday, December 1st, 2014, the Willow Park Public Golf Course at Lake Chabot Regional Park will be operated under new interim management while the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) searches for a qualified long-term operator for the course and the facilities. "We know that Willow Park Public Golf Course is a popular community gathering spot and the Park District is committed to continuing this tradition," said Jim O'Connor, Assistant General Manager of Operations for EBRPD.

The Park District hired <u>Touchstone Golf LLC</u> of Berkeley as the interim operator to continue daily play for the public and oversee maintenance of the course and facilities. Concessions such as the bar, clubhouse, and pro shop will continue under Touchstone Golf's management. The restaurant will be closed while the Park District and Touchstone Golf explore food service and catering options.

Willow Park Public Golf Course, located off Redwood Road in Castro Valley, is adjacent to Lake Chabot Regional Park and set amidst a beautiful natural canopy of redwood, oak, and willow trees, for which the course is named. The 150 acres comprising the golf course facility and surrounding areas are leased to the Park District by East Bay Municipal Utility District. The Park District sub-leased the golf facility development and operation to Baldock Pacific Properties, which assigned the lease of all development and concessions to its current operator, Willow Park Public Golf Course Corporation. The golf course sublease had an unprecedented 50 year term, which expires November 30th, 2014.

"We are thrilled to assume management of Willow Park Public Golf Course facility and look forward to working with the East Bay Regional Park District to exceed the needs and expectations of local golfers and the community," said Touchstone Golf President and CEO Steve Harker.

The golf course is closed as of November 17th while the current operator closes out operation and assists in the transfer to Touchstone Golf.

Touchstone Golf specializes in interim management of golf courses and not long term capital development needs as is the case with Willow Park. They currently oversee operations at several California facilities: Lake Chabot Golf Course in Oakland, Mare Island Golf Club in Mare Island, Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Hercules, and Glen Annie Golf Club in Santa Barbara, to name a few.

Willow Park Public Golf Course is renowned as one of the Bay Area's most beautiful golf destinations. Featuring some of the most breathtaking golf scenery in Northern California, the course serves as home to a diverse assortment of wildlife species, including deer, wild turkeys and geese. While challenging for scratch golfers, multiple tees on each hole enable golfers of all ages and abilities to enjoy this picturesque golf gem.

Willow Park Public Golf Course hours and fees will remain the same under the interim operator. For more information and questions about public play or tournaments, please call Touchstone Golf after December 1st at (510) 537-8001.

In addition to managing Willow Park Public Golf Course, the Park District owns <u>Tilden Golf Course</u> in Berkeley, which is managed and operated by American Golf Corporation.

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