

The Board Meeting, which was held on December 2, 2008 at the Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA, was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President
Doug Siden, Treasurer
Beverly Lane
Ted Radke
Carol Severin
John Sutter

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

The Open Session of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp;

Staff Present Included: Pat O'Brien, Rosemary Cameron, Shelly Lewis, Ted Radosevich, Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, John Escobar, Nancy Wenninger, Mark Pearson, Jeff Rasmussen, Brad Olson, Larry Tong, John Bouyea, Nadine Vargas, Bill Louie, Everett James, Brian Wiese, Diane Althoff, Megan Jones, Pam Burnor,

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Siden, seconded by Director Radke, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By moved of Director Radke, seconded by Director Lane, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

Directors present: Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.

C-1-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 8, 2008 through November 21, 2008
Resolution No. 2008-12-290 (attached)

C-1-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meetings of September 16 and October 7, 2008

C-1-c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2008-12-291 (attached)

- C-I-d. Authorization to Grant a Utility Easement to Mt. View Sanitary District for Sewer Service and to Accept a Trail Easement and Additional Consideration from Paul and Cynthia Silva: California State Riding and Hiking Trail
Resolution No. 2008-12-292 (attached)
- C-I-e. Authorization to Accept and Appropriate \$50,000 and Enter into Agreement with the East Contra Costa HCP Conservancy for Development of the Souza II Wetland Restoration Project: Byron Vernal Pools Preserve
Resolution No. 2008-12-293 (attached)
- C-I-f. Authorization to Accept and Appropriate \$100,000 and Enter into Agreement with the City of Berkeley for Wetland Mitigation at the Berkeley Meadow Phase III Restoration Project: Eastshore State Park – Resource Enhancement Program
Resolution No. 2008-12-294 (attached)
- C-I-g. Authorization to File an Application for Grant Funds through the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program to Acquire the Tyler Ranch Property (Phase II): Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Resolution No. 2008-12-295 (attached)
- C-I-h. Approval to Select Claremont EAP as the Service Provider of the Employee Assistance Program for all East Bay Regional Park District Employees and Authorization to Execute a Three-Year Contract
Resolution No. 2008-12-296 (attached)
- C-I-i. Authorization to Amend the 2008 Budget and Transfer Operational Funds to an Electrical Improvements Capital Project Account: Del Valle Regional Park
Resolution No. 2008-12-297 (attached)
- C-I-j. Authorization to Hire Mark Ruppenthal as Police Captain at Step E of Management Pay Range MG-06
Resolution No. 2008-12-298 (attached)
- C-I-k. Authorization to Appropriate Revenue Received For Fire Department Out-of-County Responses To Augment Existing Fire Department Budget
Resolution No. 2008-12-299 (attached)
- C-I-l. Authorization to Amend the 2008 Budget and Transfer Operational Funds to a Capital Account for Vehicle Purchase: Design and Construction Department
Resolution No. 2008-12-300 (attached)
- C-I-m. Approval of 2009 Appropriations Limit
Resolution No. 2008-12-301 (attached)
- C-I-n. Resolution to Support the Alameda County and the Rails to Trails Conservancy's Active Transportation 2010 Campaign
Resolution No. 2008-12-302 (attached)

2. GENERAL MANAGER

C-2-a. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2009 Budget

General Manager Pat O'Brien gave a brief introduction, stating the historic nature of this budget given the recent passage of Measure WW and the District celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2009. He added that basic guiding principles such as maintaining fiscal solvency and allowing for growth expansion, among others, are carried forward with this proposed budget for 2009. Dave Collins, AGM of Finance and Management Services, continued with the presentation giving the highlights of the proposed budget. He stated that because Measure WW was passed late in the year, it has not been incorporated into this proposed budget; an amendment will be brought forward to the Board later in 2009 to include the necessary changes to the Budget as it relates to this measure. In answer to Director Severin's question as to the Internship Program, AGM Collins stated that it is incorporated into the Human Resources budget as a 1.8 fte increase under "Personnel". The final form of the budget will also reflect this under the budget objectives.

Suggested revisions/clarifications/requests received from the Board on the Proposed Budget are as follows:

- Update description for Ward 3 to include "Fairview and part of Pleasanton Ridge";
- Clarify the totals on the schedule for additions and reductions of staff on page 44, and change the description to read "Net Change" instead of "Total";
- Preparation of a list or summary of District positions whose costs are reimbursed by other agencies;
- Correct "Dublin Hills Regional Preserve" on page 90;
- Add an asterisk to distinguish new capital projects appearing on the schedule on page 78;
- From the Finance Committee discussions, a suggestion that the Grants department finalize the local grants remaining from Measure AA before issuing Measure WW local grant proceeds;
- Regarding page 260 (and page 61/78), it was suggested that a schedule be added for next year's budget to show total Measure CC budget year funding by project;
- Clarifications to the 2009 objectives for Planning and Stewardship departments on page 394 to state the projects to be covered for the year;
- Need to clarify the budget objective language for Dumbarton Quarry, page 388, to specify that the District is working with others and is not solely responsible to complete this project;
- Clarification regarding the budget increase in "Supplies" in the Public Affairs Division; should state that it is a correction to an error in the 2008 Budget;
- Regarding page 402/Public Affairs objective on updating and printing of park maps – should specify that the maps are being updated from black and white to color to appropriately give recognition to improvement;
- Regarding page 423, clarification to ensure that total volunteer information reported includes hours accumulated at all parks;

There were no Public Comment at this time; the final public hearing will be held on December 16, 2008.

C-2-b. Measure WW/Regional Parks Bond Extension – Dr. George Manross Report on Exit Poll Results

Dr. George Manross of SRI gave a presentation regarding the results of the exit poll conducted from the November 4, 2008 elections, with some of the highlights as follows:

- Top five reasons for a Yes vote:
42% - Preserve environment

- 19% - Support parks
- 17% - Use parks
- 12% - No increase in taxes
- 9% - Informational materials received

- Top two reasons for a No vote:
 - 12% - Increase in taxes
 - 8% - State of the Economy
- Support for Measure WW was stronger among Live versus Absentee voters;
- The driving force behind a Yes vote in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties was a desire to preserve the environment.

The complete Executive Summary of the Exit Poll may be found in the December 2, 2008 Board meeting packet.

3. LEGAL DIVISION

C-3-a. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of a Revised Conflict-of-Interest Code for the East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2008-12-303 (attached)

By moved of Director Lane, seconded by Director Sutter, item C-3-a was unanimously approved.

Directors present: Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.

4. PLANNING/STEWARSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

C-4-a. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for District-wide
FEMA 2006 Storm Damage Repair Projects
Resolution No. 2008-12-304 (attached)

By moved of Director Sutter, seconded by Director Radke, item C-4-a was unanimously approved.

Directors present: Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.

There were no public comments received on this item.

5. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

General Manager Pat O'Brien spoke about the items listed on the report.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Due to time constraints, AGM for Public Affairs Rosemary Cameron's presentation on the District's planned 75th Anniversary celebration was moved to the December 16 Board meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Alameda County CSDA | (Siden) | (9-10-2008) |
| b. | EBRPD/LARPD Liaison Committee | (Wieskamp) | (5-22-2008) |
| c. | EBRPD/LARPD Liaison Committee | (Wieskamp) | (11-5-2008) |

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the PAC Holiday dinner;
- Toured Ardenwood with Erich Pfuehler and legislative staffers;
- Attended the Board field trip to view the Oakland Museum display at the Oakland Airport;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Will be attending the ABAG meeting on December 3;
- Will be attending the Alameda County Mayors Conference and the HASPA meetings.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the American Trails Conference in Arkansas;
- Attended the Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting in Union City;
- Attended East Bay Trails Council's celebration of 25 years of Trails and Advocacy by Michael Kelly;
- Attended meetings of the Coliseum Area Committee, Board Operations Committee, Waterfront Action, Board Legislative Committee, Board Finance Committee, and the Special Districts Executive Committee.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Board Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Visited Briones and Las Trampas;
- Hiked at Sycamore Valley;
- Attended the PAC Holiday party as well as the Board field trip to the Oakland Airport exhibit;
- Reported that she is working on 75th anniversary exhibit together with District staff;

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Board field trip to the Oakland Airport to view the Oakland museum exhibit;
- Attended the Waterfront Action meeting with Director Siden;
- Attended a meeting with the Executive Director of Chabot Space and Science Center and Jerry Kent to discuss the proposed overnight camping facility at the Center. He reported that the City of Oakland has committed \$1 million of its local portion of WWF money to contribute to this project. Director Sutter suggested that this topic be included in the Board workshop discussions;
- Suggested looking at budget concerns during the Board workshops;
- Attended the PAC Holiday dinner and the regular PAC meeting.

Director Radke reported on meetings attended. Director Radke

- Attended the CNWS meeting with the Concord City Manager and a Council member;
- Attended the PAC holiday dinner;
- Will be attending a meeting/tour of Big Break on December 4 with the Coastal Conservancy Board;
- Will be attend the Carquinez Preservation Trust meeting on December 3.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended meetings of the Board Finance Committee and the Regional Parks Foundation;
- Attended the PAC holiday dinner, Board Developmental Reviews, as well as the LARPD Liaison Committee and LAFCO meetings;
- Went on a Helicopter ride-along with Director Lane for the tri-valley;
- Attended two Agricultural and Open Space Committee meetings of the League of Women Voters;
- Conducted park tours of Temescal, Kennedy Grove, Sobrante Ridge, Redwood and Contra Loma.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Visitors Log, Resolution Nos. 2008-12-290 to 2008-12-304, Board Committee Reports