AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee (7-11-11) (Wieskamp)

To: LARPD/EBRPD Intergovernmental Liaison Committee

From: Dave Collins, Assistant General Manager, EBRPD
Tim Barry, General Manager, LARPD

Subject: Minutes for Monday, July 11, 2011 meeting

Attendees:
EBRPD Board Members – Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane
LARPD Board Members – Steve Goodman, Beth Wilson
EBRPD Staff: Bob Doyle, General Manager; Dave Collins, AGM; Jim Townsend, Regional Trails Manager; Kelly Barrington, Interpretive Parklands Unit Manager
LARPD Staff: Tim Barry, General Manager; John Lawrence, AGM; Mike Nicholson, Ranger/Naturalist Supervisor

Introductions:
General Manager Bob Doyle was introduced and welcomed the Liaison Committee to the EBRPD District Headquarters. Mr. Doyle commented on the long and constructive relationship between LARPD and EBRPD and spoke to continuing that relationship into the future.

Funding Requests and Project Status Updates:

- Trail Plan for Upper Sycamore Grove/Bobba Parcel and associated CEQA: LARPD is seeking funding for both an in-park trail plan and CEQA for the Bobba Parcel adjacent to Sycamore Grove Park. The estimated project cost is approximately $200,000 and LARPD is asking EBRPD to assist in locating funds for the project.
- Replacement/Repair of Arroyo Del Valle Regional Trail in Sycamore Grove Park: The Arroyo Del Valle trail at Sycamore Grove is deteriorated and in serious need of repaving. LARPD is seeking EBRPD's assistance in identifying funds for this purpose. Estimated project cost is approximately $1.5 million.
- Single Track Trail on the back side of Brushy Peak (approximately .5 miles): This

project would be intended to improve a portion of the trail access from LARPD's staging area to the peak. There is no permitting or funding for this project. EBRPD participants suggested that there would likely be intensive Native American stakeholder interest in any trail construction in the area, and that EBRPD would not advise undertaking this project at this time.

- Bridge Construction – Bobba Property to Sycamore Grove: This bridge would connect LARPD's parking/staging trail access into the regional trail. EBRPD, while acknowledging the long-term benefit in a bridge connection, thought that a bridge at this location would cost around $1.5 million, noted that a funding source has not been identified, and expressed interest in constructing a lower-cost trail segment to an existing crossing until bridge funding can be found. In the near term, both agencies are seeking a trail connection to connect Camp Arroyo with the Veteran's park terminus of the current trail. Staff from both agencies will meet on site and identify preferred and alternate options for trail routes that can be constructed in the near term, possibly the 2012 construction season.
- LARPD requested that EBRPD consider increasing the annual operating grant from $200,000 to $300,000.
- Bobba Parcel Resource Management Plan: LARPD noted that the RMP is being prepared by a consultant, and should be complete by January 2012. Completion of this plan, and conveyance of $150,000 to the Tri Valley Conservancy, should permit the property title to be conveyed to LARPD.
- Nature Education Facilities Grant for Sycamore Grove: LARPD staff updated the Committee on the $411,000 State grant for Sycamore Grove. LARPD continues to negotiate with the State on the specific facilities that will be constructed with the Prop. 84 funding.
- Vallecitos Road/Lake "A" Trail Connections & Easements: EBRPD advised the committee that on July 19th the District Board will be asked to authorize a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City of Livermore to construct a portion of the Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle trail along Vineyard Avenue to a controlled intersection crossing at Vallecitos road. This connection, when combined with the upcoming Bobba section, will nearly complete the trail between Del Valle and Shadow Cliffs.
- Update of Doolan Canyon area: EBRPD staff provided a brief update on the acquisition of the Doolan Canyon property. The Committee discussed the status of various properties and projects in the vicinity. EBRPD Board members invited LARPD representatives to tour the site at their convenience. GM Tim Barry will convey the request to EBRPD staff at an appropriate season.
- Brushy Peak Acquisition: EBRPD staff presented a map and description of the recently acquired Farber property at the south end of Brushy Peak. This 68 acre property connects Laughlin Road to the park south of Frick Lake. This acquisition offers the possibility of establishing a new equestrian staging area that is much more readily accessible than the current, constrained, facility at the end of Laughlin.
- Transportation Funding for Trails: EBRPD Regional Trails Manager Jim Townsend provided information on how to improve LARPD's eligibility to receive transportation funding for trail acquisition and development. Mr. Townsend used EBRPD's successful Tiger II grant to outline the process. Mr. Townsend provided

specific suggestions about submitting plans to the County's transportation agency and named various transportation agency sources that might be useful in LARPD's efforts.

- Wind energy update/raptor habitat funding: EBRPD staff provided a brief description of the District's recent intervention into the re-powering discussion in Contra Costa County. Staff described the efforts taken to ensure a 4000 foot setback for re-powered turbines at Brushy Peak, and noted that this settlement benefits the LARPD property in Alameda County as well. It was also noted that there is a pending decision by the State Attorney General with respect to the recipient agency for the mitigation funds from the repowering project. The AG's decision requires consultation with a number of parties and it is currently unknown who the recipient agency will be. The Committee discussed the numerous issues and concerns raised by this complex and difficult project.

Next Meeting: It was suggested that the Committee meet again in September, and it was also suggested that the meeting include an on-site tour of the potential trail alignments across the former Bobba property at Arroyo.