

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

East Bay Regional Park District

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Executive (6/25/09) _____ (Radke)

Attendees:

Committee Members: Directors Ted Radke (Chair), Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane (alternate)

Staff Members: Pat O'Brien, Dave Collins, Mike Anderson, Brian Weise, David Amme, Julie Bondurant, Steve Edwards

I. **Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan (Redwood Regional Park)**

Brian Wiese, Chief of Planning, introduced the plan, explaining that this was the second review by the Executive Committee. During the first review, Director Sutter (who served as an alternate) recommended that further public input and review transpire. Thus, a number of public meetings and informal discussions occurred with stakeholders and the general public concerning the plan's development. Mr. Wiese then introduced Wildland Program Manager David Amme to formally present the plan and its recommendations.

Mr. Amme presented a power point with photos, highlighting the past history of the site going back to the 1930's. He explained that in 1977 the Board adopted a land use plan for the area which included restoration of the prairie. In 2007, the permit process started with Fish and Game, in 2008 the CEQA was initiated, in May 2009 the Plan and CEQA were released and the PAC reviewed the documents. Mr. Amme explained that if the plan is recommended by the Executive Committee, it would go before the full Board for approval in July. He also expected that the planned tree cutting would be scheduled to occur from August through October. He explained that the main objectives of the plan are to protect Presidio Clarkia, install a protective fence, remove exotic (mostly pine) vegetation, grassland management, monitor and implement adaptive management procedures and public education.

Senior Park Planner Julie Bondurant explained the CEQA and public review process, and noted that there were 22 comments made to the plan during the public review. She also noted that the plan was posted on the District's web site and reiterated its review by the PAC as previously stated. She clarified that the District is the lead agency while the Department of Fish and Game is the trustee/permitting agency.

Director Wieskamp asked that the issue regarding the appearance of the fence be addressed when this item is presented to the full Board.

Members of the public, including the California Native Plant Society, addressed the Committee to express their appreciation of the plan and the District's work on it and urged its recommendation to the full Board for approval.

Director Lane asked Planning and Stewardship staff to provide the Public Affairs department appropriate pictures for public distribution when needed.

RECOMMENDATION: By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Lane, the Executive Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Directors certify the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the *Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan* and adopt the *Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan*.