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BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 21, 2009 – 2:00 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>Item</u>	<u>Staff</u>
(R)	2:00	1. Renewal of Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends (PIDO) Special use Agreement: Point Isabel Regional Shoreline	(Patterson/Waluch)
(R)	2:20	2. Renewal of UC Berkeley Seismic Stations Communications License: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, Tilden Regional Park, Mission Peak Regional Preserve, Point Pinole Regional Shoreline	(Wu/Waluch)
(R)	2:40	3. Review of Save the Bay Special Use Agreement: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline	(Ragatz/Escobar)
(R)	3:00	4. Review of Golden Gate Audubon Society Special Use Agreement: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline	(Ragatz/Escobar)
	3:20	5. Public Comments	
	3:25	6. Staff Comments	
	3:30	7. Adjourn	

(R) Recommended
 (I) Information
 (D) Discussion

Board Operations Committee Members:
 Carol Severin, Chair; John Sutter; Whitney Dotson: Beverly Lane (Alternate)
 John Escobar, Staff Coordinator

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2:00 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst II
Mimi Waluch, Revenue and Administration Manager

DATE: May 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Renewal of Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends (PIDO) Special Use Agreement: Point Isabel Regional Shoreline

Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends (PIDO) is a non-profit charitable organization that has worked with the District since 1987 to maintain the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline as an off-leash dog area, assist with informing visitors of their responsibilities as users of the park and the park rules, and sponsor monthly cleanup days at the park.

PIDO can sell merchandise, logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps at their cleanup days and special events but is not permitted to sell any item in conflict with the current concessionaire located at the park. PIDO may also hold up to three fund raising events per year. A bulletin board at the west end of the park allows PIDO to post pet-event announcements, lost and found notices, and information of interest to all park users.

PIDO membership is open to all who wish to support and protect the 21 acres on the south side of the canal at Point Isabel as an open and natural place to walk and play with their dogs off-leash. The \$10 membership fee, as well as funds from donations and shirt sales, partially pays for a quarterly newsletter, brochures with park rules and description of PIDO's organization, and biodegradable bags provided jointly by PIDO and the District.

Staff recommends a five-year term for this Special Use Agreement with an annual fee of \$100 plus 10% of gross sales from their merchandise.

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2:20 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Mimi Waluch, Revenue and Administration Manager
Linda Wu, Right of Way Agent, Land Department

DATE: May 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Renewal of UC Berkeley Seismic Stations Communication License

The University of California at Berkeley (UCB) has maintained seismic monitoring stations and related equipment on District property for the last thirty years. District staff would like to replace all previous individual agreements with UCB with one consolidated agreement. This new consolidated communications license will cover all existing installations at Black Diamond, Tilden, Mission Peak, and Point Pinole, plus additional equipment installations at Black Diamond and Point Pinole. UCB will pay for all equipment installations and needed infrastructure, as well as ongoing maintenance, and utilities costs. UCB will provide the District with GPS capabilities and seismic data in lieu of a license fee.

The Berkeley Seismological Laboratory (BSL) of UCB monitors earthquakes and provides public and emergency response information to the State Office of Emergency Services, the news media, and the Federal Government. The BSL operates a network of data acquisition sites throughout northern California. UCB, on behalf of BSL, is interested in obtaining permission to install, maintain, and operate new and existing seismic monitoring stations and related equipment on District property at the four locations listed below:

1. Monument Peak (within Mission Peak Regional Preserve)
Existing equipment, previously installed GPS antenna, attached directly to a rock outcrop; underground antenna cable; GPS receiver; telemetry equipment; power supplies; back-up batteries; and all other associated equipment.
2. Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve (within Hazel-Atlas Mine)
Existing equipment, previously installed seismometer, data logger, power control, batteries, and telemetry equipment in existing instrument rack within adit off main drift with framed wall isolating adit from other areas of mine which are open to the public, plus recently upgraded telephone service (as part of the District's museum expansion project) with new/additional GPS monument consisting of a GPS antenna and monument on the ground surface, connecting antenna cable to the BDM seismic electronic rack located in the mine (accessing the mine from a nearby portal, and the GPS data logger installed at the BDM electronic rack in the mine). This equipment will be installed by UCB.
3. Tilden Regional Park (near Grizzly Peak)
Existing equipment, previously installed L1 system with data passed to and from each station to master radio site at UCB.
4. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
Addition of GPS antenna and borehole seismic earthquake monitoring device.

All installations are small and unobtrusive. Staff recommends a five-year term for this Communication License with no annual fee.

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2:40 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Mark Ragatz, Shorelines Unit Manager, Park Operations
Ralph Trujillo, Park Supervisor

DATE: May 21, 2009

**SUBJECT: Review of Save the Bay Special Use Agreement:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline**

Staff recommends authorizing the Special Use Agreement with Save the Bay for tidal wetland restoration through community based restoration programs at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline. Save the Bay values its partnership with the District and looks forward to continuing public education and stewardship activities at the site. Save the Bay is committed to restoration practices and conservation techniques which foster community engagement in shoreline habitat restoration and ecosystem level function enhancement. For the past nine years, activities at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline have met the goals of both endangered species habitat improvement and public education of these species.

Save the Bay is committed to continuing to build partnerships with local civic groups, schools, businesses and resource agencies to restore tidal wetland at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The MLK projects include wetland enhancement and re-vegetation, through monthly public Saturday projects, and weekly private projects with local middle and high schools, community and church groups, and corporate employee volunteer groups. Restoration projects focus on removal of invasive non-native plant infestations and tidal marsh re-vegetation with site-specific native plants. For example, areas that were once dominated by invasive spartina are now being re-vegetated with native marsh plantings propagated on site in the native California plant nursery. The program will continue to be monitored by Stewardship and Park Operations departments to ensure the protection of threatened and endangered species and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Staff recommends authorizing the Special Use Agreement with Save the Bay for five years with a five-year option. In exchange for restoration projects and monitoring of wetlands through activities such as non-native plant removal, native plant propagation and planting, site monitoring, and shoreline cleanups, there is no use fee, and there is no cost to the District.

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3:00 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Mark Ragatz, Shorelines Unit Manager, Park Operations
Ralph Trujillo, Park Supervisor

DATE: May 21, 2009

SUBJECT: **Review of Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS) Special Use Agreement:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline**

Staff recommends authorizing the Special Use Agreement with the Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS) for the implementation of habitat restoration projects at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline through its Eco-Oakland Program. GGAS has worked with District staff and volunteer groups conducting marsh restoration projects at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline for over 10 years. Recently the State Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, awarded a grant to GGAS Eco-Oakland Program for specific habitat restoration along the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline.

The Eco-Oakland Program seeks to connect underserved East Oakland schoolchildren and community members with their local environment and engage them in restoration efforts. The program includes third and fourth grade classes to study health and conservation of the East Oakland watershed and engage students and their community in watershed restoration. Students learn how their lives connect with and rely upon local ecosystems, starting with the most familiar habitats and extending throughout the San Francisco Bay watershed to the Pacific Ocean. The goal of the program is to reach 3,000 members of the community annually.

Students take field trips to the site to explore and restore creek and wetland areas, investigate biological and chemical water quality indicators, study plants and invertebrate species, and study the role water plays in uniting the ecosystem. Also, students learn how their actions affect the health of the watershed, and work to clean and restore it through trash removal, water quality testing, invasive plant removal, and the planting of native species. Family and community members participate in these field trips and join in community restoration events. In total, the Eco-Oakland Program participants will help restore 0.5 acres of wetland habitat at Arrowhead Marsh and 17,000 linear feet of shoreline, furthering important conservation goals for wetland and riparian habitats. The Program continued to be monitored by Stewardship and Park Operations departments to ensure the protection of threatened and endangered specie and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Staff recommends authorizing the Special Use Agreement with the Golden Gate Audubon Society for five years with a five-year option. In exchange for restoration projects and the water quality and bird data collected by students and volunteers, there is no use fee and there is no cost to the District.

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