



TO: PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: RICH GUARIENTI, CHAIR
SUBJECT: PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: May 18, 2009
Location: East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland

6:45 p.m. Social (Refreshments & Relaxation – all members and guests)

7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2009
2. Introductions
3. Board Member Comments: Director Dotson
4. Public Comments
5. Presentations:
6. (I) a. Community Outreach Update – Rick Parmer, Chief Interpretive and Recreation Services and Elizabeth Hales, Community Outreach Coordinator
(I) b. Outdoor Environmental Education/Children in Nature/Interpretive Programs – Nancy Kaiser, Interpretive Services Manager
(I) c. Serpentine Prairie – Brian Wiese, Chief Planning Stewardship/GIS & Dave Amme, Wildland Vegetation Program Manager
(R) d. Proposal to Name the New Quarry Lakes Picnic Area – Everett Jams, Park Planner, Planning, Stewardship/GIS
7. PAC Member Comments
8. Report from the Vice-Chair – Roland Williams
9. Board Committee Reports
10. Status of Recommendations
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjournment to June 22, 2009

(A) Action

(I) Information

(R) Recommendation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memo Community Outreach Update
2. Memo Interpretive Programs
3. Memo Serpentine Prairie
4. Memo Naming Picnic Site
5. Work Plan 2009
6. Status of Recommendations
7. Articles & Correspondence



TO: Park Advisory Committee

FROM: Rick Parmer, Chief, Interpretive and Recreation Services
Elizabeth Hales, Community Outreach Coordinator

DATE: May 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Outreach Update

Staff will be presenting the results of the 2008 Interpretive and Recreation Services Department outreach efforts to schools and underserved target audiences. This includes a report on partnership opportunities that have developed since the inception of the Community Outreach Coordinator position last year. Staff will be soliciting feedback from the Committee on coordinating and building upon our current and proposed department/District outreach efforts.

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TO: Park Advisory Committee

FROM: Nancy Kaiser, Interpretive Services Manager

DATE: May 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Outdoor Environmental Education/Children in Nature/Interpretive Programs – Trends and Updates

For fifty years, the principles of environmental interpretation and outdoor education have remained the same: Encouraging and enabling visitors to better understand their relationship to the environment. Information by itself doesn't promote a connection to our resources, and may not support life-long stewardship that is critically important to our communities. Interpretation aims to inspire individuals at all ages, as well as promote a greater awareness of natural and cultural resources.

Staff will present some of the trends and information affecting parks, recreation and environmental interpretation programs and services including but not limited to access, experience, and outcomes and benefits. The presentation will focus on youth and family in the outdoor environment.

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TO: Rich Guarienti, Chair
Park Advisory Committee

FROM: David Amme, Wildland Vegetation Program Manager

DATE: May 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan

Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan

David Amme, Wildland Vegetation Program Manager, will make a presentation on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

The Redwood Park Serpentine Prairie is one of the most diverse native grasslands in the San Francisco Bay Area. Of the 230 plant species recorded in the prairie, 165 species (75%) are native. This prairie has the largest population of a State and federally listed species the Presidio clarkia (*Clarkia franciscana*) in the East Bay and may also have the greatest concentration of native grass species for any individual site this size in the state. The endangered Alameda whipsnake is known to also inhabit the Serpentine Prairie. The District was requested to prepare a plan of management actions to restore the Serpentine Prairie by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) via a petition delivered to the District in late 2006. The Board Operations Committee held a meeting in September 2006 at which concerns of the recreational impacts on the Prairie were addressed. Because of the protected species and sensitivity of the site the District was required to prepare a restoration plan and a CEQA document by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), which is accompanied by a CDFG permit.

The Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan describes procedures for actively managing approximately 27 acres of the project site for the enhancement of Presidio clarkia. The purpose of the Plan is to: 1) restore the vitality and botanical diversity of the Serpentine Prairie; 2) manage the site to ensure survival of special status species associated with the prairie; and 3) provide for the enjoyment and appreciation of the park users.

Proposed Management Actions

The current management actions include: 1) the removal of exotic and native mature and sapling trees that constitute a threat to the habitat, 2) the installation of a resource protection fence around the perimeter of Hunt Field to prevent access of people and pets to a key severely impacted area, 3) remediation of existing informal trails and minor construction of new access trails around the fenced area; and 4) public outreach and education and the installation of interpretive signage. The Plan uses an adaptive management model, making

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adjustments or changes based on physical responses to restoration treatments and impacts determined by monitoring the project site. The work will be monitored closely and include science-based experimental treatments to encourage the spread of native forbs at the expense of introduced competitive annual grasses. Future activities that may be tested as part of the adaptive management program may include additional protection fencing, prescribed fire, and a seasonal sheep grazing program.

Potential Environmental Effects

The proposed project would involve restoration and management activities in and near sensitive habitats that contain a diverse array of sensitive plant and wildlife species. Short-term impacts would include the removal of trees not endemic to the Serpentine Prairie and the limited use of herbicide to prevent re-sprouting of hardwoods and restrictions on recreational access in the immediate area.

Over the long term, the resource management strategies included in the Plan are intended to result in beneficial effects on the habitat of plant and wildlife species, populations and communities, including special-status species including the endangered Presidio Clarkia and Alameda whipsnake habitat. The proposed project would not alter the historic tradition of equestrian use previously documented by the District in this area, as the area’s trails and equestrian arena would be retained. The project would alter current recreational activities, by fencing off portions of the Hunt Field to limit recreational over-use impacts. However, alternate trail access would continue to be available throughout both in this area and throughout Redwood Regional Park.

CURRENT SCHEDULE

The project implementation will be done in phases over the next four years. Tree cutting work will be done in mid summer to early fall 2009 (July-September) when the ground is dry and hard and the annual Presidio Clarkia seed has already been dispersed. In the current first phase, which will be implemented in the summer of 2009, trees will be cut in key areas that will allow the construction of a new entrance path and interpretive overlook path and the construction of the Hunt Field protection fence. Baseline surveys and protocols have already been established as a basis for monitoring the effects of the restoration program, including the testing of vegetation manipulation (timed mowing, thatch removal, etc.) designed to enhance native plant species diversity and richness.

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To: Park Advisory Committee

From: Everett James, Park Planner, Planning, Stewardship & GIS

Re: Proposal to name new Quarry Lakes Picnic Area

Date: May 11, 2009

PAC Committee, May 18, 2009

Name new picnic area after George C. Roeding Jr. (James / Wiese)

The PAC is requested to consider the proposed name of one new picnic area at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area as the “George C. Roeding Jr. Picnic Area” under the East Bay Park District Naming Policy and forward a positive recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. This proposal has been reviewed by District staff and was approved by the Executive Board Committee on April 23, 2009. (See Naming Policy and Guidelines – Attachment A)

Project Background

The currently unnamed picnic area was recently built by the District with assistance of the Boy Scouts of America Organization. The picnic area is located adjacent to the recreation area’s (north) east property line, and immediately south of the intersection of the Western Pacific Trail and Old Creek Trail. (See Vicinity Map – Attachment B) The proposal and background information was provided by Quarry Lakes Gardener David Pellarin and submitted to the Planning Department through Quarry Lakes Park Supervisor Elias Hernandez.

George Roeding Jr. was appointed as a Director of the East Bay Regional Park District in 1962 by Robert Gordon Sproul – a former President of the University of California. Roeding also served as the first Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the then new town of Niles, California (currently known as the City of Fremont). George Roeding Jr. owned gravel mining pits located along Alameda Creek which eventually became Quarry Lakes. He cooperated with the Alameda County Water District to allow fresh water percolation into the pits which helped prevent salt water intrusion. The Park District and Alameda County Water District jointly acquired the Alameda Creek gravel quarries between 1975 and 1992 for both recreation and groundwater recharge purposes.

The Roeding family currently owns the California Nursery Company which is located in Fremont. The nursery was initially purchased by George Roeding Sr. in 1917 and served as a wholesaler providing grape vines and fruit trees to California’s growing agricultural industry. In 1926 George C. Roeding Jr. took over management of the nursery. In ensuing years, he shifted the focus away from fruit trees to retail sales of roses and bulbs, and ornamental plants for the residential market, starting the first garden store and bulb show at Niles in 1930. In succeeding years he opened garden stores in Menlo Park, Walnut Creek, Modesto, Sacramento, and Fresno.

California Nursery Company became the largest nursery of its kind west of the Colorado Rockies and was a popular destination for garden lovers and horticulturists. From the early 1930s to the mid

1960s, the annual bulb shows drew as many as 5,000 visitors on a single weekend. In 1973, the former nursery grounds became a city park featuring the Vallejo Adobe, with retail/wholesale yards being leased out over the years to various nurseries. George C. Roeding Jr. passed away in 1995. The Roeding family continues to operate the company as a mail order business, but no longer has retail sales yards.

In light of these historic and significant connections with Quarry Lakes and the surrounding area, staff has determined that naming the new picnic area after George C. Roeding Jr. is appropriate according to the District's Naming Policy.

For additional information about this proposal prior to the May 18th meeting, please contact Everett James at ext. 2320 or by email at ejames@ebparks.org.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the PAC approve the following proposed naming for the new picnic area at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area as the "George C. Roeding Jr. Picnic Area" and forward a positive recommendation to the Board of Directors for consideration under the East Bay Regional Park District's Naming Policy.

ATTACHMENT A

East Bay Regional Park District Naming Policy

Resolution No. 2004-04-73 (Adopted on 4/20/04)

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors is responsible for the naming and renaming of Regional Parks¹, trails, features, areas, and facilities. Proposals for naming and/or renaming may come from any source including Board members, staff, volunteers, organizations and individuals.

The procedure for the naming of a Regional Parks, trails, features, areas and facilities began with the District's establishment in 1934. Naming is a way to remember shared history, to identify local natural resources and to honor individuals. Naming is also a useful way to help park users interpret parkland resources and to orient themselves while visiting the Regional Parks.

Recognition naming after persons living or deceased may be allowed in special cases. The District's preference is to express appreciation for contributions through awards, events, tributes, publicity, commemorative items, mementos and letters of appreciation. The number of features and facilities within EBRPD that may be named is finite. The decision not to accept a naming proposal does not diminish the significance of public service or the gratitude of the District to those who have contributed service or monetary donations.

Naming Policy

Regional Parks, trails, features, areas and facilities will be named after natural features such as plant and animal life, geographic, topographic or pale ontological features, or for cultural features such as archaeological and historic artifacts, historic persons, families or events. Existing historically related names shall be respected.

Naming in recognition of persons living or deceased may be allowed only in special cases, and will be considered for substantial or outstanding contributions of service, property or funds to the public good of the East Bay Regional Park District, East Bay Region, Bay Area, State, or Nation. The East Bay Regional Park District is not a venue for corporate or personal advertising. Corporate names will not be considered for Regional Parks or significant geographic features, but in special cases, may be considered for facility or area names.

Staff will maintain guidelines which will include more specific criteria for eligibility and procedure. The EBRPD Board of Directors always maintains flexibility interpreting the policy, and shall have final authority to name parkland features and facilities as it deems appropriate.

1 All parkland classifications including Regional Trails

Administrative Naming Guidelines

Staff will administer the Board's Naming Policy according to the following guidelines. These guidelines may be changed by the General Manager from time to time.

Naming Criteria

Naming of geographic or natural features, Regional Parks and Regional Trails after individuals will be an exception, reserved for those nominations meeting the highest threshold criteria. Recognition naming will more typically be applied to structures, facilities, in-park trails and areas.

Naming is a special recognition that is considered for persons deserving exceptional recognition for their unique, "substantial or outstanding" contributions, which will be evaluated as follows:

- Did the individual's contribution provide a major benefit to the District, or on a local, regional, state or national scale?
- Is the benefit sufficiently enduring so as to be apparent to future generations?
- Has the nominee already been substantially honored with recognition naming in other places, particularly in the East Bay, which would make a proposal redundant?

The District endeavors not to duplicate names within its system.

Naming Process

The name of a new Regional Park will be established in the District Master Plan, although the name may be temporary in nature. Parkland naming will be finalized in an appropriate planning document for the parkland unit or by separate Board Resolution.

The Planning/Stewardship Department will coordinate naming as a part of the preparation and review of planning documents or on a case-by-case basis as requested by the General Manager or Board of Directors. Naming requests will be evaluated as follows:

- Staff will submit naming recommendations for review by the Board Executive Committee.
- The Park Advisory Committee (PAC) will make naming recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- The Board Executive Committee will review staff and PAC recommendations and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- The full Board will consider the naming proposal.

Minor naming or renaming for facilities and features will be established by a team led by the Planning/Stewardship Department when requested by the Operations or Public Safety Departments. Any names designated in this manner are temporary and will be reviewed as a part of the next formal planning process for the Regional Park.

Recognition Naming Process

Naming after persons who have contributed significantly in service, property or monetary donations to the East Bay Regional Park District, East Bay Region, Bay Area, State, or Nation, or naming after elected officials and persons associated directly with the East Bay Regional Park District will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Recognition naming will be indicated on park brochure maps and may be further described within a parkland at a facility such as a Visitors Center, both to recognize the individual and to further public understanding of his/her contribution. The Planning/Stewardship Department will maintain a database of facilities designated with recognition names.

Recognition for significant monetary or land donations may arise because of an individual gift or as a part of a coordinated fund-raising effort for the facility or area. The individual gift will be reviewed for naming at the time that the gift is received by the Board. The Land Acquisition Department will administer land donations and the Public Affairs Department will administer monetary donations.

Specific fund-raising efforts for new park facilities or structures may contain a naming element in recognition of donors who may fund major costs. "Facilities," in these circumstances, do not include trails. In such instances, the Public Affairs Department will develop a Donor Naming Plan which will include both the specific naming opportunities and the manner of recognition. Review of recognition naming for Donor Naming Plans will follow the same review process as outlined in the "Naming Process" above, although the PAC will provide comments rather than recommendations. If there is a timing constraint with the gift or other impediment that precludes the PAC review, the PAC will be informed of the staff's recommendation.

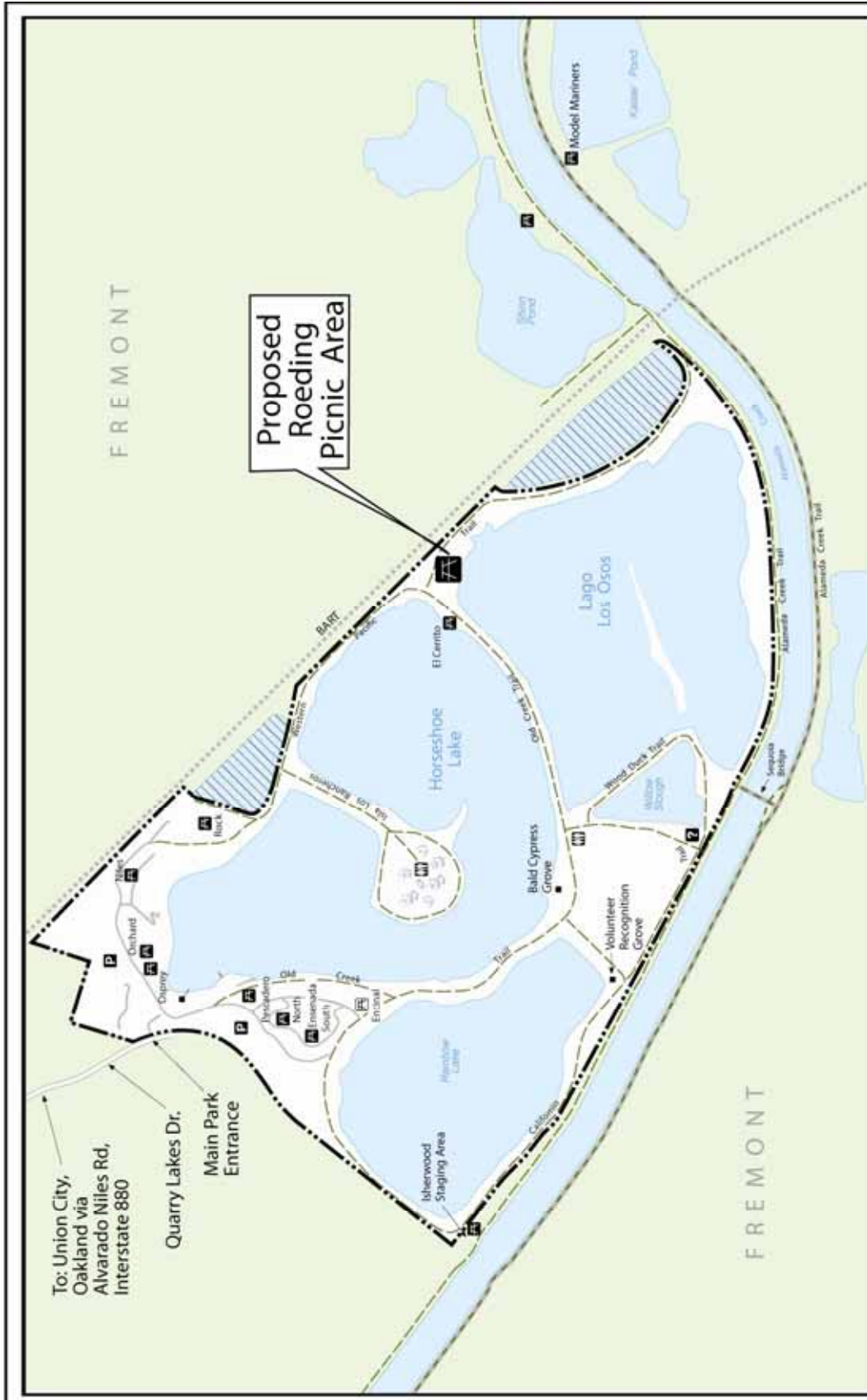


Figure 1 - VICINITY MAP
Proposed Naming for New Picnic Area
Roeding Picnic Area
Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area
 Fremont, Alameda County, California

East Bay Regional Park District
 Planning/Stewardship/GIS Services
 April 1st, 2009



PAC 2009 WORK PLAN Revised 5/13/09

	JAN 26	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 27	MAY 18	JUN 22	JUL 27	SEP 28	OCT 26	NOV 16	DEC 7
PAC	<p>Update on 75th Anniversary Events (I) – Cameron/Johnson</p> <p>Segway Special Uses and Concessions Policies (R) - Escobar/Rockwell</p> <p>Draft Geocaching Policy (R) - Escobar/Rockwell</p>	<p>State of the District (I) – O'Brien/Cameron</p> <p>Regional Parks Foundation 40th Anniv. Goals and Membership (I) - Cameron/ Baglietto</p> <p>Review Measure WW Implementation (I) – Collins/Rasmussen</p> <p>Parklands Dedication Bob Doyle (R) - AGM Land Division</p>	<p>Sustainability Policy and Recycling Update (I) – Escobar/Scheer</p> <p>Special Use Agreement Crockett Hills (R) – Waluch</p> <p>Special Use Agreement Quarry Lakes (R) – Waluch</p>	<p>Measure CC Progress Report (I) - Collins</p> <p>Fuels Management & Vegetation Plan Update (I) – Wiese, Swanson</p> <p>District Camping Plan (I) – Kenny</p>	<p>Community Outreach Update (I) – Parmer/Hales</p> <p>Outdoor Environmental Education / Children in Nature / Interpretative Programs (I) – Kaiser</p> <p>Serpentine Prairie–(I) Wiese</p> <p>Naming Picnic Site – Quarry Lakes (R)</p>	<p>Review of Trails Program (I) – Townsend/Scheer</p> <p>Ordinance 38 Modifications (R) – T. Anderson/King</p> <p>Volunteer Program Update (I) – Kassebaum</p> <p>Trails Change Checklist Tilden-Briones (R) – Wiese, Amme</p>	<p>Update on 75th Anniversary Dinner (I) – Cameron/Baglietto</p> <p>East Contra Costa County Parks HCP (I) – Weise</p> <p>Garin LUP (R) – Weise</p>	<p>BBQ – East County???</p> <p>Workshop On Master Plan (I) – M. Anderson/Weise</p>	<p>Goals 2010</p> <p>Prop. 84 Park Improvement Bond Act (I) – Collins/Rasmussen</p> <p>Americans with Disabilities Act Plan (I) - Radosevich</p>	<p>2010 Proposed Budget (R) – Collins/Rubaloff</p>	<p>Holiday Dinner</p>
	<p><u>ExComm Subcommittee</u> Work Plan (R) - Pfuehler</p>	<p><u>Community Outreach Subcommittee</u> – Parmer/Hales</p>			<p>Fuels Management Field Trip – Blonski/Swanson – May 30</p>	<p><u>Finance Subcommittee</u> CAFR –(Collins / Rubaloff)</p>	<p>Shadow Cliffs Field Trip???</p>		<p><u>ExComm Subcommittee</u> Goals 2010</p>	<p><u>Finance Subcommittee</u> 2010 Budget</p>	

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2009 Status of Recommendations

The following is a record of items, which have come from the PAC during the year beginning January 1, 2009.

1. The PAC recommended Board adoption of the Draft Geocaching Policy. (January 26, 2009)
STATUS: The Board unanimously voted to adopt the Geocaching Policy. (Resolution #2009-2-044)
2. The PAC did not recommend the Board approval of the Contra Costa Centre's Segway Special Use Permit. (January 26, 2009)
STATUS: The Board did not recommend approval of the Contra Costa Centre's Segway Special Use Permit. (April 27, 2009)
3. The PAC recommended Board approval of the dedication of Regional Parkland and Trails. (February 23, 2009)
STATUS: The Board unanimously voted to dedicate Regional Parkland and Trails. (Resolution #2009-3-066)
4. The PAC recommended Board approval of the Special Use Agreement's for Crockett Hills and for Quarry Lakes (March 23, 2009)
STATUS: The Board recommended approval of the Special Use Agreement for Crockett Hills. (Resolution #2009-4-097)

Quarry Lakes.
STATUS: Pending Board Action.
5. The PAC recommended Board approval of the Sustainability Policy. (March 23, 2009)
STATUS: The Board unanimously voted to approve the Sustainability Policy for the East Bay Regional Park District. (Resolution #2009-4-102)