



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE** February 20, 2024  
**TITLE** Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting December 5, 2023  
**DIVISION** General Manager's Office  
**FROM** Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors approve the attached minutes for the Board Meeting of December 5, 2023.

**BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2023**

The Closed Session Board Meeting, which was held on December 5, 2023, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 4:14pm by Board President Dennis Waespi.

The December 5, 2023, Board of Directors meeting was video recorded and may be viewed by clicking the following link <https://ebparks.new.swagit.com/videos/283475>

**I. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present:

Dennis Waespi, President

Elizabeth Echols, Vice President

Dee Rosario, Secretary

Ellen Corbett, Treasurer

John Mercurio

Colin Coffey

Olivia Sanwong

Directors Remote: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sabrina Landreth General Manager, Lynne Bourgault General Counsel, Yolande Barial Knight, Debra Fuller, Yulie Padmore

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

Michael Dyson was on the zoom webinar to comment. Mr. Dyson was asked to return to the general meeting at 6pm since this topic was on the agenda.

**III. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Sabrina Landreth, Allyson Cook  
Unrepresented Employee: AGM for Public Safety/Chief of Police  
Employee Organization: AFSCME Local 2428

#### B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))  
Mattingly vs. EBRPD  
Alameda Superior Court

The Board Meeting, which was held December 5, 2023, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 called the Open Session of the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President Dennis Waespi.

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#### IV. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:  
Dennis Waespi, President  
Elizabeth Echols, Vice President  
Dee Rosario, Secretary  
Ellen Corbett, Treasurer  
Olivia Sanwong  
John Mercurio  
Colin Coffey

Attendees: Sabrina Landreth, Lynne Bourgault, Ana M. Alvarez, Yolande Barial Knight, Debra Fuller, Yulie Padmore, Michael Dyson

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Mercurio read the Native American land acknowledgment.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Echols, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Directors Present: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Elizabeth Echols, John Mercurio, Dee Rosario, Olivia Sanwong, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

Directors Abstain: None.

#### V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

#### VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Dyson brought to the Board an incident that occurred to him at Anthony Chabot on July 12th which resulted in the loss of his tent. President Waespi asked staff to get into contact with Mr. Dyson. AGM Goorjian and Legal Counsel Bourgault will follow up. Max Wilson and Alex are high school students who spoke about mountain biking as members of the Albany High School Mountain bike

Team and are interested in volunteer opportunities for trail work at Tilden and Wildcat Regional Parks.

Renee Patterson reminded the Board about the PERS filing.

## VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Landreth said there are none.

## VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

### A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Director Mercurio and seconded by Director Corbett.

FOR: Colin Coffey, Elizabeth Echols, John Mercurio, Dee Rosario,  
Olivia Sanwong, Dennis Waespi, Ellen Corbett  
AGAINST: None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

1. Approval of Park District Check Listing for the Period of September 4, 2023 through September 17, 2023 (Spaulding/Landreth)  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 251 (attached)
2. Authorization to AWARD a Contract to Print and Distribute Regional in Nature (RIN) Activity Guide for the year 2024 in the amount of \$363,000  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 252 (attached)
3. Authorization to Enter into a Funding Agreement to Accept Port Chicago Mitigation Funds from Contra Costa County in an Amount up to \$201,580  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 253 (attached)
6. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Tulchin Research for Park District Voter Focus Groups and Survey Project in the Amount of \$86,000  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 254 (attached)
7. Authorization to Amend License with UC Berkeley Seismology Lab to Allow Installation of Additional Seismic Station: Round Valley Regional Preserve  
CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15303, §15304, §15306  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 255 (attached)
8. Authorization to Extend and Amend Lease Agreement with the City of Hayward to Support Hayward Marsh Restoration Project: Hayward Regional Shoreline  
CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15301, §15304, §15307, §15308, §15061(b) (3)  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 256 (attached)
9. Approving the Application for Outdoor Equity Grants Program Grant Funds for the Bay Adventure Program  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 257 (attached)

10. Authorization to Enter into a Funding Agreement and Accept Funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the Amount of \$10,000 for the Development of a Feral Pig Management Plan  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 258 (attached)
11. Acceptance of Formal Bid and Authorization to Purchase Automotive Parts from City Auto Supply at a Total Cost not to Exceed \$200,000  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 259 (attached)
12. Adoption of 2024 Fee Schedule  
Resolution No. 2023 – 12 – 260 (attached)

## B. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

### I. 2024 Proposed Operating Project & Program Budget

#### PUBLIC HEARING

General Manager Landreth opened by thanking the entire team because this whole budget process necessitates all hands-on deck with every single division working with each of their departments on what their requests. Landreth continued that the product's increased transparency speaks to the Park District's best practices on budget process. We are working to tweak our process here as we've become a bigger agency who takes into account the board's priorities. Deborah Spaulding, Assistant Finance Officer thanked her entire team and the general manager for all of the support and the work on this budget. Spaulding walked the Board through a very detailed PowerPoint presentation where she discussed the annual budget cycle, revenue expectations, division objectives, and the 2024 budget book.

President Waespi opened the public hearing. Each of the Board members had a very robust dialogue with comments, questions and narratives on this report with staff during this hearing. President Waespi closed the public hearing.

Public comment:

President Waespi acknowledged that the Board received a letter from Scott Bartlebaugh. Ross Mitchell of AFSCME shared with the Board that union members are enthusiastic about the possibility of the on-call firefighter position coming back. Mitchell highlighted particular positions that were in the budget that AFSCME had discussions with staff on.

### 2. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Landreth gave a brief presentation on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration which is a year long celebration where public affairs and interpretive and recreation are working together to highlight the Park District.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Lynne Bourgault, General Counsel announced that during this meetings closed session the Board voted unanimously to authorize one item that is outside the General Managers authority to provide a candidate for police chief/AGM of Public Safety with up to 6 months of severance for a term of three years.

### 4. BOARD COMMENTS

President Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi:

- Attended the Pleasanton Parade 12/2;
- Attended Tyler Ranch Opening 12/3.

Director Mercurio reported on meetings attended. Director Mercurio:

- Attended the Board meeting 11/21;
- Invited to speak at De La Salle High School 11/27;
- Attended Natural/Cultural Committee Meeting 11/29;
- Attended a tour with Sean Dougan and Suzanne Wilson on potential trail projects;
- Attended Save Mt. Diablo Appreciation Event 11/30;
- Attended Tyler Ranch Staging Area Grand Opening 12/3;
- Met with Chief Filice at Public Safety building 12/4;
- Met with staff regarding complaints on the Iron Horse trail 12/5.

Director Sanwong reported on meetings attended. Director Sanwong:

- Participated in the Pleasanton Holiday Parade with Director Waespi 12/2;
- Attended Tyler Ranch Grand Opening 12/3;
- Attended the Pleasanton Museum Annual Event 12/3.

Director Echol reported on meetings attended. Director Echols:

- Attended Natural Cultural Resources Committee 11/29;
- Ward Site visit with GM Landreth and AGM Wysocki and team 11/30;
- Attended pre-board meeting 12/4.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey:

- Attended PAC meeting 11/27;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee 11/29;
- Attended Tyler Ranch Opening 12/3.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario:

- Attended Tyler Ranch opening 12/3;
- Met with constituents at the Oakland Estuary Bay trail 12/4.

**President Waespi** closed the meeting in memory of retired EBRPD employee Beth Stone.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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