



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

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<b>DATE</b>	March 5, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting February 6, 2024
<b>DIVISION</b>	General Manager’s Office
<b>FROM</b>	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 February 6, 2024.

**BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The Closed Session Board Meeting, which was held February 6, 2024, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Board President Elizabeth Echols.

The February 6, 2024, the Board of Directors meeting was video recorded and may be viewed by clicking the following link <https://ebparks.new.swagit.com/videos/296591>

**I. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present:

Elizabeth Echols, President

Ellen Corbett, Vice President

John Mercurio, Secretary

Olivia Sanwong, Treasurer

Colin Coffey

Dennis Waespi

Dee Rosario

Directors Remote: Dennis Waespi

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Sabrina Landreth General Manager, Lynne Bourgault General Counsel

Guests: None

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

**III. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

EBRPD v Questa Engineering Corp.

Alameda County Superior

Court Case No. 21CV000770

## B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8)

Properties: Contra Costa County – 561-100-050 through -055, 561-420-001 and -002, 561-430-001, 561-440-001 through -004, and 561-450-001 through -031; Stenmark Drive,

Richmond Agency Negotiators: Sabrina Landreth, Ken Wysocki

Negotiating Parties: Point Molate Futures, LLC Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

## C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Sabrina Landreth, Allyson Cook

Employee Organization(s): AFSCME Local 2428

The Board Meeting, which was held February 6, 2024, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 called the Open Session of the Board Meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. by Board President Elizabeth Echols.

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Directors Remote: Dennis Waespi

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Sabrina Landreth, Lynne Bourgault, Ana M. Alvarez, Yolande Barial Knight, Debra Fuller, Yulie Padmore, Allyson Cook, Katy Hornbeck, Lisa Baldinger, Brian Holt, Roberto Filice, Ross Mitchell, Lisa Goorjian, Deborah Spaulding, Susan Shui, Ken Wysocki, Monica Alvarez-Selles, Samson Lee, David Rusting, Kim Thai, Matt Graul

### I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Sanwong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Mercurio read the Native American land acknowledgment.

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Rosario, and seconded by Director Mercurio, 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

Abstain: None

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renee Patterson reminded the Board about the PERS filing.

Michael Dyson commented that his tent was destroyed by staff at Anthony Chabot in July 2023. Dyson received a response from the Park District requesting a receipt be attached to the claim submitted. Dyson completed the paperwork and requested a status update. President Echols asked staff to follow up with Mr. Dyson and staff responded another follow up email would be sent.

#### V. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

##### A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Director Corbett seconded by Director Mercurio

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 October 23, 2023 to November 5, 2023  
Resolution No. 2024 – 1 – 15 (attached)
2. Resolution to Support Legislation H.Res.881 and S. 3416 for the Legislative Session 2023-2024  
Resolution No. 2024 – 1 – 16 (attached)
3. Authorization to Approve and Adopt an Amendment to the East Bay Regional Park District Salary Schedule to Implement the Approved 2024 Budget  
Resolution No. 2024 – 1 – 17 (attached)
4. Update to Board Resolution No. 2023-12-270 Authorization to Execute a Five-Year Grazing License with Two Five-Year Extensions Options to Licensee Smith Cattle, LLC. for Use of 1695-Acreportion of Wildcat Canyon Regional Park Grazing Unit 1: Wildcat Canyon Regional Park  
CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15304, §15307, §15308, §15061(b)(3)  
Resolution No. 2024 – 1 – 18 (attached)
5. Authorization to Execute Three Two-Year On-call Environmental Remediation Technical Services and Stormwater Management Contracts FOR \$150,000 annually to Northgate Environmental Management, Inc., EKI Environment & Water, Inc., and Nichols Consulting Engineers, Inc.: District-wide  
CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15262  
Resolution No. 2024 – 1 – 19 (attached)
6. Authorization to Execute a Consultant Contract with Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc. in the Amount of \$125,503 for McCosker Stream Restoration Project Support: Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve  
CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15301, §15304, §15307, §15308, §15061(b)(3)  
Resolution No. 2024 – 1 – 20 (attached)

7. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate \$28,000 from Measure WW for Garin/Pleasanton Ridge Trail (WP31-Acquisition) for the Garin/Pleasanton Ridge Public Access Planning Project: Garin Regional Park and Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2024 – I – 21 (attached)
  
8. Authorization of a Grant Application for the Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program for the Richmond Bay Trail Gap Closure Project in the Amount of \$6,400,000  
Resolution No. 2024 – I – 22 (attached)
  
9. Approving Application for Specified Grant Funds from the Budget Act of 2023, 19.561(b)(43) for the Restoration of Wildcat Creek at Brooks Road  
Resolution No. 2024 – I – 23 (attached)
  
10. Authorization Approving Application for Specified Grant Funds from the Budget Act of 2023, 9.561(b)(66) for Improvements to Roddy Ranch  
Resolution No. 2024 – I – 24 (attached)

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Moved by Director Rosario seconded by Director Mercurio

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

11. Approval of Investment Policy Statement and Proposed Fund Lineup for Deferred Compensation  
Resolution No. 2024 – I – 25 (attached)

IX. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Lynne Bourgault announced the Board of Directors approved a settlement brought by the Park District against Questa Engineering Corporation in closed session.

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey:

- Attended the Annual Contra Costa Bar Association Installation Luncheon on January 19;
- Attended the Board Retreat at Trudeau Conference Center on January 26;
- Attended the Park District’s State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 29 to 31;
- Attended the Sierra Club’s Diablo Chapter monthly presenter event at Pittsburg;
- Attended the Board Land Study Session on February 2.

Director Sanwong reported on meetings attended. Director Sanwong:

- Attended a meeting at N3 Cattle Ranch;
- Attended Finance Committee on January 24;
- Attend the Board Retreat at Trudeau Conference Center on January 26;
- Attended the very first 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on February 27;

- Attended the Bio Blitz at Sunol Regional Park;
- Met Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park to see the new pavilion on January 28;
- Attended the Operations Committee on January 29;
- Attended the Park District's State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 30 to 31;
- Met with Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert's office to discuss the California State Parks lease renewal on February 1.

Director Sanwong reiterated interest in adding an item to the agenda for the Board to make future agenda item recommendations at board meetings. Sanwong asked the Park District to track Board Member's requests.

Director Mercurio reported on meetings attended. Director Mercurio:

- Attended the January 16 Board Meeting;
- Met with Matt Morgan, Bailey Road adjacent Concord resident on January 17;
- Met with Jon Rego and Dave Fong from the Town of Danville on January 19;
- Met with AFSCME staff Sergio Huerta and Ross Mitchell in Walnut Creek on January 22;
- Attended the Finance Committee on January 24;
- Attended the Save Mount Diablo Annual Stat of the Mountain Celebration on January 25;
- Attended the Board Retreat on January 26;
- Attended the Park District's State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 30 to 31;
- Contra Costa Mayors Conference at El Cerrito on February 1;
- Met three constituents in Alamo with concern about safety on the Iron Horse Trail.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario:

- Attended the Lee Creekside Public Planning Pro-hearing at Lafayette on January 20;
- Met with park staff Ken Wysocki and Ren Bates on January 20;
- Attended the Oakland DD Coalition about Bay Trail on January 22;
- Attended the Finance Committee on January 24;
- Met with AFSCME 2428 on January 24;
- Attended the Board Retreat on January 26;
- Attended the Sub-Committee meeting;
- Attended the Park District's State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 29 to 31;
- Attended the Land Session on February 29;
- Met with constituent Larry Goslin about promoting trail extensions in Southern Alameda County on February 5.

President Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi:

- Attended the Executive Committee on January 17;
- Met with Union Representative to discuss upcoming negotiations on January 18;
- Attended the Board Retreat on January 26;
- Attended the Park District's State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 29 to 31;
- Attend the Board Land Study Session on February 2;

Director Waespi agreed with Director Sanwong adding a future agenda recommendations item to the agenda.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett:

- Attended the January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration January 15;
- Attended the Board meeting on January 16;
- Attended the Executive Committee on January 17;

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting as a member of the public on January 24;
- Attended the Volunteer meeting on January 26;
- Attended the Park District's State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 29 to 31;
- Attended the Board Land Study Session on February 2;
- Attended the pre-session meeting with the Board President Echols on February 5.

President Echols reported on meetings attended. President Echols:

- Attended the Executive Committee on January 17;
- Met with consultant to prepare for the Board Retreat to discuss the Park District Second Century Plan on January 22;
- Attended the Board Retreat on January 26;
- Attended the Park District's State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on January 30 to 31;
- Attended the Board Land Study Session on February 2;
- Attended the pre-session meeting with the Board Vice President Corbett on February 5.

All of the Board of Directors expressed their appreciation and gratitude for Government and Legislative Affairs and Lauren Blanchard's work to organize the State Advocacy Conference in Sacramento.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Echols adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.