



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

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<b>DATE</b>	July 17, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Approval of the Minutes for the Operations Committee Meeting June 17, 2024
<b>DIVISION</b>	General Manager's Office
<b>FROM</b>	Debra Fuller, Recording Clerk

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Operations Committee Meeting of June 17, 2024.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The June 17, 2024, Board Operations Committee meeting was held in-person and via video conference pursuant to the Brown Act, as amended by AB 2449.

Members of the public can watch the meeting at <https://ebparks.new.swagit.com/videos/308051>

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Recording Clerk Fuller conducted a roll call. Present were the following Directors and staff:

Committee: Olivia Sanwong (Chair), Ellen Corbett, Dee Rosario

Staff: Assistant General Manager Lisa Goorjian, Assistant Legal Counsel Elizabeth McKenzie, Debra Fuller, Yulie Padmore, Anna Londonio, Amir Aziz, Renee Patterson, Michael Moran, Sandi Funke

**2. Approval of Minutes**

None.

**3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**4. Action items**

**a. Recommendation to Approve Special Use Agreement with Tri-Cities Horsemen**

Administrative Analyst II Patterson presented a PowerPoint outlining the staff recommendation; special use agreements; location; background; and annual payment.

Director Rosario confirmed the requirement for liability insurance and that special use groups did not contribute to the concession maintenance fund.

Director Corbett indicated support for the agreement.

In response to Chair Sanwong, Business Services Manager Margulici explained the meeting and response from Tri-Cities Horsemen regarding the increase. Sanwong discussed the pilot program and continuation into 2025.

## **MOTION**

Director Corbett moved, and Director Rosario seconded a motion to recommend approval of the Special Use Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

## **5. Informational Items**

### **a. Overview of 2023 Accomplishments and 2023 Workplans for the Interpretive and Recreation Services Northwest Region**

Northwest (NW) Region Regional Interpretative and Recreation Services Manager Moran presented a PowerPoint outlining the NW workgroups; themes; Tilden Nature Area; Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove; outdoor recreation; expanded programming; mobile education; Coyote Hills; statistics for classes, students, and programs in 2023; and highlights.

Director Corbett expressed enthusiasm about the things people do in the parks.

Director Rosario discussed the Three Rivers District in Minneapolis. He requested more advertising programs and discussed the need for space and equipment. In response to Director Rosario, Moran explained the chillers for the mobile aquarium and at the facilities. He explained tracking of students. Chief of Interpretative and Recreation Funke discussed current compilation of statistics and efforts to improve technology, referencing Placer AI and SF State University Study on best practices for gathering demographic data for programs and events. She discussed FFA at Ardenwood.

Director Sanwong discussed her participation in the California Naturalist Program. She discussed opportunities to educate on the importance of fish. Funke discussed the possibility of adding capacity to I and R; interpretations on panels and digital information; promotions and advertising of programs; and partnership with Public Affairs. Moran added the relationships with community partners and local press. Sanwong suggested utilizing the assistance of the California Naturalists. Moran discussed the loss of volunteers during COVID and efforts to increase docents. He discussed partnerships and information to visitors about other resources. Sanwong concurred with compiling data and customer insights. She suggested a booth at the Alameda County Fair and information at Oakland Airport. In response to Sanwong and Funke discussed outreach throughout the department. Sanwong suggested requesting an additional Outreach Coordinator. AGM Lisa Goorjian discussed the work of the department and highlighted that the department provided the Social Science curriculum to Eastbay Regional fourth graders. Sanwong suggested consideration of outsourcing for classroom programming.

**b. Informational Update on Agricultural Leases Managed by the Business Services Department**

Business Services Manager Margulici provided an update on agricultural land leases including benefits and challenges; and lease locations including Delta Access, Ardenwood, Coyote Hills,

Reggie Young, Executive Director of Alameda County Community Food Bank, discussed the partnership with EBRPD and Dig Deep Farms.

In response to Director Rosario, Mr. Young explained the farms used by Dig Deep Farms and focused on Ardenwood. Margulici explained the cost of the core acres for Dig Deep Farms. Director Rosario suggested offering Native Americans farming opportunities through Segorea Te'. He confirmed that the well was the only source for the 45 acres.

In response to Director Sanwong, Margulici explained that water payments were the responsibility of the lessee and were included in the leases.

In response to Director Corbett, Margulici discussed unsuccessful requests for row crops and explained the deed restriction requiring adherence to agricultural values.

Director Sanwong suggested a presence at the Alameda County Fair. She mentioned the agricultural park at the water temples in Sinul AgPark and asked if EBRPD partnered with ACRCDC. She discussed the debate over the Ramirez Farm in Union City/Fremont Area and value and interest in preserving Coyote Hills and Ardenwood.

**6. Announcements**

Director Sanwong announced Juneteenth programing including waiving parking fees, and the Board Meeting at Big Break.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Sanwong declared the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board