



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

DATE	July 30, 2024
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting June 18, 2024
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors approve of the attached minutes for the Board Meeting of June 18, 2024.

BOARD MINUTES JUNE 18, 2024

The Closed Session Board Meeting, which was held June 18, 2024, at East Bay Regional Park District's Big Break Visitor Center, located at 69 Big Break Road, Oakley, CA 94561 was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Board President Elizabeth Echols.

I. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Elizabeth Echols, President

Ellen Corbett, Vice President

Olivia Sanwong, Treasurer

Colin Coffey

Dennis Waespi

Dee Rosario

Directors Remote: None

Directors Absent: John Mercurio, Secretary

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

Guests: None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Dotson vs. EBRPD Alameda Superior Court

Case No. 23CV037405

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Sabrina Landreth, Allyson Cook

Employee Organizations: AFSCME Local 2428

The Open Session of the Board Meeting, which was held June 18, 2024, at East Bay Regional Park District's Big Break Visitor Center, located at 69 Big Break Road, Oakley, CA 94561 was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Board President Elizabeth Echols.

I. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Elizabeth Echols, President

Ellen Corbett, Vice President

Olivia Sanwong, Treasurer

Colin Coffey

Dennis Waespi

Dee Rosario

Directors Remote: None

Directors Absent: John Mercurio, Secretary

Staff Present: Sabrina Landreth, Lynne Bourgault, Debra Fuller, Yulie Padmore, Yolande Barial Knight, Mike Moran, Allyson Cook, Jose Gonzalez, Ken Wysocki, Allison Dibley, Erich Pfuehler, Naoma Lavallo, Fabio Hornischer, Robert Kennedy

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Sanwong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Supervising Naturalist Wyatt Moore read the Native American land acknowledgment.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Directors Against: None

Directors Absent: John Mercurio

Directors Abstain: None

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Romick extends invitation to tour the work he is doing with the Reclamation District at Dutch Slough. He is also the Executive Director at Next Generation Mobility and extends invite to show the work being done with connect and autonomous vehicles.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

a. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board of Directors made a motion to approve the consent calendar.

Moved by Director Waespi seconded by Director Rosario

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

1. Approval of Park District Check Listing for the Period of April 1, 2024 through April 21, 2024.
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 129
2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2024.
3. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Lake Research Partners for \$76,595 for a Community Survey on Programs
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 130
4. Authorization to Execute Contract in the Amount of \$181,984 with Civicorps to Perform Trail Work CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15301, §15302, §15304, §15307, §15308, §15061(b)(3)
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 131
5. Authorization to Renew the East Bay Regional Park District's Insurance Program for the 2024-2025 Policy Period
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 132
6. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Rails to Trails Conservancy's Trail Grants Program in an Amount up to \$25,000 for the Richmond Bay Trail Gap Closure Project
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 133
7. Authorization to Accept Trail Easement Donation from Bryan and Melissa Goldwyn and to Enter Into An Easement Agreement: Calaveras Ridge Trail
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 134
8. Authorization to Amend the On-Call Habitat Restoration and Maintenance Services Contracts to Increase the Amounts by a Total Annual Amount of \$495,000: District-wide CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15301, §15302, §15304, §15307, §15308, §15061(b)(3)
Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 135

IX. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Approval of Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Adopt Resolution Confirming Diagram

and Assessment, Order Maintenance, Improvements and Levy Annual Assessment for Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1, including ZB-1 (Five Canyons), ZB-2 (Dublin Hills), ZB- 3 (Walpert Ridge), ZB-4 (San Ramon Hills), ZB-5 (Stone Valley), and ZB-6 (Sibley Volcanic) and appropriate \$750,000 from the Two County LLD, \$50,000 from the Dublin Hills Zone of Benefit, \$75,000 from the Stone Valley Zone of Benefit, and \$25,000 from the San Ramon Zone of Benefit

Director Rosario requests to make one amendment to Two County Regional Trails slide of presentation list the Skyline Trail change to Skyline National Recreation Trail.

Director Waespi acknowledges and thanks Tim Schefert for his guidance with NBS.

No public comment

President Echols closes the public hearing to take vote.

Moved by Director Waespi seconded by Director Rosario

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: John Mercurio

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 136

PUBLIC HEARING

- b. Approval of Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Adopt Resolution Confirming Diagram and Assessment, Order Maintenance, Improvements and Levy Annual Assessment for East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1 (ECCC-I LLD) and appropriate \$50,000 from ECCC-I LLD (Fund 221)

President Echols thanks and acknowledges Contra Costa Supervisor Diane Burgess for joining the Board Meeting.

Director Coffey shares a reminder to colleagues and staff that Liberty High School District boundaries in which the LLD encompasses, the residents do not pay the Park District as part of the ad forum Contra Costa property taxes. It was a function in a point in time in which East Contra Costa was incorporated into the Park District such that after proposition 13 annexation into the district without a separate vote for additional taxes brought that Liberty Union High School into the Park District but without any property taxes accompany that annexation so the importance facet of what the Park District is able to do with an election to make up some of that but it's been pointed out that operational costs that within the area of Liberty Union High School exceeds what the LLD brings in for the Park District. Also important to note that all residents including the area of the high school pay voter-approved geo bond funding of the Park District with Measure WW so the community does contribute to the capital acquisition funding through Measure WW. The Park District is working hard to accelerate the period of time to opening up parklands that is a huge need for communities out in East Contra Costa. Director Coffey also states that it is an ongoing issue for discussion both for the Park District and other agencies in East Contra Costa.

Director Sanwong states to consider having other meetings in other parts of the two counties for future calendar years. Dir. Sanwong states that each area has different property taxes and assessment tax situations as well as different funding sources of funding. She requests to take deeper dive into that section of the Park District and maybe look at overall Park District sources of funding it has or doesn't have. Dir. Sanwong thanks Dir. Coffey for his summary.

Supervisor Diane Burgess expresses support for what the Park District is doing. She states

looking at how much revenue and costs is important as the benefits the Park District provides. She highlights people love the East Bay Regional Park District, they utilize the trails and believe there would be support in the future to be able to maximize the ability to access all the land that was previously discussed. Supervisor Burgess shares she points people back to the original area of the Park District and how much it contributes to the quality of life, health, culture, and the value of living in communities where there are parks. She thanks everyone for coming to East Contra Costa.

Moved by **Director Coffey** seconded by **Director Sanwong**

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: John Mercurio

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2024 – 06 – 137

X. PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

- a. Adoption of Military Equipment and Use Policy AB – 481

Director Coffey requests for Chief Filice to provide a quick summary to the public as it is a different audience.

Chief Filice

Moved by **Director Rosario** seconded by **Director Waespi**

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: John Mercurio

ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2024 – 06 – 138

XII. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board approved an agreement with AFSCME Local 2428 to add certain classifications under the MOU are titled to a uniform allowance and to remove a few other classifications that do not actually receive or use the uniform allowance.

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey:

- Watched the Board Executive Committee June 5
- Attended the Board Legislative Committee June 6

- Attended the Board Workshop Session June 7
- Attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Track June 10 – Point San Pablo
- Attended the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club June 14
- Attended Briones Community Input Session June 15
- Attended Pride in the Park at Martinez Radke Shoreline June 16
- Watched the Board Ops Committee June 17

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi:

- Attended Special Parks Forum in Minnesota Three Rivers District June 10 - 13

Director Sanwong reported on meeting attended. Director Sanwong:

- Attended the Board Priorities Workshop June 7
- Attended the Board Operations Committee meeting June 17

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi:

- Attended Special Parks Forum in Minnesota Three Rivers District June 10 - 13

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario:

- Attended the Inaugural Annual Public Safety Meeting June 5
- Attended Board Priorities Session June 7
- Attended the Special Parks Forum Three Rivers District
- Attended the Briones Pilot Project Update June 15

President Echols reported on meetings attended. Director Echols:

- Attended the Board Executive Committee June 5
- Attended the Board Legislative Committee June 6
- Attended the Board Priorities Session June 7
- Attended Wildfire Safety Townhall City of Berkeley June 13

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

President Echols adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.