



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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| <b>DATE</b>     | February 7, 2024   |
| <b>TITLE</b>    | Approval of the Minutes for the Board Executive Committee Meeting January 17, 2024 |
| <b>DIVISION</b> | General Manager's Office   |
| <b>FROM</b>     | Monica Hernandez-Juarez, Recording Clerk   |

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Executive Committee Meeting January 17, 2024.

**COMMITTEE MIINUTES**

The January 17, 2024, Board Executive Committee (Committee) meeting was held pursuant to the Brown Act. Committee members and staff participated in the meeting in the Board Room at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California.

The January 17<sup>th</sup> Board Executive Committee was video recorded and may be viewed by copying the following link: [January 17, 2024 Executive Committee - East Bay Regional Park District, CA \(swagit.com\)](https://www.swagit.com/January%2017%2C%202024%20Executive%20Committee%20-%20East%20Bay%20Regional%20Park%20District%2C%20CA)

Committee Chair Echols called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Recording Clerk Yolande Barial Knight conducted a roll call. Present were the following Directors and staff:

Committee: Director Waespi, Director Corbett and virtually Director Echols.

Staff Coordinator(s): General Manager, Sabrina Landreth & Deputy General Manager, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez

Staff and Presenters: Yolande Barial Knight, Debra Fuller, Lynne Bourgault, Katy Hornbeck, Amir Aziz, Susan Shiu, Brian Holt, Ken Wysocki, Lisa Goorjian, Sean Dougan

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Submitted minutes from October 2023-December 2023 were presented to the Committee and pending approval. Motion by Director Waespi and seconded by Director Echols. Director Corbett felt as an alternate that she should abstain since she wasn't present at the meetings. Minutes approved via vote (2-0-1).

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

None.

## **4. Action items**

### **a. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Application**

Grants Manager, Katy Hornbeck, provided insight into the RAISE (rebuilding American infrastructure with sustainability and equity) program. Previously known as the TIGER (transportation investment generating economic recovery) program, RAISE is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have significant local or regional impact. The program prioritizes projects with long-term beneficial outcomes, job creation, economic stimulus, innovation and partnership. The RAISE project follows 6 criteria such as safety, environmental sustainability, regional economic benefit, regional connectivity, readiness and overall readiness. There is \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the Secretary in 2024. With the help of the Department of Transportation, Grants is expecting to submit the Richmond Bay Trail Gap Closure project for the 2024 application with hopes to submit by February 28 with Board approval. Director Corbett and Director Waespi asked for the list of projects that the consultant created for the various Park projects that could be considered for awards. Director Echols is very excited that this particular project was selected and hopes it's successful.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board Executive Committee support the General Manager's recommendation to the Board of Directors for the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the construction of the Richmond Bay Trail Gap Closure project in the amount of \$6.4 million.

Motion by Director Waespi and seconded by Director Corbett. Approved the staff recommendation via vote (3-0).

## **5. Informational Items**

### **a. Review of Board Executive Committee 2024 Look-Ahead Calendar**

Deputy General Manager, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, gave the Committee an insight into the Board Executive Committee 2024 look-ahead calendar. This document is a preview of various agenda items in consideration of the Board Executive Committee's needs in collaboration of the Executive team. In 2023, the Sponsorship Policy was introduced in the Board Executive

Committee meeting as well as an assessment in climate equity by our intern Kailani Day and an updated Design and Build policy. 2024 will showcase housekeeping items such as the Board Master Calendar as well as the living document of the 2024 Look-Ahead Calendar. Grants, planning and land use, capital, partnership and agreements and other requested items are spread out amongst the year which was requested in the past by Board Executive Committee members. Director Waespi asked what the process was for members to add items to the list and Dr. Alvarez said that it is a working document and can also be added with Committee interest. Director Echols asked if agenda items can be moved up in the calendar and Dr. Alvarez reiterated that the agenda can always be updated as needed depending on the readiness of the item.

## **6. Announcements**

None.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Echols declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Hernandez-Juarez, Acting Executive Assistant