



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

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**DATE** March 26, 2025  
**TITLE** Approval of the Minutes for the Board Executive Committee Meeting  
December 6, 2024  
**DIVISION** General Manager's Office  
**FROM** Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Executive Committee Meeting of December 6, 2024.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The December 6, 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 December 6, 2024 Board Executive Committee was video recorded and may be viewed by clicking the following link <https://ebparks.new.swagit.com/videos/322021>

Committee Member Mercurio called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

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

Committee: Director John Mercurio, Director Dennis Waespi

Staff: Sabrina Landreth, Lynne Bourgault, Yulie Padmore, Anna Londonio, Amir Aziz, Sean Dougan, Max Korten, Ken Wysocki, Brian Holt, Lisa Goorjian, Ren Bates, Scott Stoller, Jason Rosenberg, Erich Pfuehler

**2. Approval of Minutes - None.**

**3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda – None.**

**4. Action Items**

**a. Recommendation to Support 2025 Park Advisory Committee Objectives**

Division Lead of Government and Legislative Affairs Erich Pfuehler presented the staff report.

Director Waespi indicated support for the objectives and discussed the importance of getting people out into the parks. In response to Chair Mercurio, Division Lead Pfuehler explained the process of determining the PAC objectives. Mercurio expressed appreciation for the 21 members being able to reach the community.

## **MOTION**

Director Waespi moved, and Director Mercurio seconded a motion to support the 2025 Park Advisory Committee Objects. The motion carried 2-0, Chair Echols absent.

## **Director Echols arrived to Executive Committee Meeting**

### **b. Briones Pilot Project – Pilot Project Review and Recommendations**

Trails Program Manager Sean Dougan and Deputy General Manager Max Korten presented the staff report.

In response to Committee questions, Dougan and Korten discussed the Park District's implementation of strategies in the pilot project; number of volunteers; increased use and attraction of new users; volunteer trail work; continued restoration of Briones focusing on quality not quantity; trail inventory; citations; data collection via cameras, counters and Strava; next steps; incentives for continued appropriate use; better accommodation of equestrian users; and online survey results. Director Mercurio discussed the importance of peer-to-peer enforcement; his attendance at volunteer days; and promotion of trail etiquette. Director Waespi requested statistics on accidents. Chair Echols expressed appreciation for the thoughtful, community engaging approach; acknowledged the users and volunteers; and encouraged expansion into other parks.

Public Comment: Irene Deiter discussed her experience as a hiker in the pilot program area; and discouraged allowing rogue trails and suggested restoration of bootlegged trails. Richard Bangert expressed concern with the lack of a plan to restore bootlegged trails. Kelly Abreu discussed his experience at Mission Peak; overbroad claims of pilot program success; and the need for signage. Amelia Marshal, California State Horseman's Association Region 5 and Contra Costa Counties, discussed the incompatibility of horses and bikes on trails. Scott Bartlebaugh, Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay, encouraged the Committee support the proposed ordinance and support similar pilot programs in other areas. David Cervenka, Stewards of Briones, discussed the Stewards of Briones event; invited everyone to a volunteer for dig day; and urged the Committee to approve the proposed plan. Joel Shrock, Advocacy Lead for BAMBi, discussed his use of the trails and encouraged the Committee to recommend the Board of Directors formally adopt the trails. Jim Hanson, Conservation Chair of California Native Plant Society, East Bay Chapter, discussed the need for different types of trail uses and expressed concern with speeding bikes and the safety of hikers and bikers, indicating they could not support adoption of the trails supported in the plan.

In response to Committee questions, Dougan and Gordon explained issues with the four-mile standard loop and traverse trail; and approval of the pilot would not include the removal of bikes from that section.

## **MOTION**

Director Mercurio moved, and Director Waespi seconded a motion to recommend approval of the item to the full Board. The motion carried unanimously.

### **5. Informational Items**

#### **a. Big Break Climate Adaptation Study Update**

Restoration Projects Manager with Design & Construction Chris Barton and Civil Engineer with Restorations Project Unit Scott Stoller presented a PowerPoint.

In response to Committee questions, Stoller and Barton explained public outreach via Zoom; elevation of the visitor center; and regional adaptation planning.

Public Comment: Kelly Abreu questioned the elevation of the housing development and shipyard and questioned maintenance of the water.

### **6. Announcements – None.**

### **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Echols declared the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board