



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

DATE	March 5, 2024
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting January 16, 2024
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors approve the attached minutes for the Board Meeting of January 16, 2024.

BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2024

The Closed Session Board Meeting, which was held on January 16, 2024, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:07 am by Board President Dennis Waespi.

The January 16, 2024, Board of Directors meeting was video recorded and may be viewed by clicking the following link <https://ebparks.new.swagit.com/videos/294922>

I. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Dennis Waespi, President
Elizabeth Echols, Vice President
Dee Rosario, Secretary
Ellen Corbett, Treasurer
John Mercurio
Colin Coffey
Olivia Sanwong
Directors Remote: None.
Directors Absent: None.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Sabrina Landreth, Allyson Cook
Employee Organization(s): AFSCME Local 2428, Unrepresented

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8)

APNs: 075-060-004-1, 075-060-015-7, 075-060-016-5, 075-080-016-1, and
075-080-023-7 (Contra Costa County)

Agency Negotiators: Ken Wysocki, Rachel Lem

Negotiating Parties: Robert W. Riley, Trustee

Under Negotiation: Price and term of payment

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):
(One Case)

The Board Meeting, which was held January 16, 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 1:20 p.m. by Board President Dennis Waespi.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Dennis Waespi, President

Elizabeth Echols, Vice President

Dee Rosario, Secretary

Ellen Corbett, Treasurer

Olivia Sanwong

John Mercurio

Colin Coffey

Attendees: Sabrina Landreth, Lynne Bourgault, Ana M. Alvarez, Allyson Cook, Ken Wysocki, Susan Shiu, Joseph Kreins, Lisa Goorjian, Ren Bates, Erich Pfuehler, Lisa Baldinger, Yolande Barial Knight, Debra Fuller, Yulie Padmore, Ross Mitchell, Jessica Duncan, Samson Lee, Amir Aziz, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Alma Bates, Rachel Blau, Dave Mecchi, Matt Graul, Dave Mason, Jeff Manley, David Rusting, Steve Castile

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Echols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Sanwong read the Native American land acknowledgment.

IV. ANNUAL ROTATION OF OFFICERS

President Waespi opened the annual rotation of officers for 2024 by announcing the new officers and their new positions. Director Echols – President, Director Corbett – Vice President, Director Mercurio – Treasurer and Director Sanwong – Secretary. Waespi passed the gavel to Echols. President Echols presented Director Waespi with a gift of a framed photo of Redwood Park. Each board member had remarks about the tenure of Waespi. Waespi had closing remarks on his year as President.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Mercurio, and seconded by Director Sanwong, 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.

Directors Abstain: None.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There was a pause in the meeting so that Public Affairs could photograph the Board and the General Manager.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renee Patterson reminded the Board about the PERS filing that is still not resolved.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Counsel said there are none.

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Director Corbett and seconded by Director Waespi.

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

1. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2023
2. Approval of Park District Check Listing for the Period of October 2, 2023, through October 22, 2023
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 001 (attached)
3. Resolution to Support Legislation S. Res. 400, S. 2728, S. 2749, S. 2353 and H.R. 4920, S. 2838 and H.R. 5573, S. 3127 and H.R. 6053, S. 3261 and H.R. 6311, H.R. 5719 and H.R. 5971 for Legislative Session 2023-2024
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 002 (attached)
4. Approval of 2024 Legislative Program
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 003 (attached)
6. Approval of Reappointments of Luana Espana, Bruce Henry, Bob Peoples, Bob Reid and Bob Simmons to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 004 (attached)

Director Mercurio expressed appreciation for the incoming PAC appointees and the quality of the committee continues to attract quality candidates.

7. Award of Contract for Printing the District's Park Map Brochures and the General Brochure for the Years 2024-2025
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 005 (attached)
8. Authorization to Execute a Three-Year Consolidated Security Camera Maintenance Agreement with OJO Technology at Multiple District Locations
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 006 (attached)
9. Authorization to Execute Rental Contract with Harris Blade Rental in the Amount of \$88,307 for Beach Sand Rental Equipment
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 007 (attached)
10. Authorization to Execute a Contract with SHI, Inc for Computers for an Amount of \$750,000
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 008 (attached)
11. Recommendation to Enter into a Contract for Services with E2 Strategies LLC in the Amount of \$96,000 for General Federal Advocacy Consulting Services
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 009 (attached)
12. Authorization to Amend Consultant Contract with Degenkolb Engineers, Inc. by \$57,912 for the Response to Vasco Shop Fire Project: Vasco Hills Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 010 (attached)
13. Approve Prequalified General Contractors and Approve Selection of Metro Contract Group as the Furniture Dealer for the Improve Peralta Oaks North Project: 2955 Peralta Oaks Court
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 011 (attached)

Director Rosario confirmed with staff that this approval is just for Peralta Oaks North.

14. Authorization to Enter into Settlement Agreement with Touchstone Golf, LLC for 2023 Winter Storm Damage at Redwood Canyon Golf Course
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 012 (attached)

B. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

Moved by Director Sanwong and 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.

- I. Approval of 2024 Park Advisory Committee Objectives
Resolution No. 2024 – 01 – 013 (attached)

Erich Pfuehler, Chief of Government and Legislative Affairs introduced the item and Lisa Baldinger, Legislative and Policy Management Analyst, who will proceed with the objectives for the PAC for 2023. Baldinger highlighted in a PowerPoint presentation the 6 proposed objectives for 2024.

1. Provide Community Perspectives on the Park District's Second Century District Plan;
2. Expand Understanding of the East Bay's Biodiversity and Role the Park District Serves in

Protecting Natural and Cultural Resources; 3. Maintain Understanding of and Engagement on the Park District's Active Capital Projects and Programs; 4. Maintain Understanding of the Park District's Funding Programs; 5. Provide Community Oversight of Park District Local Funding Measures and Initiatives; 6. Provide Guidance and Recommendations on Park District Policies and Practices

Director Mercurio asked if the PAC could go out into the community and make presentations as it applied to objective one. Baldinger replied by telling the Board that she had spoken with Brian Holt, Chief of Planning, regarding the Second Century District Plan and the ability to include the PAC during the input phase. Director Rosario said that he thought that the PAC needed a bigger focus and it is a treasure trove of brain trust. Director Coffey suggested that the budget proves be broken up in two meetings with the PAC like the Boards meetings.

2. 2024 State Advocacy Conference

Erich Pfuehler, Chief of Government and Legislative Affairs acknowledged the hard work of Lisa Baldinger, Legislative and Policy Management Analyst and Lauren Blanchard Executive Assistant. Pfuehler gave a briefing on the 2024 State Advocacy Conference. The purpose of the conference is to engage with the Districts' state delegation and partners in the administration on relevant priorities, opportunities and challenges. Pfuehler touched on each of the 12 Assembly Members in the District explaining who they are and their topics of interest and provided details about the California Conservation Corps. Staff has requested a meeting with the Deputy Secretary of Forest and Wildlife Resilience Lisa Lein-Mager which is pending. Director Rosario asked if we could use yurts for the Civilian Conservation Corps project, which would lessen the cost of design temporarily. Pfuehler was not sure if they had a policy as they do anticipate a complex style campus. Director Corbett asked if we know who we will be meeting with. Pfuehler said staff is currently working to get a meeting with the legislature. Corbett asked if we have a list of committees that the legislators sit on. Pfuehler said they will compile a list and give to the Board. Pres. Waespi asked if we can meet with CCC folks that we promote. Waespi agreed with Rosario on using yurts encouraging Public Affairs to publicize yurts. Director Coffey added that in looking at the list he expects there will be a unique set of turnovers in the elected offices with 4 new legislators that we should give some thought to. Director Sanwong thought we should discuss how the King Tide's have impacted our shoreline. We should include meeting with Assembly Member Lee on the restoration permitting item. President Echols thanked them for all of the good work. Mercurio expressed an interest in taking a longer view of the asks that we make and suggested we take into account the names of the things "roads, natural surface roads, etc.

C. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Moved by Director Mercurio and seconded by Director Coffey.

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None

- I. Authorization to Award a Professional Services Contract for \$900,000 to BKF Engineers for the Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project: Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50

Ren Bates, Chief of Design and Construction to enter into an agreement with BKF Engineers. Bates introduced Eva Leavitt, Landscape Architect and Project Manager. Leavitt's PowerPoint touched on

four phases of the project timeline from 2020, 2022-2023, 2024 and 2025. Bailey Road would be open to the public first because it is not in Concord's Master Developer Concord Master Development and Construction of Utilities. There will be typical comfort station amenities and we will develop an interpretive plaza at Magazine 44. In September 2023, three firms submitted proposals and our selection committee ranked BKF Engineers as the top in ranking. Once the project has its permit approvals and its construction funding, then design and construction can issue a bid for construction. This will be a great asset for the Park District however the concern is that there are high speed driver's on Bailey Rd. and there needs to be access for the nonmotorized or neighborhood access. We have an opportunity to create the correct access on the day it opens. Bates appreciated Mercurio for reaching out to the city and the county. Those amenities are not in the surrounding neighborhood and there is no sidewalk. It was recommended that the City of Concord and Contra Costa County work together and create a whole system to have a connection brings pedestrians close to the site. If pedestrian access is provided from a neighborhood this could become an informal staging area for vehicles as an unintended consequence. That scope is not a part of this contract, and we can add it in as appropriate. Director Coffey pointed out that we should have provided for this when we started and glad to hear that we are giving thought to work on it. Coffey and Mercurio acknowledged it was overlooked during their time as Park Advisory Committee members. Director Sanwong asked if there was a timeline on the use of the grant funds. Leavitt will review with the Grants Department and get back to the Directors. Waespi looks forward to the project and has worked with BFK before. Leavitt explained that the selection committee ranked them high, and they have worked with the District on many projects. Rosario asked if the Park District could utilize some of the land on Bailey Road to soften the park entrance. Leavitt said they are hiring an engineer to soften the entrance. Rosario asked about overflow parking. Leavitt explained that there will be a 50 car lot, an additional 25 and then an area for large buses and for equestrians.

D. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Landreth received some statistics from Operations. At the Martin Luther King Day of Service there were 3 locations with a total of 762 volunteers, which was the largest turnout we have had in over four years. Thank you to all of the staff.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Bourgault said there are none.

F. BOARD COMMENTS

President Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi:

- Hiked up Mission Peak for his annual New Years Day hike with Director Coffey and Mila for 1/1;
- Met with Consultant to discuss Retreat 1/5;
- Attended Alameda County Special District Association Meeting 1/10;
- Attended Legislative Committee Meeting 1/10;
- Attended King Tides Walk led by Erin at Coyote Hills;
- Attended the MLK Jr. Rally 1/15.

Waespi extended compliments to the staff on the District Calendar.

Director Mercurio reported on meetings attended. Director Mercurio:

- Met with Carol Lang, East Bay Trail Dogs on 12/21;
- Met with Director Emeria Lane with Director Coffey 12/29;
- Attended a meeting on Preplanning Board Retreat 1/2;
- Attended MLK Jr. Rally in Oakland 1/15.

Mercurio commented on The World on NPR that talked a about biochar.

Director Sanwong reported on meetings attended. Director Sanwong:

- Attended Board Retreat Planning meeting on 1/4.

Director Echols reported on meetings attended. Director Echols:

- Attended a meeting with staff regarding the Tilden Junior Ranger Program 12/22;
- Attended meeting with staff on Board and Committee assignments for 2024 12/29;
- Attended a meeting with the Berkeley Firesafe Council with Chef Theile and Asst. Fire Chief Hiele 1/8;
- Met with consultants for the Board Retreat 1/9;
- Attended Board Leg Committee 1/12;
- Attended a pre-board meeting;
- Attended Martin Luehr King Jr. Rally 1/15.

Echols gave a shout out to our staff on the record number of volunteers yesterday, Echols is looking forward to being the board president.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey:

- Attended a site visit with Congressman Garamendi's local staff, arranged by Erich Pfuehler 12/20;
- Attended a lunch meeting with Director Mercurio and Director Emerita Lane 12/28 ;
- Met with Mike Reeves on his last day to go over Ward 7 and property issues 12/29
- Attended with Mila and Director Waespi a hike up to Mission Peak hike 1/13.
- Attended a meeting with the Contra Costa Bar Association on Port Chicago 50 1/5;
- Attended a Legislative Committee meeting 1/10;
- Met with the Board Retreat Consultants;
- Attended the CC Mayors Conf where Dr. Alvarez was the lead presenter and did a fabulous job 1/11.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett:

- Attended and helped plan the MLK Jr. Rally on 1/15.

Corbett thanked her colleagues, the staff and the District for helping fund this event. There were a lot of young groups from community that sang and talked about the importance of Martin Luther King Jr. Present were Assemblymember Mia Bonta, Mayor Tao of Oakland and Councilmember Sheeva Reid.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario:

- Interviewed on the 21st Century Plan 1/2;
- Attend Smart and Connected Communities Conference 1/12;
- Attended the MLK Jr. Rally event on 1/15.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Echols adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm. At Director Rosario's request, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Oakland Police Officer Wan Lee on his passing while on duty.