



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

DATE	January 17, 2024
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Executive Committee November 1, 2023
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Dane Jackson, Executive Assistant

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Executive Committee November 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE MIINUTES

The November 1, 2023, 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 November 1 Board Executive Committee was video recorded and may be viewed by copying the following link: [Nov 1, 2023 - Executive Committee Meeting - YouTube](#)

Committee Chair Waespi called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

I. Roll Call

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

Committee: Chair Dennis Waespi, Director Colin Coffey, and Director Elizabeth Echols.

Staff Coordinators: Sabrina Landreth and Dr. Ana M. Alvarez

Staff and Presenters: Lynne Bourgault, Katy Hornbeck, Dylan Van Dyne (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Brook Schlenker (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Kim Carsell (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

2. Approval of Minutes

None.

3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Kelly Abreu expressed his opinions on a CFO change he noticed on the EBRPD website.

4. Funding Agreement with the Department of the Army

Grants Manager, Katy Hornbeck presented this item and provided an overview of the proposed agreement between EBRPD and the Department of the Army. The project would be at Big Break and the recommended plan would restore 340 acres at a cost of \$25 million with a 10-year timeline. Hornbeck explained the benefits, including the improvement of habitats for federally listed species. This agreement would supplement funds provided by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to complete the design phase of the project with the EBRPD acting as a Non-Federal Sponsor (NFS), which is a required component of the CDFW grant. The District's cost share would not exceed \$750,000. It was recommended that the item move forward to the full Board of Directors. Hornbeck concluded by asking the Committee for questions.

Chair Waespi expressed thanks for the thorough background information and sought to clarify any future EBRPD financial obligations toward this project beyond the \$750,000. Hornbeck and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers members Dylan Van Dyne and Brooke Schlenker stated that this proposed agreement would be for the design phase and any costs beyond that would be separate. Director Coffey clarified EBRPD's ownership of the proposed project area. With a motion by Director Echols, a second by Coffey and a unanimous vote, the Committee voted to send the proposal to the full Board of Directors.

5. Review and Recommend Adoption of 2024 Board Master Calendar

Deputy General Manager, Dr. Ana Alvarez presented this item and provided the Committee with a revised Board Master Calendar and emphasized the importance of adopting a calendar ahead of the new year. Chair Waespi expressed gratitude for the effort involved in creating the calendar. Director Echols praised Dr. Alvarez for her work and addressed a quick clarification. Dr. Alvarez emphasized the team effort involved and the Committee discussed the idea of leaving room for a third Board of Directors meeting in July. With a motion by Echols, a second by Coffey and a unanimous vote, the Committee voted to send the calendar to the full Board of Directors.

6. History of Master Planning & Developing Second Century District Plan

Chief of Planning Trails and GIS, Brian Holt, presented this topic. It was an informational item only. The Second Century District Plan is designed to guide the District into its next 100 years. Holt detailed the history of the EBRPD and previous Master Plans and emphasized the need to embrace change. He laid out guiding principles for the Plan and detailed the next steps, including plans for internal and external engagement, increased equity, a willingness to review and update

past policies and a need to address issues in existing parks. Holt provided a timeline of future steps and concluded by asking the Committee for questions.

Director Coffey asked about the National Park Service's role in the formative years of the EBRPD and engaged in historical repartee with Holt. Coffey asked about the future of trail planning and expressed his belief that strategic land acquisition strategies should be part of the new Plan. Director Echols thanked Holt for the report and expressed her happiness that equity and resiliency are key principles of the new Plan. She also emphasized her desire to better understand the priorities of constituents. Chair Waespi expressed his thanks and then emphasized his desire to include current and past District employees as resources for the new Plan.

7. Project Update on the Replacement of the Environmental Education Center (EEC), Tilden Nature Area

Chief of Design and Construction, Ren Bates, introduced this item. Architect, Jim Devlin, presented this item. Devlin reviewed the project goals, reasoning for replacement versus renovation, and the project's progress. He reviewed the next steps, including public engagement and project design selection and ended his presentation by asking the Board for questions.

Director Coffey asked if the existing EEC would be demolished and where would Interpretation take place while the new center is being built. Devlin confirmed the demolition and stated that there are multiple options for continued Interpretation during construction. Director Echols asked if the footprints of the old EEC and the new EEC would be comparable. Devlin stated the footprints would essentially be the same, but that the layout would be different and more efficient. Devlin and Echols discussed building placement, exhibit spaces and the project timeline. Bates clarified that timeline is dependent on funding and detailed some of the variables. Chair Waespi asked about the project cost and Devlin estimated it at \$25-\$30 million. Waespi and Devlin discussed LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) goals and fire safety.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Adjournment

Chair Waespi adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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