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Board Meeting Packet

February 4, 2020

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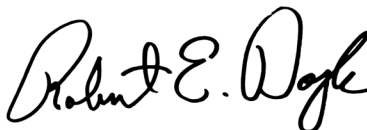
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**MEMO to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

The Regular Session of the **FEBRUARY 4, 2020**
Board Meeting is scheduled to commence at
1:00 p.m. at the EBRPD Administration Building,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT E. DOYLE
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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

11:30 a.m. ROLL CALL (Board Conference Room)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Government Code Section 54957.6

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| 1. Agency Negotiator: | Robert E. Doyle, Ana M. Alvarez, Kip Walsh |
| Employee Organizations: | AFSCME Local 2428, Police Association |
| Unrepresented Employees: | Managers, Confidentials and Seasonals |
| 2. Agency Negotiator: | Kip Walsh, Carol Victor |
| Unrepresented Employee: | Robert E. Doyle |

B. Conference with Legal Counsel:

1. Existing Litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
 - 1) Alford et al. vs. EBMUD et al.
Contra Costa Superior Court
Case No. C16-01348
2. Liability Claims – Government Code Section 54956.9 (e)(3)
 - 1) Claim of William Strauss and Suzanne Strauss
 - 2) Claim of Town of Moraga
 - 3) Claim of Altantsetseg Chuluunbat, conservator for Togtokh Oyuntseren

The Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District will hold a regular meeting at District's Administration Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA, commencing at 11:30 a.m. for Closed Session and 1:00 p.m. for Open Session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Agenda for the meeting is listed adjacent. Times for agenda items are approximate only and are subject to change during the meeting. If you wish to speak on matters not on the agenda, you may do so under Public Comments at the beginning of the agenda. If you wish to testify on an item on the agenda, please complete a speaker's form and submit it to the Clerk of the Board.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website (www.ebparks.org), the Administrative Building reception desk, and at the meeting.

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C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Regarding Price and/or Terms of Payment – Government Code Section 54956.8

I. Agency Negotiator: Kristina Kelchner, Mike Reeves

| APN/ADDRESS | PROPERTY OWNERS | PARK/TRAIL |
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| Alameda County | | |
| 074-0890-001-52, Former Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda | Alameda Reuse & Redevelopment Authority | Alameda Point Regional Shoreline |
| 074-1367-001-00, -003-01, 003- 02, -005-01, -005-02, - 006-00, -007-01, -007-02, 008-01, -008-02, -032-01 and -032-02, Former Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda | City of Alameda | Alameda Point Regional Shoreline |

1:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION (Board Room)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to comment on an item not on the agenda, please complete a speaker's form and submit it to the Clerk.

1:15 p.m. C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of December 23, 2019 to January 5, 2020
(Auker/Doyle) (Resolution) (No Cost)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of January 21, 2020
(Barial Knight/Auker) (Resolution) (No Cost)
- c. Resolution to Recognize the California Special Districts Association Alameda County Chapter's 30th Anniversary
(Pfuehler/Doyle) (Resolution) (No Cost)
- d. Resolution to Support H.R. 5435 (Grijalva D-AZ) – American Public Lands and Water Climate Solution Act
(Pfuehler/Doyle) (Resolution) (No Cost)
- e. Resolution to Support S. 2882 (Harris D-CA) and H.R. 5091 (Huffman D-CA) – Wildfire Defense Act
(Pfuehler/Doyle) (Resolution) (No Cost)

- f. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for General Manager Robert Doyle to Attend the 2020 Alberta Parks Forum, March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada
(Doyle) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
- g. Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Big Sky Enterprises and Big Sky Environmental Solutions for Removal and Disposal of Hazardous Waste: District-wide
(Ferrario/Victor) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
- h. Authorization to Execute a Project Labor Agreement for Construction of the Encinal Dune Restoration and Shoreline Stabilization Project: Alameda Point Regional Shoreline
(Rosenberg/Victor) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
- i. Authorization to Purchase Four Green Climber Slope Mowers from Green Climber of North America as Additions to the Fleet
(McCrystle/O'Connor) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)
- j. Authorization to Purchase Two Compact Track Loaders from Peterson CAT as Additions to the Fleet
(McCrystle/O'Connor) (Resolution) (Budgeted Funds)

1:30 p.m.

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Alameda Regarding a Future Regional Park at the Former Alameda Naval Air Station (Northwest Territories): Alameda Point Regional Shoreline
(Holt/Rosenberg/Kelchner) (Resolution) (Grant Funds)

2:00 p.m.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S DIVISION

- a. Review of Park District Federal Priorities for 2020 on Capitol Hill: Washington, DC
(Pfuehler/Doyle)

2:15 p.m.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District
(Doyle)

2:30 p.m.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- a. General Manager Robert Doyle will provide a State of the District, 2019 Year in Review

2:55 p.m.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

3:00 p.m.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Operations Committee (10-17-2019) (Corbett)
- b. Operations Committee (11-21-2019) (Corbett)
- c. Executive Committee (11-07-2019) (Wieskamp)

3:15 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to comment on an item not on the agenda, please complete a speaker's form and submit it to the Clerk.

3:20 p.m.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

4:00 p.m.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of December 23, 2019
Through January 5, 2020 (Auker/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Check Listing for the period of December 23, 2019 through January 5, 2020.

Per Resolution No. 1992-1-40, adopted by the Board on January 21, 1992, a copy of the Check Listing has been provided to the Board Treasurer for review. A copy of the Check Listing has also been provided to the Clerk of the Board and will become a part of the Official District Records.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 – 02 -

February 4, 2020

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT CHECK LISTING FOR THE PERIOD OF
DECEMBER 23, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2020

WHEREAS, District Resolution No. 1992 - I - 40, adopted by the Board of Directors on January 21, 1992, requires that a listing of District checks be provided to the Board Treasurer for review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the check listing for the period of December 23, 2019 through January 5, 2020;

Moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted this 4th day of February, 2020 by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting January 21, 2020
(Barial Knight)

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The Board Meeting, which was held January 21, 2020 at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 called its **Closed Session** to order at 1:05 p.m. by Board President Ellen Corbett.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President
Ellen Corbett, Vice President
Colin Coffey, Secretary
Dee Rosario, Treasurer
Elizabeth Echols
Beverly Lane
Dennis Waespi

Directors Absent: None.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Wieskamp.

Staff Present: Carol Victor, Debra Auker, Anthony Ciaburro, Mona Koh, Jim O'Connor, Carol Johnson, Kristina Kelchner, Steve Castile, Lance Brede, Dave Mason, Michael Reeves, Aileen Thiele, Kelly Barrington, Sean Dougan, Michelle Strawson O'Hara, Juliana Schirmer, Lisa Baldinger, Michael McNally, Erich Pfuehler, Brian Holt, Tiffany Margulici, Kip Walsh, Lisa Goorjian, Katherine Dudney, Ruby Tumber, Matt Graul, Chris Newey

Guests: Paul Sanftner, Office of Supervisor Nate Miley; Uche Uwahemu, Office of Asm. Bucky Wicks; James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board; Rochelle Nason, Albany City Council; Raj Salwan, Fremont City Council; Royce Kelley, Alameda County Democratic Party

Additional invited guests: Amy Shrago, Office of Supervisor Keith Carson, Nancy O'Grady, Office of Senator Nancy Skinner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

President Corbett administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth Echols, newly appointed board member of Ward I. Director Echols thanked the Board and the staff and said she will continue to make the parks more accessible. Echols introduced and thanked her family and friends for their support. There was a break for celebratory cake and photographs.

B. ANNUAL ROTATION OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Clerk of the Board Knight announced the 2020 Board officers: Director Corbett, President; Director Rosario, Vice President; Director Lane, Secretary; Director Coffey, Treasurer. President Corbett thanked Director Wieskamp for her leadership as the 2019 President and for a successful year. President Corbett presented Director Wieskamp with a beautiful photograph of flowers. Director Wieskamp thanked the staff and the Board.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amended Agenda.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Elizabeth Echols, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Winnard commented on Jewel Lake urging the Board to place restoration of the Lake on its Board meeting calendar. Winnard said the lake has become too shallow, too small, and is need of dredging. It has been 30 years since it was last dredged. The lake was and can still become the most diverse wildlife viewing site in Tilden.

GM Doyle remarked that staff is researching siltation projects. The Regional Park Foundation will enter a capital campaign to restore Jewel Lake, and remodel and update the environmental education center. Doyle explained these projects will cost millions of dollars.

Kelly Abreu discussed restricted parking at Mission Peak. He commented on 2 parking tickets that Marines received who were at the park working out.

E. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Calendar**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Elizabeth Echols, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario,
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 25, 2019 to December 22, 2019
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of December 3 and December 17, 2019 and January 7, 2020
- c. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Directors Beverly Lane, Dennis Waespi, Dee Rosario, Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Elizabeth Echols, and General Manager Robert E. Doyle to attend the Hike the Hill Conference and Meetings on Capitol Hill: Washington, DC
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 003 (attached)
- d. Resolution to Support H.R. 4547 (Case D-HI) – Safe and Quiet Skies Act
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 004 (attached)
- e. Resolution to Support H.R. 4930 (Ruiz D-CA) – Wounded Veterans Recreation Act
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 005 (attached)

Director Waespi supports this act which will provide lifetime national recreation passes for any veteran with a service-connected disability. Waespi asked if the District provides this benefit? Director Rosario asked if there is a state equivalent, could the Park District develop a program? AGM O'Connor replied staff will do research and roll this into the Operations committee for consideration. GM Doyle added that staff will investigate the fee option for the Board to consider. President Corbett will refer to the Operations committee.

- f. Resolution to Support SB 54 (Allen D-Santa Monica) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez D-San Diego) – Plastic Pollution Reduction Act
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 006 (attached)

- g. Resolution to Support SB 246 (Wieckowski D-Fremont) – Oil Industry Levy (OIL) Act
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - (attached)

Director Rosario asked if there is a way to have influence on the decision to use the money from the OIL act to create a Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the state. Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager stated he has had conversations with Senator Wieckowski's office about reinvesting the resources into LWCF. GM Doyle said that many states do provide a state LWCF. It has been discussed in Sacramento, but support hasn't moved forward.

- h. Resolution to Support the Plastic Waste Reduction Ballot Initiative
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 007 (attached)

- i. Acceptance of Regional Parks Foundation 2019 Donations and Commitments Report and the Continuance of the Donation Procedure for 2020
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 008 (attached)

Director Lane was interested in the various ways Regional Park Foundation funds support different elements inside the park. Lane said she appreciated receiving the list.

- ii. Authorization to Approve and Adopt an Amendment to the East Bay Regional Park District Salary Schedule to Establish the Classification of Regional Parks Foundation Chief Administrative Officer, Designate the Classification to the Management Employee Group, and Set the monthly salary range for the classification at the MG05 Rate: Regional Parks Foundation; Public Affairs Division
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 009 (attached)

- j. Authorization to Appoint Juliana Schirmer as Regional Parks Foundation Chief Administrative Officer at Step E of Management Pay Range MG-05
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 010 (attached)

- k. Authorization to Execute a Contract with Questa Engineering Inc. for Engineering and Permitting for Canyon Rim Trail: Garin Regional Park
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 012 (attached)

- L. Authorization to Execute and Amend Master Contracts for 2017 Storm Damage Repair with Quincy Engineering, Inc.; Area West Environmental, Inc.; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.; and Foth & Van Dyke, LLC. for Engineering and Environmental Services: District-wide
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 013 (attached)

- m. Authorization to Execute a Contract with LCC Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for Final Design and Environmental Permitting for the Nejedly Staging Area to Berrellessa Street Trail Segment: San Francisco Bay Trail
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 014 (attached)

Director Lane announced this has been ongoing for almost 20 years. She asked if there is anything that can be done to move the permit process forward, it would be appreciated. Director Coffey commented he was glad staff decided to take this last bit of the project over, instead of leaving it to the local jurisdiction. GM Doyle said that this is a part of the updated and revised RR negotiations.

- n. Authorization to Renew a Special Use Agreement with Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends: Point Isabel Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 - 015 (attached)
- o. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds from the Recreational Trails Program for Point Molate: San Francisco Bay Trail
Resolution No. 2020 – 00 – 016 (attached)

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S DIVISION

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Echols, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 2a.**

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Elizabeth Echols, Dee Rosario, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.
Directors Abstain: None.

- a. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Goals for 2020
Resolution No. 2020 – 01 - 017 (attached)

Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager, presented the Park Advisory Committee Goals for 2019 and proposed goals for 2020. Pfuehler highlighted and discussed the goals completed, those to be completed, and newly proposed goals. President Corbett asked when the trails discussion will happen. GM Doyle said that he would like to have details before the workshop. Corbett commented that she is looking forward to her interview with the intern on arts in the parks. Corbett asked what is the deadline for reappointment and appointment of PAC committee members? Pfuehler replied it is typically done in January.

Rick Rickard, Vice Chair of PAC said that PAC members are busy well-connected people and need to make the best use of their time. Rickard gave a brief overview of his role and the goals for 2020. Director Wieskamp said she appreciates the PAC, and thanked Rickard for stepping forward and taking on the role of president. President Corbett thanked Rickard and the PAC for their willingness to increase the District's depth and breadth.

3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve **Item 3a.**

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Elizabeth Echols, Dee Rosario, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.
Directors Abstain: None.

- a. Authorization to Accept the Dedication of Fee Interest in 176 ± Acres of Land and Appurtenant Public Trail and Emergency Vehicle and Maintenance Access Easements from Northern California Laborers, LLC: Bishop Ranch Open Space Regional Preserve

Michael Reeves, Chief of Land Acquisition, oriented the Board to the location of the property in the Bishop Ranch Open Space Regional Preserve and walked the Board through the Laborer Union Property Dedication. GM Doyle explained Emergency Vehicle Maintenance and Access (EVMA), and how it pertains to the District. Director Echols asked if it the property is being grazed. Reeves said there is informal grazing.

Director Lane asked if Coopman Canyon was the same canyon in Sunol. GM replied it possibly is. Lane asked if both properties are being grazed. Reeves responded there is an informal arrangement. Lane asked if people wanted to take tours of a landbank property, how would it be arranged. Reeves said it would require an agreement. Kristine Kelchner, AGM Land introduced Lauren Barr and Goud Crow from the city of San Ramon. San Ramon and the District are interested in guided tours. GM Doyle described the challenges of this property with its ridge and valley that undulates. Doyle suggested that on future maps of this property, the loop be labeled as an existing road.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Doyle discussed items on this report.

Director Lane asked when the developer submits their plan, can staff request a trail that links both sides. Brian Holt, Chief of Planning, answered the plan has already gone through CEQA, but the city, developer, and District staff will work to find opportunities.

Lane asked for an update on the trail as part of the Board agenda in June. GM Doyle said there are a lot of wetlands next to Big Break and there may be other regulatory requirements. Director Coffey asked if this links up with the trails that connect with the state projects. Brian Holt, Chief of Planning & GIS, said this would be a good topic for the tour. Director Coffey commented that there is a lot of support for these trails. President Corbett asked if staff are aware if there are clean up issues in this property. Holt said it has been going through the remediation process for some time and final action has initiated on this property.

Lane asked if staff have a map. Holt replied that his staff created an ECCC Delta Atlas and will update and do another run.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle commented that the District has a good relationship with FEMA. Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer, introduced his staff Jessica Lau, Alexandra Kurylko and Lisa Baldinger. Rasmussen presented an update of the 2017 storm recovery. In 2017, there were 117 storm recovery projects of which 29 park sites were affected. 59 projects have been completed. Rasmussen walked the Board through the FEMA guidelines and timelines. FEMA requires that the projects be restored to pre-disaster condition, maintaining the same form and function.

Rasmussen described the different categories of projects. He commended Roads and Trails for their great work, and collaboration with the HCP and Chris Barton. Corbett asked about drainage and a possible concrete fix at Campo Arroyo. Rasmussen said he thinks that concrete is best, however staff will look at it. GM Doyle commented that these paths have a higher level of maintenance due to the fact that there are so many kids and families at Camp Arroyo. Director Lane asked to consider the stability of the fix. Director Rosario asked if Finley Road is the only access. Perhaps staff could put in a military style pontoon bridge for

emergency vehicles. GM said it is a high priority to figure out the fix, and a past landslide in the area had been problematic.

Director Waespi asked if the yurt is being decommissioned. Rasmussen said it will be replaced as is.

Director Coffey asked if there is flexibility in the FEMA projects when, for example, the road needs to be moved or rebuilt – will they cover this cost. Rasmussen replied it is possible, however FEMA will cap the funding on that project.

GM explained the importance of pre-approval every step of the way. He thanked the Rasmussen and the many departments and outside consultants for their team effort.

Director Lane asked how staff proves they are not doing more than already existed. Rasmussen answered it comes down to the same form and function. Lane asked about the incident numbers of the project. Rasmussen clarified.

Corbett asked if the delegation is meeting with FEMA during Hike the Hill. GM Doyle replied he will meet with Pfuehler to discuss. Corbett asked if the new pumper truck is having an impact? Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations, replied the pumper truck has been used and the culvert is being cleared. Corbett asked for the WW information sheet be given to Director Echols. GM Doyle observed it has taken 10 years to get through the FEMA litigation from the fire in 1991.

GM announced that due to sudden oak death the spring sale at the Botanic garden will be canceled. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations said this action was taken out of an abundance of caution.

Director Waespi noted significant retirements – Whitney Dotson, Marie Arnerich, Nadine Vargas and Rocky Vargas. He thanked Matt Norton for his excellent recycling efforts.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Victor state no public comments.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews;
- Attended the Alameda Mayors Conference, Livermore;
- Attended the LAFCo meeting in Dublin.

Wieskamp will appoint Andrew Carey to the PAC. Wieskamp congratulated Public Affairs on the 2020 calendar. She also congratulated the GM, Regional Park Foundation and the PAC for 2019.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews;
- Attended the Alameda County Special District Association meeting;
- Attended California Restoration Park District;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Dig Deep Farms grand opening of their food processing facility;

- Attended the MLK, Jr. event hosted by Director Corbett;
- Attending the Youth Job Fair with Hayward and Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District.

Waespi congratulated the GM and President Wieskamp for their leadership in 2019.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews;
- Attended Concord Liaison Committee meeting in December;
- Attended a trail walk with Director Coffey and staff;
- Attended the January 7 Board meeting;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Bishop Ranch Executive Forum;
- Attended the Women's March in Walnut Creek;
- Attending the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors that will adjourn in honor of Director Dotson.

Lane hiked Las Trampas, Sycamore Valley Open Space Preserve, Tilden Little Farm, EEC and Interpretive Ponds and Nimitz. Lane congratulated GM Doyle for a successful 2019.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews;
- Attended the Youth Engagement Program;
- Attended a meeting with Local 2428;
- Attended meeting with Jim O'Connor on the uniform policy;
- Attended the Alameda County Special District Association meeting;
- Attended the Contra Costa Mayors Conference meeting;
- Attended the Dig Deep Farms grand opening of their food processing facility;
- Attended a meeting with the Alameda County Fire Chief;
- Attended the Oakland DD Coalition meeting.

Rosario congratulated GM Doyle for a successful 2019.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews;
- Attended the MLK, Jr. Rally Committee Planning meeting;
- Attended the Dig Deep Farms grand opening of their food processing facility;
- Attended a meeting with AFSCME leadership.

Corbett thanked Director Wieskamp for her leadership. Corbett commented on a successful MLK, Jr. event. She thanked the Regional Parks Foundation for sponsoring lunches and Erwin Lynch for his assistance.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews
- Attended the meeting with Concord Liaison Committee in December;
- Attended a public meeting in Clayton;
- Attended meeting with AFSCME leadership;
- Attended a hike with Director Lane towards Pt. Pinole;
- Attended Contra Costa County Supervisor Glover's annual crab feed;
- Attended the Hercules MLK, Jr. celebration;
- Hiked Bay Point to look at that project;
- Attending Ambassador Training on Feb. 22 at Trudeau.

Coffey thanked the GM for his work which added value to the office

GM Doyle replied that this is a team effort, and it is a privilege and an honor to take credit for the work that staff does.

Director Echols reported on meetings attended. Director Echols

- Attended the Ward I Candidate Interviews
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attending Hike the Hill in Washington, DC;
- Toured the Tilden Nature Area EEC with Director Lane;
- Attended the MLK, Jr. event in Berkeley;
- Toured Richmond Shoreline with Bruce Beyear and Bruce Brubaker.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Corbett adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm in honor of Director Dotson.

Board Comments:

Corbett said that Director Dotson insisted on respect for the environment in the community. He was a quiet giant. Director Wieskamp stated Director Dotson was effective without raising his voice and he wanted people in his community to be out in nature. Director Rosario commented he enjoyed hearing Director Dotson talk about UCSF, it reminded him of his father. Director Echols spoke about the tremendous debt that she feels to his family and his commitment. Dotson was able to get things done in a quiet way. Echols commented she is aware of the big shoes she has to fill and will do her best to carry on that legacy. Director Lane commented that Director Dotson was just love, sweet and soft spoken, and an environmentalist through and through. Director Waespi remarked Director Dotson had heart and loved serving his community. Director Coffey noted he will miss him. Corbett said she appreciated the staff who cared for him.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- c. Resolution to Recognize the California Special Districts Association
Alameda County Chapter's 30th Anniversary (Pfuehler/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative Committee of the Board and General Manager recommend the Board of Directors adopt a resolution to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Alameda County Chapter of the Special Districts Association of California.

REVENUE/COST

There would be no cost impact as a result of this action.

BACKGROUND

On December 13, 1990, 12 representatives from Special Districts throughout the Alameda County met at the administrative offices of the East Bay Regional Park District in Oakland. They voted to form the Alameda County Chapter of California Special District Association (ACSDA) to act as a common voice for Special Districts throughout the County. ACSDA would serve as the organization to contact regarding proposed governmental endeavors that might affect these Special Districts. Since 1990, the number of representatives has increased to 21 Special Districts.

ACSDA has bimonthly morning meetings hosted by its members throughout Alameda County. These meetings provide a beneficial forum for members to learn about issues affecting other Districts and current legislative matters. Most meetings include a speaker, with topics ranging on a variety of issues from State and County government and transportation, to water and the effects of changing weather and potential earthquakes.

ALTERNATIVES

None recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 - 02 –

February 4, 2020

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1990, 12 representatives from Special Districts throughout the Alameda County met at the administrative offices of the East Bay Regional Park District in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, former General Manager Pat O'Brien and former District Board Member Doug Siden initiated the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the 12 representatives at the meeting voted to form the Alameda County Chapter of California Special District Association (ACSDA) to act as a common voice for Special Districts throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, with that action, ACSDA became the second Special Districts County Chapter in California; and

WHEREAS, since 1990 the number of representatives in the Chapter has increased to 21 Special Districts; and

WHEREAS, ACSDA has been Chapter of the Year and recognized statewide as an effective, organized advocacy body representing Special Districts in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, on the 30th Anniversary of ACSDA, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors seeks to commemorate their important work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby support a resolution to recognize the California Special Districts Association Alameda County Chapter's 30th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted this 4th day of February, 2020 by the following vote:

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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- d. Resolution to Support H.R. 5435 (Grijalva D-AZ) – American Public Lands and Water Climate Solution Act _____ (Pfuehler/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative Committee of the Board and General Manager recommend the Board of Directors adopt a resolution to support H.R. 5435 (Grijalva D-AZ) – American Public Lands and Water Climate Solution Act.

REVENUE/COST

There would be no cost impact as a result of this action.

BACKGROUND

Representative Raul Grijalva’s bill directs the Department of the Interior (DoI) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from public lands and waters by 2040. The bill temporarily pauses new fossil fuel leases while the agencies develop a plan to reach the 2040 goal. DoI and USFS must meet climate pollution reduction targets at specific intervals starting in 2025. They must also publish strategic plans every four years detailing how the agencies will meet the pollution reduction targets established by the legislation. The bill also increases royalties on fossil fuel extraction by oil, gas and coal corporations. It uses the proceeds to support workers and communities impacted by a transition away from energy extraction. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, climate-harming pollution from fossil fuel development on public lands and waters account for nearly a quarter of the U.S. total, while public land ecosystems absorb the equivalent of only about three percent of U.S. emissions each year. The American Public Lands and Waters Climate Solution Act seeks to balance that out by 2040. The bill encourages the development of more renewable energy on public lands, better land management techniques to increase the amount of carbon absorbed by public lands ecosystems, and the use of public lands for geologic sequestration or negative-emissions technologies, while limiting the growth of new fossil fuel development and helping communities achieve a just transition.

Other major provisions of the bill include:

- Calculating Net Emissions: Makes the U.S. Geological Survey responsible for tracking emissions from the development and combustion of oil, gas and coal produced on federal leases, as well as the emissions avoided by renewable energy generation on public lands,

the amount of carbon absorbed by ecosystems on public lands, and any carbon dioxide captured and permanently sequestered on public lands.

- **Enforcement:** If at any point the climate pollution reduction targets are not being met, no new fossil fuel permits or leases may be issued until compliance is reached.
- **Fee Increases on Fossil Fuel Extraction:** Increases the minimum royalty rate for onshore coal, oil and gas from 12.5 percent to 18.75 percent. The bill also establishes new fees on producing and nonproducing oil and gas leases, to be paid by the fossil fuel industry.
- **Economic Development for Fossil Fuel Communities:** Dedicates the new funds collected from the above fees to fossil fuel-dependent regions. The funds can be used for reclamation and restoration of land and water, transition assistance, worker retraining, economic diversification and other purposes.

The bill is supported by The Wilderness Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, Earthjustice, Oceana and Earthworks.

ALTERNATIVES

None recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 - 02 -

February 4, 2020

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT H.R. 5435 (GRIJALVA D-AZ) – AMERICAN PUBLIC
LANDS AND WATER CLIMATE SOLUTION ACT

WHEREAS, this bill provides direction to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from public lands and waters by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change are impacting East Bay Regional Park District lands; and

WHEREAS, decreasing the use of fossil fuels and mitigating climate change is a priority of the District and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the District's 125,000 acres act as an important carbon sink sequestering over 300,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year. This is the same as removing 59,300 California passenger cars from the road annually; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is consistent with the District's environmental ethic and could provide financial resources in alignment with the District's Climate Framework.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby support H.R. 5435 (Grijalva D-AZ) – American Public Lands and Water Climate Solution Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- e. Resolution to Support S. 2882 (Harris D-CA) and H.R. 5091
(Huffman D-CA) – Wildfire Defense Act (Pfuehler/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative Committee of the Board and General Manager recommend the Board of Directors adopt a resolution to support S. 2882 (Harris D-CA) and H.R. 5091 (Huffman D-CA) – Wildfire Defense Act.

REVENUE/COST

There would be no cost impact as a result of this action.

BACKGROUND

Senator Kamala Harris and Representative Jared Huffman have introduced legislation to expand a grant program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in consultation with the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out projects that support a diverse portfolio of community wildfire defense strategies. It would set aside \$1 billion each year to pay for better infrastructure, land-use and evacuation route planning in fire-prone communities. The proposed legislation would benefit cities and towns throughout the country, but especially those in California, where many communities are vulnerable, and residents are struggling to adapt to longer and more intense fire seasons.

With funds from FEMA, the Wildfire Defense Act would award municipalities grants of up to \$250,000 to develop defense strategies. This could include plans to fireproof critical infrastructure and homes, evacuate residents — particularly elderly and disabled people — and improve land-use planning.

The legislation would also allow municipalities to use grant money to bolster their energy infrastructure with microgrids and battery storage, which can supply power to residents even when the main power grid isn't providing electricity. Once communities have a plan in place, the proposed legislation would offer them up to \$10 million to implement it. Preference would go to low-income areas and places recently affected by wildfire.

While the Democratic-majority House and Republican-controlled Senate have shown interest in increasing wildfire spending, funding for prevention has typically taken a backseat to new funds to combat fires.

In late October, the Senate approved measures increasing wildfire suppression funding by \$1.2 billion next year. Other provisions, secured by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), would set aside \$150 million for preventative steps like removing dead and dying trees and \$5 million to study the long-term effects of wildfire smoke on California's wine industry.

ALTERNATIVES

None recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 - 02 –

February 4, 2020

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT S. 2882 (HARRIS D-CA) AND
H.R. 5091 (HUFFMAN D-CA) – WILDFIRE DEFENSE ACT

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE reports the 2018 wildfire season was the deadliest and most destructive in California’s history with a total of 8,527 fires, burning 1,893,913 acres; and

WHEREAS, climate change and dramatic weather conditions will continue, and reducing the risk of wildfire on its 125,000 acres remains a high priority of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan (WHRRMP) has enabled the District to significantly reduce hazardous wildland vegetation and the potential for a catastrophic fire event; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently the only agency with permits to conduct vegetation management in the East Bay hills due to the rigorous permitting process; and

WHEREAS, fire protection and adaptation strategies are increasingly costly, and they benefit communities and infrastructure far beyond the District’s property; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding for microgrids and battery storage could benefit the District, as the District was affected by PGE’s Public Safety Power Shutoffs and closed all parks for three days in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby support S. 2882 (Harris D-CA) and H.R. 5091 (Huffman D-CA) – Wildfire Defense Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- f. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for General Manager Robert Doyle to Attend the 2020 Alberta Parks Forum, March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada (Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve out-of-state travel for General Manager Robert Doyle to attend the 2020 Parks Forum, March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada.

REVENUE/COST

Approval of this item will authorize the payment and/or reimbursement of conference registration, hotel, meals, airfare, local transportation, and other expenses related to the 2020 Alberta Parks Forum, March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada. Funding for this trip is available in existing General Manager's Office budget.

BACKGROUND

The 2020 Alberta Parks Forum, hosted in partnership with World Urban Parks North American Region, is scheduled March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada with the theme of Parks, Landscapes & Open Spaces: Parks & Resilience. This forum is an important informational gathering of park and recreation agencies on an international scale.

World Urban Parks (WUP) is the international representative body for the urban parks, open space and recreation sector. World Urban Parks North American Region (WUPNAR) is the subsector of WUP that brings together park agencies throughout North America. General Manager Doyle has been working with WUP for several years and in the last two years has worked to develop WUPNAR's strategic alliance and focus to address global issues impacting parks, especially in the North American region. Mr. Doyle was encouraged to submit to a presentation for the Forum and has been selected as a keynote speaker on a flagship Park District program—Healthy Parks Healthy People—as it relates to park resiliency in a changing climate with a quickly growing population.

WUPNAR's focus at this form is maintaining and developing parks and open spaces to keep up with the unprecedented rate of population growth and resultant new communities that will be built in the coming decades, which presents both a huge opportunity and an enormous responsibility to ensure parks and open spaces are considered critical elements in creating vibrant cities and healthy communities, where people can live healthy lives.

To that end, the North American Region of World Urban Parks will be convening in Canmore, Alberta at ARPA's Parks Forum in March 2020. The integration of World Urban Parks in this international parks forum is an invaluable opportunity to access, learn from, and strategically connect with and influence experts in the field, and bring back to the Park District ideas and solutions to the unique resource, public and financial issues that face large, international-scale, park and open space agencies.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 – 02 -

February 4, 2020

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR GENERAL MANAGER ROBERT DOYLE
TO ATTEND THE 2020 ALBERTA PARKS FORUM, MARCH 10 – 16, 2020
IN CANMORE, ALBERTA, CANADA

WHEREAS, the 2020 Alberta Parks Forum, hosted in partnership with World Urban Parks North American Region, will be held March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada with the theme of Parks, Landscapes & Open Spaces: Parks & Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the integration of World Urban Parks in this international parks forum is an invaluable opportunity to access, learn from, and strategically connect with and influence experts in the field, and bring back to the Park District ideas and solutions to the unique resource, public and financial issues that face large, international-scale, park and open space agencies.; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager will have the opportunity to continue our World Urban Parks North American Region; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager will be a keynote speaker on a flagship Park District program – Healthy Parks Healthy People as it relates to park resiliency in a changing climate with a quickly growing population; and

WHEREAS, funding for this trip is available in the General Manager’s budget; and

WHEREAS, District policy requires Board authorization for out-of-state travel by the General Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves out-of-state travel for General Manager Robert Doyle to attend the 2020 Alberta Parks Forum, hosted in partnership with World Urban Parks North American Region, to be held March 10 – 16, 2020 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- g. Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Big Sky Enterprises and Big Sky Environmental Solutions for Removal and Disposal of Hazardous Waste: District-wide (Ferrario/Victor)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize entering into contracts with Big Sky Enterprises and Big Sky Environmental Solutions for the removal and disposal of hazardous materials.

REVENUE/COST

The total contract costs shall not exceed \$50,000 for each company. Sufficient funding is available in the Risk Management Budget (101-2160-000-6642).

BACKGROUND

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) utilizes the services of licensed contractors to dispose of hazardous and non-hazardous materials. These materials are generated as part of day to day park operations including used oil filters, tires, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, paint, and batteries. Hazardous materials may also be found on newly acquired parklands and within existing parklands as a result of illegal dumping.

Park District staff issued request for proposal for “on-call” disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous materials in early 2020. The Park District received proposals from two firms—Big Sky Enterprises for the disposal of non-hazardous materials and Big Sky Environmental Solutions for the disposal of hazardous materials. After review of the proposals, staff recommends that the Park District enter into contracts with Big Sky Enterprises and Big Sky Environmental Solutions. The firms are licensed and well qualified to transport and dispose of hazardous waste and materials in accordance with state and federal regulations. The Park District has utilized the services of these two firms in the past and has been satisfied with their level of service. The firms are prepared to respond quickly should an illegally dumped waste potentially endanger employees, the public, or the environment.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO: 2020 - 02 -

February 4, 2020

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH BIG SKY ENTERPRISES AND
BIG SKY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF
HAZARDOUS WASTE: DISTRICT-WIDE

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) issued a request for proposal for the removal and disposal of hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the Park District received proposals from two qualified contractors--Big Sky Enterprises for the disposal of non-hazardous materials and Big Sky Environmental Solutions for the disposal of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, Big Sky Enterprises and Big Sky Environmental Solutions are prepared to respond quickly should an illegally dumped waste potentially endanger employees, the public, or the environment; and

WHEREAS, the total contract costs shall not exceed \$50,000 for each of the two contractors in calendar year 2020 and funds are available in the Risk Management Budget (101-2160-000-6642);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes staff to enter into contracts with Big Sky Enterprises and Big Sky Environmental Solutions for the removal and disposal of hazardous waste District-wide in 2020, with an option to renew for two additional years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- h. Authorization to Execute a Project Labor Agreement for Construction of the Encinal Dune Restoration and Shoreline Stabilization Project:
Alameda Point Regional Shoreline (Rosenberg/Victor)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors approve a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Building Trades Council of Alameda County for the construction of the Encinal Dune Restoration and Shoreline Stabilization Project (Project) at Encinal Beach, Alameda Point.

REVENUE/COST

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) was awarded a grant from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) in the amount of \$450,000 and the Park District is providing matching funds in the amount of \$450,000 to complete the Project. Entering into a PLA is a condition of receiving the SFBRA Measure AA grant funds. Costs for this action required staff time from District staff including the Legal Division.

BACKGROUND

Encinal Beach is a bayshore property on the west side of the island of Alameda, leased by the Park District from the City of Alameda since December 2006. This one-acre park has San Francisco Bay Trail connections and is sheltered by a long rock levee that protects the small bay and is a popular spot for marine anglers. While some improvements were made to the park at its inception, the approximately half-acre dune area is overrun with invasive ice plant and the site hosts several legacy structures (described below), making it less than optimal for park users and wildlife. These structures include a large rusting barge, possibly installed for erosion control purposes, a deteriorating chain link fence, and large wooden pier structures that have washed onto the beach.

The Project will restore the Encinal Dunes Beach Park and adjacent dunes to a more natural condition while improving both recreation and habitat values. Currently, the invasive ice plant over much of the site degrades the dune habitat. The rusty barge provides shoreline support but

has been degrading within the shoreline bank for decades. Removal of the barge and installation of more sustainable shoreline protection would stabilize the area. Water access and egress would be improved while linking with the existing Alameda Point Trail, the Encinal Boat Ramp, as well as parking area and jetty facilities. This Project will restore native dune habitat and improve access to the beach. The large pieces of debris that have drifted ashore and the rusty barge will be removed and replaced with more appropriate shoreline stabilization material. Additionally, this Project will improve beach access for non-motorized watercraft.

The Park District adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project in July 2017 and subsequently applied to the SFBRA in the fall of 2017 for Measure AA grant funds and was awarded \$450,000. Pursuant to Resolution 22 of the SFBRA, in order to receive Measure AA grant funds, a grant recipient must enter into a PLA with the local Building Trades Council.

Following notification of the award, the Park District began negotiations with the Building Trades Council of Alameda County (Trades Council) to execute a mutually acceptable PLA for the Project. Lengthy negotiations ensued. The parties have now reached agreement on the PLA and are ready to execute the agreement.

The PLA is a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement that establishes terms and conditions of construction employment for the Project. The PLA will cover all applicable work within the craft jurisdictions of the Unions that are members of the Trades Council. The PLA is designed to create an enforceable commitment between the construction parties to use a “skilled and trained workforce” to perform all work on the Project. Key terms of the PLA are as follows:

- The contractor is committed to using the unions to fulfill its labor needs for the Project;
- The contractor is required to pay union wages for the applicable classifications for the Project;
- The Trades Council/Unions commit to providing the Project with a steady supply of skilled labor;
- There is an agreement not to strike; and
- The agreement provides for an expeditious resolution of any worker grievances.

Upon approval of the PLA, the Park District will be able to advertise the Project for bids. Park District staff expects to put the Project out to bid in February. Following receipt of bids, the Board will award the project to the lowest responsive contractor, with an anticipated Project completion date of November 2020.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 -02 –

February 4, 2020

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENCINAL DUNE RESTORATION AND SHORELINE
STABILIZATION PROJECT: ALAMEDA POINT REGIONAL SHORELINE**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is developing the Encinal Dune Restoration and Shoreline Stabilization Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Park District has prepared plans and specifications for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2017 by Resolution No. 2017-07-183, the Board of Directors adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Park District applied for, and was awarded a San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA grant in the amount of \$450,000 for this shoreline protection project; and

WHEREAS, under the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's "Resolution 22," all recipients of San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA grant funds must enter into a standard project labor agreement with the local Building Trades Council on the applicable construction project; and

WHEREAS, the Project Labor Agreement is intended solely for the Encinal Dune Restoration and Shoreline Stabilization Project, which includes removal of shoreline debris, restoration of dune habitat, and creation of a new trail and water access at Encinal Beach, City of Alameda, County of Alameda (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Park District and Building Trades Council of Alameda County have negotiated and agreed upon the terms of the Project Labor Agreement for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project Labor Agreement will be an exhibit to and a condition of the Construction Contract for the Project to be awarded by Park District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves a Project Labor Agreement with the Building Trades Council of Alameda County for Construction of the Encinal Dune Restoration and Shoreline Stabilization Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by _____ seconded by _____, and adopted this 4th day of February, 2020 by the following vote:

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Crown Beach Memorial State Beach

Encinal Beach, Alameda



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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- i. Authorization to Purchase Four Green Climber Slope Mowers from Green Climber of North America as Additions to the Fleet

(McCrystle/O'Connor)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the purchase of four Green Climber Slope Mowers from Green Climber of North America of LaGrange, Illinois at a total cost of \$404,292 as additions to the fleet.

REVENUE/COST

For the purpose of purchasing additional fleet equipment, funds have been allocated in the East Bay Regional Park District's 2020 Budget: Delta Unit Account 101-5170-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000), Lakes Unit Account 101-5140-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000), Interpretive Parks Unit Account 101-5160-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000), and Recreation Area Unit Account 101-5130-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000).

PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCE 101-5170-000-7505:

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| Base Price | \$ | 93,370 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>7,703</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 101,073 |

PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCE 101-5140-000-7505:

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| Base Price | \$ | 93,370 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>7,703</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 101,073 |

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| PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCE 101-5160-000-7505: | | |
| Base Price | \$ | 93,370 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>7,703</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 101,073 |
| PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCE 101-5130-000-7505: | | |
| Base Price | \$ | 93,370 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>7,703</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 101,073 |
| TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE: | | |
| Base Price | \$ | 373,480 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>30,812</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 404,292 |

BACKGROUND

These Green Climber Slope Mowers are specialized vegetation mowers designed to cut and mulch vegetation ranging in size from grasses to large shrubs. They are remote-controlled track vehicles that can move on steep and uneven terrain effectively and safely while allowing operators to remain on stable ground. These features make it an optimal tool for maintaining fuel breaks and trails in the hilly terrain throughout the Park District, while enhancing staff safety.

These Green Climber Slope Mowers are being purchased to maintain developed park areas in response to the Park District’s adopted policy (Resolution 2019-07-187) to eliminate the use of glyphosate in parks. The Mowers will be assigned for use throughout the Delta, Lakes, Interpretive Parks, and Recreation Area Units.

These Green Climber Slope Mowers are available for purchase directly from Green Climber of North America of LaGrange, Illinois, by means of State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Contract #T-775(5). The contract pricing is the result of a competitive bid process established by the State of Minnesota Office of State Procurement. Public agencies electing to use this method of equipment acquisition avoid the administrative costs of seeking formal bids.

ALTERNATIVES

For this purchase, staff has determined that there is no significant advantage in formally seeking other bids; therefore, none are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2020 - 02 -

February 4, 2020

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FOUR GREEN CLIMBER SLOPE MOWERS FROM GREEN CLIMBER OF NORTH AMERICA AS ADDITIONS TO THE FLEET

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) has included funding in its Adopted 2020 Budget for the purchase of new equipment: and

WHEREAS, The Park District has adopted a policy to eliminate glyphosate use for the maintenance of developed park areas; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has the need to purchase four Green Climber Slope Mowers as additions to the fleet assigned to the Delta, Lakes, Interpretive Parks, and Recreation Area Units; and

WHEREAS, Green Climber of North America of LaGrange, Illinois is a recognized vendor offering suitable equipment based on the results of competitively bid pricing through State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Contract # T-775(5).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the purchase of four Green Climber Slope Mowers for a total cost of \$404,292, with said sum to be encumbered from the 2020 Budget, \$101,073 from Delta Unit Account 101-5170-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000), \$101,073 from Lakes Unit Account 101-5140-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000), \$101,073 from Interpretive Parks Unit Account 101-5160-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000), and \$101,073 from Recreation Area Unit Account 101-5130-000-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- j. Authorization to Purchase Two Compact Track Loaders from Peterson CAT as Additions to the Fleet (McCrystle/O'Connor)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the purchase of two Compact Track Loaders from Peterson CAT of Pasadena, California at a total cost of \$171,120 as additions to the fleet.

REVENUE/COST

For the purpose of purchasing additional fleet equipment, funds have been allocated in the East Bay Regional Park District's 2020 Budget: Carquinez Strait Account 101-5171-469-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000) and Oyster Bay Account 101-5151-473-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000).

PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCE 101-5171-469-7505:

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| Base Price | \$ | 79,039 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>6,521</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 85,560 |

PROPOSED ENCUMBRANCE 101-5151-473-7505:

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| Base Price | \$ | 79,039 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>6,521</u> |
| Proposed Encumbrance | \$ | 85,560 |

TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE:

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|----------------------------|----|---------------|
| Base Price | \$ | 158,078 |
| Sales Tax | | <u>13,042</u> |
| Proposed Total Encumbrance | \$ | 171,120 |

BACKGROUND

Two Compact Track Loaders will be additions to the Fleet assigned to Carquinez Strait and Oyster Bay. They will be used to maintain developed park areas in response to the Park District's adopted policy (Resolution 2019-07-187) to eliminate the use of glyphosate.

These new Compact Track Loaders are available for purchase directly from Peterson CAT by means of Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance Contract #032119-DAC. The contract pricing is the result of a competitive bid process and open to all federal, state and local governmental entities. Public agencies electing to use this method of equipment acquisition avoid the administrative costs of seeking formal bids.

ALTERNATIVES

For this purchase, staff has determined that there is no significant advantage in formally seeking other bids; therefore, none are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

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**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO CAT COMPACT TRACK LOADERS FROM
PETERSON CAT AS ADDITIONS TO THE FLEET**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District has included funding in its Adopted 2020 Budget for the purchase of new equipment; and

WHEREAS, The East Bay Regional Park District has adopted a policy to eliminate glyphosate use for the maintenance of developed park areas; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has the need to purchase two CAT compact track loaders as additions to the fleet assigned to Carquinez Strait and Oyster Bay; and

WHEREAS, Petersen CAT of Pasadena, California is a recognized vendor offering suitable equipment based on the results of competitively bid pricing through Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance Contract #032119-DAC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the purchase of two CAT compact track loaders for a total cost of \$171,120, with said sum to be encumbered from the 2020 Budget, \$85,560 from Carquinez Strait Account 101-5171-469-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000) and \$85,560 from Oyster Bay Account 101-5151-473-7505 (Rolling Stock >\$25,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted this 4th day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

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ABSENT:

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Alameda Regarding a Future Regional Park at the Former Alameda Naval Air Station (Northwest Territories): Alameda Point Regional Shoreline _____ (Holt/Rosenberg/Kelchner)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) authorize staff to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Alameda (City) that will set forth the parameters by which the parties will cooperate in the development of the future Alameda Point Regional Shoreline on a portion of the former Alameda Naval Air Station, known as the Northwest Territories.

REVENUE/COST

There are no immediate costs associated with execution of this MOU. The MOU does establish the terms by which the Park District will utilize the voter-approved funds in Measure WW, Measure CC, and Measure FF for future park development once the terms of the MOU are met. There is \$6.4 million in unappropriated Measure WW for the Alameda Point Allocation Area for acquisition and development. The development and opening of the Bay Trail and a future regional park will increase the operating costs for the District.

BACKGROUND

The Naval Air Station Alameda (NAS), commonly referred to as Alameda Point, consists of over 2,000 acres of real property within the City of Alameda. The former NAS was decommissioned by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in 1993 and closed in 1997. The City of Alameda, sitting as the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority, adopted the NAS Alameda Community Reuse Plan in 1996. The Reuse Plan sets forth specific policy and planning goals with regards to the disposition and use of property at Alameda Point and designated a portion of the property for recreation and open space purposes. The Reuse Plan identified an area of the property referred to as the Northwest Territories - including approximately 160 acres - as a future shoreline park.

A future shoreline park was first identified at Alameda Point in the Park District's 1997 Master Plan and was included again during the 2013 Master Plan update. In November 2008, Measure WW, the EBRPD Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline Bond was passed with over 71% support in the City. Measure WW included a commitment of \$6.4 million to "protect wildlife habitat, create regional recreation opportunities on San Francisco Bay, extend the bay trail around Alameda Point in cooperation with the City, and restore shoreline areas including beach and dune grass habitat."

On August 29, 2012, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a Biological Opinion on the Proposed Naval Air Station Alameda Disposal and Reuse Project. The Biological Opinion included the regional shoreline park and extensions of the Bay Trail around the former NAS. The USFWS, the Veterans Administration (VA), the City, and the Park District worked together to identify a project that protected the endangered least tern that nests on the former airfields on the portion of Alameda Point to be transferred to the VA. The VA plans to construct an outpatient clinic, a columbarium, administrative offices, and a conservation management office to support the least tern project and other natural resource management at Alameda Point.

On February 4, 2014, the Alameda City Council certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved the Alameda Point General Plan and Zoning Amendments, Master Infrastructure Plan, and Town Center and Waterfront Plan, which designated 158 acres of Alameda Point as the Northwest Territories regional shoreline park.

At this time the U.S. Navy has transferred portions of Alameda Point to the City and the VA. However, many other areas of the former naval base – including portions of the area designated for the future park -- are still undergoing remediation. This acreage will continue to be retained by the U.S. Navy until remediation activities are complete and the property is determined to be suitable for transfer.

In advance of the final remediation and transfer of the Northwest Territories to the City for a future park, City and Park District staff have agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding that memorializes the intent of both agencies to cooperate in the creation of the park. The MOU outlines a process for the planning, development, and operation of the new shoreline park, and sets forth initial terms and conditions for the Park District to lease the property from the City. The MOU contemplates a long-term lease of 66-years. Fee-title sale of the property is prohibited because the property is subject to the public tidelands trust.

Key terms of the proposed MOU include:

- The 66-year lease will be at no cost to the Park District.
- The parties agree to execute the lease within one year of the Effective Date of the MOU.
- The Park District agrees to make substantial progress on a park development plan within two years after execution of the lease.
- The MOU does not establish any specific timeline for construction of park improvements.
- The MOU contemplates development of the park in phases, with the Bay Trail as the first component to be developed.

- The Park District will provide guided walks before the park is fully opened to the public, allowing interested parties to view the property.
- A seasonal trail around the VA property is identified in the MOU as a potential but not required component of the future park.
- The MOU specifies that the Park District will not be responsible for any shoreline stabilization under the terms of the lease.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize execution of the MOU with the City of Alameda. Entering the MOU will allow the Park District to continue to coordinate with the City and VA on park design and future improvements as adjacent projects move forward, ensuring forward progress on the development of the new regional shoreline park at Alameda Point.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

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AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA REGARDING A FUTURE REGIONAL PARK AT THE FORMER
ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR STATION (NORTHWEST TERRITORIES): ALAMEDA POINT
REGIONAL SHORELINE

WHEREAS, East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) provides recreational opportunities serving East Bay communities throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties through the provision of a system of regional parks and open spaces and a regional trail network; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has developed and manages recreation facilities and programs in regional parks located in the City of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda consists of over 2,000 acres and was decommissioned in 1993 and closed in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City of Alameda prepared the NAS Alameda Community Reuse Plan which designated portions of the Northwest Territories as a recreation and open space area; and

WHEREAS, the Park District identified a future regional shoreline park in its 1997 and 2013 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2012, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Biological Opinion for the Naval Air Station Alameda Disposal and Reuse Project in the City of Alameda which included the Northwest Territories property as a regional shoreline park; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2014, the Alameda City Council certified an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved the Alameda Point General Plan and Zoning Amendments, Master Infrastructure Plan, and Town Center and Waterfront Plan, which designated 158 acres of Alameda Point as a Northwest Territories regional shoreline park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda and the Park District desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to set forth the initial terms, conditions and process for the planning, development, construction and operation of a new regional shoreline park in the Northwest Territories, consistent with the City's Planning Documents, and to set out the initial terms and conditions of a lease applicable to the Northwest Territories property as a regional shoreline park to be entered into by the City and the Park District with respect to the planning, development and operation of the public regional park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with City of Alameda that will set forth the parameters by which the parties will cooperate in the phased implementation of a new regional shoreline park on the Northwest Territories property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted this 4th day of February 2020, by the following vote:

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

3. GENERAL MANAGER

- a. Review of Park District Federal Priorities for 2020 in Preparation for Meetings on Capitol Hill: Washington, DC _____ (Pfuehler/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors review the Park District Federal priorities and priority topics for 2020 to discuss during meetings in Washington, D.C. from February 8 – 13, 2020.

REVENUE/COST

All related costs are included in the 2020 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND

The District's annual meetings in Washington, D.C. will occur during the Partnership for the National Trail System's Hike the Hill Conference February 8-13. Staff is working on scheduling meetings with U.S. Senators (or staff) for Monday, February 10 and with U.S. Representatives (or staff) for Wednesday, February 12. Staff is planning agency and non-profit meetings for Tuesday, February 11. Government Affairs staff Erich Pfuehler and Lisa Baldinger will provide a presentation about federal priorities for these meetings.

The Board Legislative Committee reviewed and commented on these priorities at their January 17, 2020 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES

None recommended.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District
(Doyle)

City of San Pablo – Wildcat Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail Project

On January 21, 2020, the San Pablo City Council unanimously approved and adopted the plans and specifications of the Wildcat Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail Project (project) and awarded a construction contract. The resolution allows the City Manager to 1) execute a consulting contract to assist with agency permit requirements and design direction, and 2) initiate a formal solicitation for a future public art project to be developed independently from the construction contract. The project will restore 2,200 linear feet of Wildcat Creek and include a 2,100 linear foot greenway trail with a Class I bike/pedestrian path, landscaping, and pedestrian amenities. The restoration will improve sediment transport through the reach, increase viable fish habitat, and allow the channel to accommodate larger flow volumes. Additionally, it will establish native riparian trees and shrubs, helping to reduce bank erosion, and providing terrestrial and avian habitat. The proposed segment between Church Lane and Vale Road will complete a segment of the Wildcat Creek Regional Trail. The Wildcat Creek Regional Trail is identified in the Park District's 2013 Master Plan and will eventually connect Wildcat Canyon Regional Park to Wildcat Creek Staging Area off Richmond Parkway. Project funding includes \$644,163 from a Measure WW – Urban Creeks Grant.

City of Fremont – Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail Project

On January 14, 2020, the Fremont City Council approved Funding Agreements with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to support development of seven transportation projects for a combined funding amount of approximately \$10.1 million. In November 2014 Alameda County voters approved Measure BB to increase multi-modal transportation investment Countywide, administered by ACTC. One of the approved projects, the Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail Project (\$2.0 million), will provide environmental clearance and preliminary engineering for an 11.6 mile, east-west regional trail connection between Dumbarton Bridge and Quarry Lakes Regional Park. The trail will include connections to the San Francisco Bay Trail, Alameda Creek Regional Trail, the proposed East Bay Greenway Trail, the Ardenwood transit center, and north Fremont neighborhoods. A planning study for the trail was completed in 2018. The project includes City of Fremont matching funds in the amount of \$501,000.

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5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

STAFF PRESENTATION

General Manager Robert Doyle will provide a State of the District, 2019 Year in Review.

GM COMMENTS

From December 4, 2019 – to December 21, 2019 the Public Safety Division handled 314 service calls and 930 total incidents. Highlights are included below.

Police

There were 14 arrests made throughout the District for a variety of felony and misdemeanor offenses, including DUI, weapons possession, drug possession, violation of court restraining orders, disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Officers handled 77 field interviews (contacts without citations or arrests) and issued 137 citations (70 for parking).

- Alameda Creek Trail: On December 5, an officer responded to a reported physical altercation. One of the suspects left the scene, while the other was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.
- Anthony Chabot: On December 4, an officer arrested a suspect for several violations including two outstanding warrants and possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.
- Anthony Chabot: On December 15, an officer responded to the report of an animal bite. The victim said he would seek medical treatment on his own, and the dog owner's information was provided to Animal Control for follow up.
- Carquinez Strait: On December 9, an officer took a report of vandalism; subjects removed siding from the old concession.
- EBMUD/South Watershed: On December 18, an officer took a report of vandalism/graffiti to a restroom.
- McLaughlin Eastshore: On December 5, an officer issued a citation for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The subject was released after receiving the citation.

- Out of Park in Fremont: On December 8, officers and Fremont Police issued a citation to a subject at their residence in Fremont for filing a false crime report.
- Point Pinole: On December 21, several officers along with Contra Costa Deputies responded to the report of a suicidal male, who was safely taken into custody.
- Tilden: On December 21, an officer took a report of grand theft. Two golf bags were stolen, and suspect information was captured through video surveillance. The investigation is ongoing.
- Vasco Caves: On December 19, an officer took a report of grand theft; four cattle fence posts were taken from the Casey Property.
- Wildcat Canyon: On December 16, an officer took a report of vandalism; there was graffiti located on the stonewall.

Fire Operations

- Tilden: On December 8, District firefighters assisted Oakland Fire with removal of a large boulder that fell across the roadway and created a traffic hazard on Fish Ranch Road.
- Tilden: On December 14, District firefighters assisted park staff with removal of a hazardous downed tree at Big Springs south of the Quarry trail in Tilden Park.

Fuels Management

- Anthony Chabot: On December 6, the District fuels crew began a fuels maintenance project in recommended treatment area AC008b on Redtail Trail. The crew created twenty-five brush piles that will be burned at a later date.
- Multiple Parks: On December 10, 11 and 12, District firefighters and fuels crew members burned brush piles at Diablo Foothills, Sibley, and Tilden.
- Redwood: On December 16, District firefighters and fuels crew members burned brush piles at Trudeau. The burn was part of the Department's on-going efforts to maintain fuel break areas and promote habitats for native species.
- Tilden: The Tilden portion of the North Orinda Fuels Project has now been completed. In this section of Upper Wildcat Canyon and Tilden, 348 Eucalyptus and Pine trees were removed with 10 feet of brush clearance along the Nimitz trail for 3.6 miles.
- Tilden: Throughout the month of December, brush removal continued along Panoramic trail in recommended treatment area CC003. Due to restrictions on heavy equipment use that began in November, this work has transitioned to primarily hand labor.

- Wildcat Canyon: On December 17, brush removal was completed in recommended treatment area WC010. This project continues the fuel break north from Tilden behind homes adjacent to the park. The second phase of large tree removal will begin when weather permits.

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C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Operations (Thursday, October 17, 2019) (Corbett)

Present

Board: Directors Ellen Corbett (Chair), Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Tiffany Margulici, Renee Patterson, Sarah Lamborn, Nate Luna, Kelly Barrington, Matt Moore, Anthony Ciaburro, Kathryn Daskal, Anne Kassebaum, Meadow D'Arcy and Denise Valentine

Guest: Irene Jordahl, Frank Clayton, Dana Hooper

Agenda Item I: Update Oakland Strokes Community Outreach Program: Tidewater Boating Center/Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline

Interpretive and Recreation Services North-West Regional Manager David Zuckermann provided an update regarding the Oakland Strokes facility and program operations through a presentation. Items included purpose of the program, service statistics for 2018, staffing, review of programs offered, program goals, trainings, activities, partner experience and area of coverage.

Director Lane inquired about the partnering between regular visitors and incoming new students. Oakland Strokes Outreach Coordinator Frank Clayton replied that the team encourages conversations between students and athletes and different groups of visitors to promote comfort and to create liaisons for each team.

Director Wieskamp inquired on the size of Arise High School and what age groups are targeted for programs at Tidewater. Clayton replied approximately 200-300 students attend Arise which is located a half-mile from the facility. The age range is from 14-18 years, with the focus on the freshman class.

Director Corbett inquired if the Rainbow Recreation Center has been approached by Oakland Strokes. Clayton replied no, but they are on the staff's radar.

Corbett inquired if there is a partnership with Castlemont High School. Clayton replied that no such partnership currently exists.

Corbett inquired about updates on swimming lessons. Clayton indicated there are some ideas of partners to contact. Oakland Strokes would still like to explore the pool facility at Roberts Regional Recreation Area.

Corbett inquired if Park District staff advertises for opportunities at Oakland Strokes. Zuckermann replied not at this time. AGM O'Connor proposed advertising through the Regional In Nature (RIN).

Wieskamp inquired if it is hard to succeed in achieving more diversity with the program. Clayton stated Oakland Strokes engages with a diverse group.

Corbett commented she would like to see more outreach in connection to the Oakland Unified School District schools.

Corbett inquired if there are any Spanish speaking staff. Clayton replied no, as there hasn't been any participation from students exclusively speaking Spanish.

Director Lane inquired how water safety is addressed and if there is a formal program on safety. Clayton replied that there have been partnerships in the past with Mills College and others who provide swim lessons. All participants wear a life jacket.

Lane inquired about how Oakland Strokes coordinates weekend activities alongside Park District programs out of the same building. Oakland Strokes Executive Director Dana Hooper replied that cooperation has vastly improved in recognizing both groups' needs and accessibility to Building 3. Appropriate communication is ongoing.

Outdoor Recreation Supervisor Jeremy Saito provided a brief update on the relationship between Park District staff and Oakland Strokes staff.

Wieskamp requested an update on crime incidents at Tidewater. Saito commented that the number of incidents and break-ins has increased in recent years. Captain Lance Brede stated public safety staff is working in collaboration with the Operations and facility staff to ensure safety. Increased patrols, sight line improvements, locking restrooms, utilizing adjacent parking are some of the measures being taken. There is a large homeless encampment adjacent to Tidewater and the City of Oakland is also addressing the issue. Brede commented that weekly meetings and email communications are captured in the CAD system.

O'Connor mentioned staff is looking to install a gate at the backend of the road.

Agenda Items 2: Approve Special Use Agreement – City of Fremont’s Operation of Patterson House: Ardenwood Historic Farm

Business Services Administrative Analyst Renee Patterson provided a brief overview of the facility through a presentation that covered site photos and reporting of cost to the Park District.

City of Fremont Recreation Supervisor Irene Jordahl provided information on City of Fremont staff and the partnership with the Park District.

Supervising Naturalist Kathryn Daskal provided an update on the partnership between park staff and City of Fremont staff.

Wieskamp moved to approve recommend to the full Board the staff recommendation of a Special Use Agreement with the City of Fremont for operation of the Patterson House for a five-year term, January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024 with an annual payment of \$83,907 increased annually by CPI not to exceed 2.0%. Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Encroachment Permit Program Update

Maintenance and Skilled Trades Project Manager Nate Luna provided an informational overview of the encroachment permit program through a presentation. Items included: the permit routing process, statistics, trends, document components, protecting resources, and project examples.

Lane inquired if there are any restrictions on miles of pipeline that can be installed the Park District. Luna replied that there are many existing pipelines which are maintained through easements by pipeline companies. Companies apply for required encroachment permits for coordination purposes with Park District staff.

Corbett inquired if there is a PG&E point of contact for dealing with questions or concerns related to a project. Luna replied there is a sign posted at the site with contact information.

Corbett inquired if the Park District is fully compensated by PG&E for any environmental issues. Luna replied that PG&E follows a habitat conversation plan and is required to restore land to previous conditions per the encroachment permit stipulations.

Agenda Item 4: Review 2020 Consolidated Fee Schedule: District-wide

Business Services Administrative Analyst Noah Dort provided a detailed overview of the District-wide Consolidated Fee Schedule through a presentation. Items included a staff report, fee proposal details, comparisons and notes.

Lane inquired if (Reservable) Facilities would staff consider reviewing and/or increasing rates due to the popularity of specific venues such as the Brazilian Room. O’Connor replied that Park District rates are typically set in the mid-to-low range of the market scale, to allow availability and affordability to the larger community. The Board may review and consider increasing rates as necessary, if appropriate.

Corbett inquired about the criteria to increase rates, whether Consumer Price Index (CPI) is used, and if rates are based on comparable facilities. Dort replied there is no direct application of CPI.

6. Judge John Sutter – Bridge Yard Building

Corbett inquired what is included with the building rental. Dort replied this is the base flat rate that does include utilities. Corbett inquired if utility costs will increase, and whether staff can research future costs. O'Connor replied staff will work with Oakland Venue Management and CalTrans to understand and account for utilities.

7. Lake Chabot – Marina

Corbett inquired further about the justification for the increase at the Marina. Dort replied the concessionaire submits the rate and provides justification for the request. In this case it is an operational cost that includes labor, insurance, and vehicles. Corbett inquired if there are adjustments made by the concessionaires due to low rentals. Dort replied affirmatively.

8. Lake Chabot – Redwood Canyon Public Golf Course

Lane inquired if improvements made to the course are paid for by Touchstone Golf. O'Connor replied most of the improvements were covered by the Concessionaire Maintenance Fund.

Corbett inquired if staff anticipates fees being impacted due to costs of improvements. O'Connor replied the capital improvement costs are the responsibility of the Park District and frees up Touchstone to focus on general operations and maintenance and keep the fees lower.

17. District-Wide – Special Event Permit Fees

Corbett sought clarification on the parameters of Low-Impact Athletic event permits. Reservations Supervisor Katy Hornbeck responded that they are primarily events that occur along the Iron Horse Trail or Contra Costa Canal Trail, examples being small 5k runs with smaller attendance. Attendance figures are provided on the special event permit and a final count post event.

Wieskamp moved to approve and recommend to the full Board the staff proposed changes to the Consolidated Fee Schedule. If approved, the requested Consolidated Fee Schedule changes for 2020 would result in an increase of \$11,430 in concessionaire fees and an increase of \$12,830 in Public Use Fees to the District. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 6: AGM Comments

There were no AGM comments

Agenda Item 7: Board Comments

- Lane inquired if staff would be discussing residences and policies in the future schedule. O'Connor replied staff will be bringing an update to this Committee in 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Denise Valentine
Executive Secretary

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7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Operations (Thursday, November 21, 2019) (Corbett)

Present

Board: Directors Ellen Corbett (Chair), Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Tiffany Margulici, Renee Patterson, Steve Castile, Lance Sayne, Lisa Baldinger and Denise Valentine

Guest: Kris Koeberer, Amelia Marshall

**Agenda Item I: Review Urban Parks Concessionaires Request for Proposal:
Little Hills Regional Recreation Area**

Acting Business Services Manager Tiffany Margulici provided a brief overview through a presentation. Items included: site maps, special events, facility photos, background, request for proposal timeline and process, expected revenue, planned capital investment, and proposed projects.

Director Wieskamp inquired on the process of prioritizing improvements. Margulici responded that staff met and reviewed each item separately and evaluated the necessary timelines for completion.

Wieskamp requested an annual update to the Board Operations Committee to track progress of projects being conducted by Urban Parks.

Wieskamp inquired if there are any security issues. Urban Parks President Kris Koeberer replied no.

Director Lane inquired about other areas comparable to this site. Urban Parks Concessionaire (UPC) Ellen Duran responded comparable facilities include Crow Canyon Park and Great America.

Director Corbett inquired if the estimated revenue is up to \$56,000. Margulici replied affirmatively and confirmed funds from Concessionaire Maintenance Funds go directly into the Park District fund. At the end of each year staff and the concessionaire determine how to utilize the funds.

Corbett inquired how staff ensures compliance of terms for the capital improvements. Margulici replied the terms are written into the concessionaire contract.

Corbett requested more detailed information on the green waste program. Koeberer replied Urban Parks is focused on reduction of waste. Large bins will be delivered to the park to separate waste and recycling. Solar projects are also being proposed.

Lane moved to approve and recommend to the full Board the selection of Urban Park Concessionaires as concessionaire of Little Hills Ranch with an initial ten-year concession agreement with a capital investment by UPC of no less than \$460,000 with an additional five-year term by mutual consent, with a capital investment by UPC of no less than \$250,000. The Park District can expect revenue of up to \$56,100 annually, representing 4% of total gross monthly receipts. In addition, 10% of total gross monthly receipts, up to \$140,300 annually, will be set aside in a site-specific Concession Maintenance Fund. There will be no cost to the Park District for this action except for any unknown cost of maintenance or repairs to the property not covered by the concessionaire or the CMF. Wieskamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items 2: Annual Review of Reservable Facilities and Concessionaires Costs: District-wide

Management Analyst Ruby Tumber provided an annual report to review costs associated with reservable facilities and concessionaires.

Corbett inquired if increased costs at Redwood Canyon Golf Course are due to weather events. Patterson replied some costs are captured in the capital funds for repairs due to 2017 storm damage.

Corbett inquired on the process of reviewing how revenue can be increased. O'Connor replied outside entities are brought in to assess these types of facilities.

Wieskamp suggested to consider costs for future upgrades at Camp Arroyo.

Agenda Item 3: Green Fleet Management Plan

Management Analyst Ruby Tumber provided an informational overview of the Green Fleet Management Plan through a presentation. Items included: the purpose of the plan, data on the fleet, fleet procurement strategies, right-sizing, alternative fuels, replacement schedule, improvements through technology, a 5-year replacement plan, challenges, initiatives, solutions, performance goals, and additional opportunities.

Wieskamp inquired if there is a difference in passenger capacity from the station wagon to the Volt. Tumber replied four to five is the assessment.

Corbett requested staff to include more parameters in purchasing equipment. AGM/CFO Auker indicated the request would require a change to the Board Operating Guidelines and Procurement policies, as it currently states for staff to go with the lowest bid.

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 5: AGM Comments

- O'Connor provided an update on the status of Perry Farms at Ardenwood Historic Farm.

Agenda Item 6: Board Comments

- Lane commented on her approval in receiving electronic copies of meeting agenda and packet, with a hard copy provided at the meeting.
- Wieskamp commented that she approved a hard copy of reports prior to meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Denise Valentine

Executive Secretary

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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. Board Executive Committee (11/07/2019) (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Ayn Wieskamp, Ellen Corbett, Dennis Waespi

Staff: Robert Doyle, Erica Fuerst, Ren Bates, Lisa Goorjian, Kristina Kelchner, Jim O'Connor, Anne Kassebaum, Dave Zuckermann, Brian Holt, Sean Dougan, Katherine Dudney, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Jim Devlin

Public: Jeff Peters

Board Executive Committee Chair Ayn Wieskamp called the meeting to order at 12:43 pm.

I. Coyote Hills Visitor Center Feasibility Study

Chief of Design and Construction Lisa Goorjian provided an overview of Park District Visitor Center studies and renovations from 2016 to present. Ms. Goorjian discussed Measure WW ballot language and the Coyote Hills allocation area funding. She informed the Committee that staff is in the first phase of planning and is currently looking for suggestions on how to prioritize the Measure WW project list. A discussion on Measure WW funds and language followed. Capital Program Manager Ren Bates presented this agenda item. Mr. Bates stated that the “replace the aging visitor center with a state of the art facility” language was included in both the 2005 Land Use Plan (LUP) and Measure WW ballot language, and explained that the existing location was determined to be the best site for the replacement visitor center to minimize disturbance in the park. He also discussed the feasibility study that included project goals, site analysis and the project schedule. Some project goals include a new facility to address operational, interpretive, site circulation and expanded parking needs; and identification of a pre-conceptual building program and floor plan, along with planning costs and schedules. The site analysis included but was not limited to a review of biological and cultural resources and sea-level rise inundation/flooding. The two proposed site locations were chosen after analyzing the future sea-level rise and amount of land disturbance. Out of the two considered design options, staff chose option A, as seen in Mr. Bates’ presentation, as the preferred site analysis due to better parking resolutions, convenient restroom locations with an open central plaza for the public and

better access to the park and its resources. Option A would also allow for the existing building to remain in operation without having to use temporary facilities. Mr. Bates discussed the Preferred Building Alternative: the new building would be 8,700 square feet and would enhance visitors' experiences by allowing for more useable public space outside. Mr. Bates reviewed the hypothetical project schedule and construction cost estimate as seen in his presentation. Director Ellen Corbett asked about additional parking. Mr. Bates responded that parking will be increased by roughly 50 spaces and include a bus drop off; a discussion on overflow parking followed. Board President Ayn Wieskamp asked about Ohlone gatherings under the Oak tree. Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager Dave Zuckermann responded that staff will reach out to the Ohlone community to discuss the gatherings. A discussion regarding the preservation and planting of trees followed. The Committee discussed the potential for a park residence at Coyote Hills.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

2. Marsh Creek Trail: Vineyards Parkway to Round Valley Feasibility Study Update

Trails Development Program Manager Sean Dougan presented this agenda item. Questa Engineering (Questa) was hired by the Park District in 2018 to complete an alignment and feasibility study that identifies feasible alignments, opportunities and constraints, potential environmental or cultural impacts, property ownership, utilities location, Marsh Creek Road crossing alternatives, and a preliminary cost proposal. The study is in the final stages, to be completed by the end of 2019, and Questa has identified a preferred alignment; the CEQA process is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Winter of 2020 with review by the full Board in the Spring of 2020. The Park District is working in partnership with the City of Brentwood, Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation to study potential trail connections for the southernmost three-mile gap from Vineyards Parkway in Brentwood through, or adjacent to, the John Marsh Historic State Park to the Round Valley Staging Area. The public comments process validated the appreciation for the project. Director Ellen Corbett asked about elevation levels on the trail. Mr. Dougan responded that the trail is relatively flat with minor elevation changes. Mr. Dougan discussed the different analyzed trail alignments and the areas that include the most environmental sensitivity. One mile of trail is to be built by the developer of Trilogy at Shea Homes, but the developer is currently working to obtain the correct permits, right of entry, and easement from the State of California. General Manager Robert Doyle interjected that Director Colin Coffey has been working with the cities of Brentwood and Antioch to encourage the State Parks to grant the easement which has been delayed 10 years. Mr. Doyle provided a brief history on the John Marsh House that is located within the one mile of trail. The specific challenges to this project are the environmental and cultural impacts, such as the Native American site that is in the same area of the John Marsh House. Mr. Dougan discussed the geography of the preferred alignment and its potential connections that may include a bridge and undercrossing. Staff will attempt to place the trail on existing roads and corridors due to cultural sensitivity. Mr. Dougan stated that there may be opportunities in the future to connect the trail to the John Marsh House. He discussed the bridge located over Marsh Creek; Contra Costa County is replacing the bridge, but it will not include bicycle or pedestrian access. A conversation on advocating for bicycle and pedestrian access on the bridge followed. Mr. Dougan discussed a proposed undercrossing near

the Round Valley Regional Preserve Staging Area which would encourage a safer trail crossing of Marsh Creek Road. The undercrossing would potentially be a ten-foot wide dual-purpose trail for both people and wildlife with a ten-foot clearance. Mr. Dougan stated that staging area parking is still in discussion. The Committee and Owner/Principal Project Engineer of Questa Jeff Peters discussed the culturally sensitive areas and how to avoid impacting the sensitive resources. Mr. Dougan expressed that there will be options to avoid impacts on culturally sensitive areas. Director Corbett asked about the public meeting outcomes. Mr. Dougan and Mr. Peters stated that roughly 20-25 people attended, most being from the equestrian and bicycling communities. Mr. Doyle asked about a Tribal consultation with the Native American community to which Mr. Dougan responded that a consultation is required through the CEQA process. The Committee discussed the proposed undercrossing. Board President Ayn Wieskamp asked about a completion date. Mr. Dougan responded that a completion date is dependent upon costs; Questa is currently working on numbers. The project will be shelf ready and available to begin once funds are available.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Ellen Corbett and seconded by Board President Ayn Wieskamp, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to recommend staff move forward with the Environmental Review of the Preferred Alignment pursuant to the CEQA.

3. Open Forum for Public Comments

None.

4. Board Comments

The Committee would like an update on opportunities for the funding of employee housing at a future meeting.

5. GM Comments

None.

There being no further business, Board President Ayn Wieskamp declared the meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica L. Fuerst

EAST BAY TIMES

Park It: Oakland college to offer environmental work training

Merritt to teach courses focused on resource management, urban agroecology and more

By Ned MacKay | East Bay Regional Park District

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Merritt College volunteer gardener Gaylord Moore appears while harvesting kale from the garden in Oakland's Lakeside Park for a previous class at the college that maintained the garden and donated its produce. Merritt College this spring will offer courses taught by its faculty and East Bay Regional Park District staff leading to certificates of achievement for people interested in outdoor, environmentally related employment.

Oakland's Merritt College will offer a series of courses attractive to people interested in outdoor, environmentally related employment starting this spring.

The courses leading to certificates of achievement will be taught by Merritt College faculty and East Bay Regional Park District staff. Courses include conservation and resource management; natural history and resources; and urban agroecology. For more information, visit the college's webpage at www.merritt.edu/wp/nhs.

Berkeley: The first weekend in February will bring a variety of programs to the Environmental Education Center at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley. It all starts with botanical watercolor painting from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 1 with interpretive student aide Emily Ritchie. The idea is to create watercolor images of the nature area's native plants. Participants will gain basic skills in life-drawing, plant identification and, of course, water-coloring techniques. Then from 3 to 4 p.m. the same day, explore the nature area with naturalist Trent Pearce in search of salamanders and frogs. The search will proceed rain or shine, and the program will repeat Feb. 15.

And farm animals are the focus of two programs with naturalist Jenna Collins on Feb. 2 and again Feb. 16. Meet the Little Farm rabbits from noon to 1 p.m. or flock with the lambs from 3 to 4 p.m. The center and Little Farm are at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive. For information, call 510-544-2233.

Oakland hills: For an opportunity to explore the newest addition to Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve in the Oakland hills, join the Wednesday Walkers on a 3-mile loop starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Wilcox Staging Area on Pinehurst Road. The property will soon afterward be closed for creek restoration. The best access is from Canyon Road in

Moraga, then turn right on Pinehurst. No dogs, please, and heavy rain would cancel it. For information, call 510-544-3187.

Richmond: The Over-The-Hills Gang is an informal group of hikers 55 and older who enjoy exercise, nature study and local history. Naturalist “Trail Gail” Broesder will lead the group on a mostly flat hike at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 4, when you can learn about the park’s explosive past as the site of a dynamite factory. Meet Gail at the staging area in the end of Atlas Road in Richmond. Call 510-544-2233 for details.

Alameda: Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda features Family Nature Fun from 2 to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, with activities for all ages. The theme Feb. 1-2 is “Duck, Duck, Goose!” with games to help learn more about our feathered friends. There’s also story time from 11 to 11:30 a.m. every Sunday with stories, crafts and activities. And from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, you can watch the staff feed the fish in the center’s large aquarium. The aquarium fish are the same species that inhabit San Francisco Bay. Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Alameda’s Central Avenue. For information, call 510-544-3187.

Sunol: Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County also has recurring, naturalist-led programs every Saturday and Sunday. “Nature Crafts” is from 10 a.m. to noon, with a different craft each week. And “Wild Wonders” is from 2 to 3 p.m., a family-friendly exploration of the park with games and other activities. Sunol Regional Wilderness is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road about 5 miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol. There’s a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle; the programs are free of charge. Call 510-544-3249.

Oakley: For an update on current events affecting the Delta, join in coffee talk and Delta news from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Feb. 5 at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley. Big Break is at 69 Big Break Road off Oakley’s Main Street. Call 888-327-2757, ext. 3050.

Online: There’s always something to see and do in the East Bay Regional Park District. For a complete schedule, visit the district’s website at ebparks.org.

Sewage spill at Lake Temescal forces officials to ban contact with water

[Alejandro Serrano](#) Jan. 23, 2020



Casey Gallagher of Oakland fishes Lake Temescal in Oakland, California on Sat. Sept. 24, 2016, as temperatures soar throughout the Bay Area. A sewer spill late Wednesday in Oakland prompted officials to issue an order not to come into contact with the water.

Photo: Michael Macor / The Chronicle

A sewage spill late Wednesday in Oakland prompted officials to issue an order not to come into contact with the water at Lake Temescal as they test for potential safety impacts.

Visitors can walk around and near the lake, but they're advised not to touch the water, fish or swim in the lake, said Dave Mason, a spokesman for the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department.

"It's closed to these activities, but the Temescal recreational activities continue to be open," Mason said. "You can hike, bring your dog — just no water contact."

Check back for updates.

Is this the end of western monarch butterflies?

New data shows another terrible year for insect populations

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Monarch Butterflies flit about the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary in Pacific Grove on Monday, November 20, 2017. (Vern Fisher – Monterey Herald)

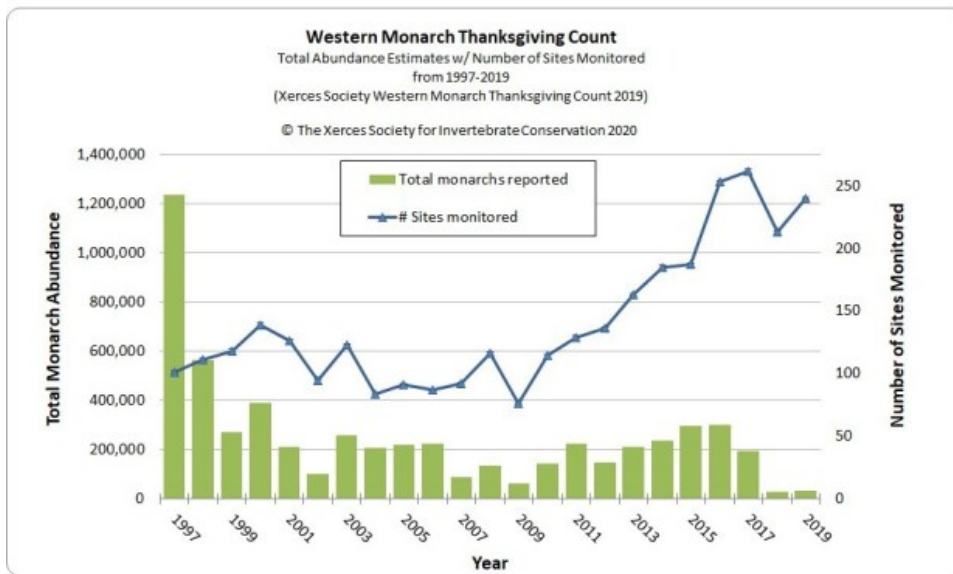
The number of western monarch butterflies has hit a historic low for the second year in a row, raising fears that California’s populations are in peril and may not recover.

Only 29,418 monarchs were counted at 240 sites along the state’s coast, according to the annual Thanksgiving tally released Thursday by the Xerces Society for Invertebrate

Conservation, a nonprofit that conducts the annual census.

That’s fewer than 15% of the insects recorded several years ago, when 200,000 to 300,000 of the orange and black butterflies flew to coastal California, clustering and clumping on trees. In 1997, 1.2 million were counted.

As habitats shrink, populations are teetering on the threshold — 30,000 insects – that scientists think are needed to keep the population from collapsing, said Xerces biologist Emma Pelton.



Every fall, volunteers count monarch butterflies along California’s coast, representing an area that traditionally accounts for the majority of the insect’s winter population.

“We hope we’re wrong – that they bounce back,” said Pelton. “If we’re right, we’ll know in two years, when they’re gone and we can’t bring them

back.”

In the past five years, at least 20 monarch resting sites have been significantly damaged or destroyed, according to Pelton. These sites — even the same trees — are where monarchs get food and shelter after spending the summer in the Sierra Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Four more sites are currently threatened by development and a large number of sites need restoration.

Several of these lost sites are in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Yerba Buena Island. Santa Cruz County lost three sites and San Luis Obispo County lost six sites, including Gaviota State Beach.

People unwittingly destroy the monarchs' homes when they cut or trim eucalyptus trees, said Pelton. These trees provide food and shelter to the butterflies during the winter months.

Some trees are cut for home construction. Others are cut because they are believed to pose a greater fire threat than native species of plants and trees. , she said.

It's not known how butterflies choose their winter homes, where they have never been before. The butterflies now in coastal California are the descendents of insects that left last spring and laid eggs along their route to the Sierra Nevada, Oregon, Washington and highlands of Arizona. Monarchs produce four to five generations a year, each with their own urge to move.

Last fall's counts in Alameda County found 31 butterflies at Albany Hill, up from 12 last year but down from 1,000 at their peak in 1997. There was 1 butterfly at Fremont's Ardenwood Historical Farm, down from 66 last year and 25,000 in 1997. San Leandro Golf Course showed a rebound from last year, up to 702 from 192. But that's far less than its peak of 25,000. Only two butterflies were seen at Contra Costa County's Point Pinole, up from one last year and down from its peak of 5,000.

In Santa Cruz County, 1,997 butterflies were counted at Natural Bridges State Park, up from 1,120 last year but far below the peak of 120,000. Monterey County's famed Pacific Grove had 642 butterflies this year, down from 815 last year and 45,000 at its peak.

There is new research that suggests that western monarchs are genetically linked to eastern monarchs, a finding that buoys hope for the resilience of the iconic species.

If the western monarchs vanish, perhaps their eastern insects could be introduced to our state, according to butterfly experts at the first-ever Western Monarch Summit in Carmel earlier this month. It is possible that our butterflies originally flew here from the east.

But it's too soon to conclude that the DNA of eastern and western monarchs is identical, or that eastern monarchs would replicate the spectacular migratory phenomenon that we see here every fall and spring, according to Emory University biology professor Jacobus de Roode, who is completing work on a major study of the monarchs' genomes.

Protection of habitat — through state laws that shield wintering sites and encourage conservation — is the best way to boost numbers, according to the Xerces Society. It encourages the federal government to list the monarch butterfly as an endangered species.

“They need legal protection — not just ‘on the book,’ but in practice,” said Pelton.

This year, Xerces will partner with California State Parks, Fiscalini Ranch, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation District to restore monarch habitat in the Central Valley and at wintering sites along the coast. It also aims to work with native seed producers to increase the availability of milkweed, a butterfly food source.

Without immediate action, they may vanish from the western landscape, said Scott Black, executive director of the Xerces Society.

As butterflies go, so does tourism to places like Pacific Grove, he said, “and across the West, we will lose the ability for our children to experience the majesty of the monarch migration.”

Livermore: Levels at Lake Del Valle don't slow trout action

BY ANDY MARTIN/WON STAFF WRITER Published: Jan 23, 2020

LIVERMORE — Water levels have dropped at Lake Del Valle to make room for winter rains, but trout fishing remains good, with anglers catching limits, and whopper-size rainbows.

"Fishing at Lake Del Valle has been very good the past few days for rainbow trout, catfish and stripers," said Jack Forzano of Lake Del Valle Marina. "The water level is very low due to East Bay draining the water in anticipation for the winter rains coming."



A LIMIT OF rainbow trout was caught at Lake Del Valley by Melanie Parkin, who was tossing a Kastmaster in the lower Narrows on Jan. 10 for her stringer.

Trout fishing is good across from the marina, in the Lower Narrows, Venados Group Camp, Badger Cove, Swallow Bay and the dam. The water temperature is 49 degrees. Visibility is around 3 feet at the marina, but 13-plus feet past the Lower Narrows.

Mt. Lassen Trout Farms has been planting 750 to 1,000 pounds of rainbows a week at Del Valle, while DFW also planted 1,000 pounds last week.

Joquin Gutierrez of San Lorenzo caught a 6.5-pound rainbow in the Lower Narrows on a spoon. Melanie Parkin caught a limit of rainbows in the Lower Narrows with a spoon and Michael Franey of Milpitas caught an 8-pound rainbow in the Narrows in a jig.

Stripers also are biting, with anchovies working best near the dam. Gary Elizarrey of Hayward caught a 7.05-pound striper.

A few catfish are being caught on anchovies, mackerel and chicken liver. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass has been slow.



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East Bay Regional Park District appoints new Ward 1 director

SUBMITTED BY JEN VANYA

On January 7, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors appointed Elizabeth Echols of Berkeley as the Director of Ward 1 to serve the remaining term left by incumbent Whitney Dotson, who retired in December after 11 years on the park district board. Echols will be sworn in at the January 21 regular meeting of the board of directors.

Echols has had an extensive career in public service, with over 20 years in public policy roles. Most recently, she was appointed by former Governor Jerry Brown to serve as the director of the independent Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission. Her recent policy work has focused on environmental protection, climate change, and wildfire prevention and mitigation. Echols has a B.A. in Economics and



Political Science from Yale and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

What is it like to work for the East Bay Regional Parks

SUBMITTED BY MONA KOH

Officials from the East Bay Regional Park District are gearing up for the district's Sixth Annual Youth Job Fair set for Saturday, January 25 in Hayward. The event aims to provide young people ages 15 to 24 with an opportunity to learn about specific park district jobs available during 2020 and to meet with current employees to get insight into what it's like to work for the park district. Each year the park district employs about 400 youths for seasonal paid positions and internships.

Also planned during the event are sessions on resume writing and how to submit a job application with the district. The two-hour program will be held at the Hayward Area Senior Center on North Third Street. Doors open at 10:00 a.m.; admission is free.

Program schedule:

- Job fair and networking: 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- Workshop and mock job interviews: 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

- Farewell wrap-up details: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon

East Bay Regional Parks District is the largest employer of youth in the East Bay. Each year the district hires young people to work in local parks and visitor centers throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Among temporary seasonal summer work positions are recreation leaders, lifeguards and children's program leaders.

The Youth Job Fair is being held in partnership with the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District. Participants are expected to stay for the entire two-hour program. For more information, call (510) 544-2154 or visit the East Bay Parks website at www.ebparks.org.

East Bay Park District Youth Job Fair
10 a.m. - 12 noon
 Hayward Area Senior Center
 22325 N. Third St., Hayward
www.ebparks.org
 (510) 544-2154
For youth 15-24
Admission free

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

As mentioned in a previous column, this is the mushroom season in the regional parks and other open spaces, though I'm told that until now the growth hasn't been extensive. And of course, it's against the rules to pick and remove mushrooms in the regional parks. Visitors should also be aware that some varieties are poisonous.

However, if you would like to view hundreds of varieties of local mushroom specimens and hear presentations from mycology experts, your chance is the Tilden Fungal Fair. The fair will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, January 25, and Sunday, January 26, at the Environmental Education Center in Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome.

The center is at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive, accessible via Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in the Berkeley Hills. For information, call (510) 544-2233.

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There's always lots to see and do in the regional parks. For complete information, visit www.ebparks.org.

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Park It: Tilden Fungal Fair near Berkeley coming up

See hundreds of area mushroom varieties, mycology expert presentations Jan. 25-26

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East Bay Regional Park District naturalist Mike Moran, center, in green, points out a bird at Oakley's Big Break Regional Shoreline. Moran, Big Break's supervising naturalist, plans a bird-of-prey census Jan. 30 at the park.

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Ned MacKay writes a regular column about East Bay Regional Park District sites and activities. Email him at nedmackay@comcast.net.



Park District's Hands-On Youth Job Fairs Engage Youth from Throughout the East Bay

Press Release
By ECT - Jan 17, 2020



Oakland, CA – For the 6th consecutive year, the East Bay Regional Park District will host two Youth Job Fairs designed to raise awareness of employment opportunities for youth in the East Bay. The fairs are scheduled in Hayward on Saturday, January 25, 2020, and in Pleasant Hill on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

Both events offer attendees an opportunity to learn about the specific Park District jobs available and interact with current employees to get insight into what it's like to work for the Park District. Positions include: Interpretive Student Aides, Public Safety Student Aides, Recreation Leaders, Lifeguards, Gate Attendants, Park Services Attendants, Student Laborers, Field Interns, and Interns.

The Youth Job Fairs also include general information sessions on resume writing, application submittal, and job interviewing for youth looking to enter the workforce, whether at the Park District or elsewhere.

The East Bay Regional Park District is the largest employer of youth in the East Bay, hiring over 400 Bay Area youth each year to work in the District's 73 regional parks and ten visitor centers. The Youth Job Fairs are key to filling seasonal summer positions, especially Recreation Leaders and Lifeguards.

2020 Youth Job Fair Details

| Saturday, January 25, 2020 | Saturday, February 1, 2020 |
|---|---|
| Hayward Area Senior Center | Pleasant Hill Senior Center |
| 10 a.m. to noon | 10 a.m. to noon |
| 22325 North 3rd Street, Hayward, CA 94541 | 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 |
| <i>In partnership with Hayward Area Recreation & Park District (HARD)</i> | <i>In partnership with Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District</i> |

Residents debate future of Deer Ridge Golf Club property

Kyle Szymanski Staff Writer / Jan 16, 2020 Updated 21 hrs ago



Photo by Tony Kukulich
Deer Ridge resident Peggy Bridges spoke at a public meeting to discuss the future of the Deer Ridge Golf Club property. The Deer Ridge course, owned by SunCoast Golf, Inc., closed suddenly in September 2019, and the city is beginning discussions with SunCoast regarding its plans for the property.

Brentwood residents turned out en masse this week to take a swing at suggesting what's next for the Deer Ridge Golf Club property.

An estimated 200 residents packed the Brentwood Senior Center for the city-organized meeting soliciting resident input.



A public meeting to discuss the future of the Deer Ridge Golf Club property was hosted by Interim City Manager Terrence Grindall in Brentwood, Calif., Monday, Jan. 13, 2020. The Deer Ridge course, owned by SunCoast Golf, Inc., closed suddenly in September 2019, and the city is beginning discussions with SunCoast regarding its plans for the property. (Tony Kukulich/The Press)

Deer Ridge Golf Club closed its doors in early September amid low demand for golfing and expensive maintenance issues, and will not reopen, said Brentwood Interim City Manager Terrence Grindall.

Grindall indicated the course's owner, SunCoast Golf, Inc., is interested in selling the property for an unknown price, but concerns that it would operate at a loss diminish chances that it will reopen for golf.

As for what's next for the land, the possibilities are wide, though city approval would be required for uses beyond a golf course or open space, Grindall said.

Grindall did not divulge potential buyers, if any exist, but noted whatever materializes must be self-supported, since the city has no money set aside for the endeavor.

“There are a lot of unknowns in this, but what often happens is the buyer buys it with conditions of what they want to do, and then the buyer gets approval from the city to do it,” Grindall said. “The city can play a role in guiding that process. There are a lot of what-ifs, but that is what I would like to see happen: have the city kind of shepherd this project.”

Just a handful of the potential future use ideas floated during the meeting include wildlife habitat without public access; a native vegetation park with trails; organic agriculture vineyards or orchards; water storage; parks and playgrounds; and the sale of the property to adjacent landowners to extend their backyards.

Large-lot residential development on the land was also thrown into the mix, but was quickly shot down by attendees — a message Grindall said he fully absorbed.

Other ideas were bandied about for the property's clubhouse, including a restaurant, event center, church and private school.

“We have to keep control of our neighborhood — over our area — in such a way that we find a balance between the developers that have the money, the city and people like us who want to protect our investment,” said resident Victor Palombi.

Despite overt indications that the property is not likely to reopen as a golf course, several residents aren't ready to let it go.

Resident Gary Thomas questioned why more wasn't done to keep the facility open.

"Why hasn't an organization like the Northern California Golf Association been brought in to help us save this golf course?" he asked. "Why didn't we contact the East Bay Municipal Utility District, who leases their property to the East Bay Regional Park District for Redwood Canyon Public Golf Course in Castro Valley that has been in business since the mid-'60s? Why aren't we taking examples from our neighbors to keep our community the way it is?"

Fellow resident Dennis Skuza said he'd be willing to provide monthly payments for the course to stay open.

"I would like the city to do a survey to see what percentage of people in Deer Ridge would like to keep it a golf course," he said. "If the majority of people want to keep it a golf course, then the problem becomes one of funding."

Attendee Rose Nemet suggested vineyards on the course property, but noted any associated increases in fire-related homeowners insurance should first be explored.

Resident Rod Flohr latched onto the idea that the clubhouse could complement conversion of the property into a regional park.

"If the park district was going to be considering the property, I think we should keep the clubhouse as a parking lot with the rest of the property," he said. "They would need to be able to charge for parking, which is one way they make revenue."

Other attendees offered up other suggestions, including a water park; tennis courts; zip-line excursions; and the opportunity for people to roll down a fairway inside an air-filled plastic ball.

Grindall said the flood of input was valuable.

"I am going to process this information and think it through," he said. "The next step would be for city staff to start discussing this with SunCoast to see whether there is potential for us to find a buyer for the site that can do something positive for the community."

No timetable for the next steps was provided, but Grindall hinted that additional public meetings will be held.

Grindall also noted SunCoast has reopened the nearby Shadow Lakes Golf Club driving range, is working on reopening that course's event center and is exploring the feasibility of reopening the course.

City officials are also continuing work to address any lingering code-enforcement concerns that have arisen in the wake of the Deer Ridge closure, Grindall said.

"They have received a number of citations from us, and they will continue to receive them," he said.

SunCoast officials did not return requests for comment as of press time.

Residents are encouraged to contact the city with any new ideas for the Deer Ridge property. To provide input, visit www.bit.ly/30o3XUb.

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King Tides of 2020

Sun and moon align creating King Tides (perigeon spring tides)

By Cyndy Green January 15, 2020 10:35 pm



It is that time of year when the sun and moon align creating King Tides (perigeon spring tides). But why now...why winter? What is different at this time of year that pulls massive amounts of water up and down the Delta?

The California Coastal Commission has gathered a list of events locally as well as statewide during the months of January and February which are meant to highlight and educate the public about King Tides and how they influence our lives.



Big Break Visitor Center in Oakley, CA.

Join us in this story to explore the science behind regular and King Tides at the Big Break Visitor Center in Oakley on January 11. Big Break has a wonderful interactive map of the Delta that allows children (including the big children) an opportunity to pour water into rivers to discover where water flows in the Delta. You can walk down to the water

and enjoy the views and learn more about the ecosystem inside the Visitor Center building.

To learn more about King Tides, visit these sites:

Watch Bay of Fundy King Tide – <https://youtu.be/u3LtEF9WPt4>

Watch Port of Alaska King Tide – https://youtu.be/cNeeRi_dbWU

Click here to see where the February Coastal Commission King Tide events will occur statewide – <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/>

Click here to view information on King Tides on the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) site – <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/kingtide.html>



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Park It

BY NED MACKAY

The East Bay Regional Park District will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday January 20, with a day of service at the Oakland park named in the civil rights icon's honor. From 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, volunteers will gather at MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline to assist the staff with shoreline litter cleanup, restoration work and invasive plant removal. Registration is required.

Children ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult, and groups require at least one chaperone for every 20 kids. Check-in and registration begin at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers should wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. To reduce plastic use,

please bring a refillable water bottle and a bucket to pick up litter. For registration and information, contact volunteers@ebparks.org or call (888) 327-2757, Option 2. Heavy rain cancels the event.

One of the Sunday Strolls series is scheduled at MLK Jr. Shoreline from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, January 19. It's a flat, four-mile walk to look for migratory birds, discuss future park plans, and explore lesser-known sections of the San Francisco Bay Trail. Meet at the Tidewater Staging Area off Tidewater Avenue in Oakland. For details, call (510) 544-3187.

Speaking of volunteers, Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda is offering a three-session training course for docents. The course covers Bay ecology, natural and cultural history, and basic interpretive skills. Upon completion, docents may help the center's staff interpreters with

school programs, special events, welcoming visitors, and gardening, at the center or nearby regional parks that the center also serves.

The three classes are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25, and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 29. Volunteer docents must be 18 or older; no experience is necessary. For information and registration, call (510) 544-3182 or email docents.crabcove@ebparks.org.

Ladybugs (formally ladybird beetles) are having their winter convention at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland. Naturalist Susan Ramos will lead an easy walk from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, January 18 to see the ladybugs. Meet Ramos at the park's Canyon Meadows Staging Area, which is at the end of the road leading into the park from Redwood Road, about

2 miles east of the intersection with Skyline Boulevard in Oakland. No dogs on this walk, please. For information, call (510) 544-3187.

The district board has renamed the park Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park. Dr. Reinhardt was one of five original Regional Park District Board members, and the first female director. A graduate of UC Berkeley, she earned a Ph.D. from Yale. When elected to the park board, she was president of Mills College. Dr. Reinhardt was a longtime advocate on behalf of human rights and environmental preservation.

Besides ladybugs, newts are on the march during the rainy season. The little salamanders migrate to ponds and streams to reproduce. Naturalist "Trail Gail" Broesder will lead a newt and frog safari from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 19,



in the Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. Meet at Tilden's Environmental Education Center, which is at the north end of Central Park Drive, accessible via Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley. For details, call (510) 544-2233.

Birds are the word at Contra Loma Regional Park in Antioch, where naturalist Virginia Delgado-Martinez will lead a bird-watching walk around the reservoir from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, January 18. The walk is for ages 5 and older. Meet at the boat launch ramp. Contra Loma is at the end of Frederickson Lane off Golf Course Road. There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. For information, call (888) 327-2757, ext. 2750.

There are recurring programs every weekend at park district visitor centers. For complete listings, visit www.ebparks.org.

Winter mushrooms can be deadly to humans and pets

By Jen Vanya 2 weeks ago

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Beware of the death cap, left, and Western destroying angel mushrooms that pop up locally after the winter rains.

Mushrooms that grow in the wild this time of year can look beautiful and are ecologically important, but some of them contain dangerous toxins.

The death cap (*Amanita phalloides*) and Western destroying angel (*Amanita ocreata*), two of the world's most toxic mushrooms, can be found in local parklands during the rainy season.

They both contain amatoxins, a group of molecules that inhibit cellular metabolism in many animals and people.

Symptoms usually appear 12 hours after consumption, beginning as severe gastrointestinal distress and progressing to liver and renal failure if treatment is not sought immediately.

"Both of these toxic mushrooms can be lethal to humans and pets if consumed," said East Bay Regional Park District naturalist Trent Pearce. "They are mostly associated with oak trees and can be found growing anywhere oak roots are present."

The death cap is a medium-to-large mushroom that typically has a greenish-gray cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem and a large white sac at the base of the stem. The Western destroying angel is a medium-to-large mushroom that usually has a creamy white cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem that disappears with age and a thin white sac at the base.

Other Bay Area mushrooms, including *Galerina* and *Lepiota*, may also carry deadly toxins, so it's best to avoid anything growing wild.

"Collecting mushrooms in East Bay Regional Parks is not allowed," noted public information supervisor Dave Mason.





To learn more, visit the Fungus Fair 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jan. 25-26 at Tilden Nature Area's Environmental Education Center, 600 Canon Dr., Berkeley.



NEWS

East Bay Parks to hold Youth Job Fairs, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1

By The Pioneer 2 weeks ago

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Every year the East Bay Regional Park District employs about 400 youth for seasonal positions and internships. These are paid job opportunities for youth (ages 15-24).

Participants will gain experience:

- working in and taking care of the parklands and shorelines
- interfacing with the public in different settings
- developing leadership skills in a team environment

EBRPD has 2 Job Fairs coming up. The first will be Saturday, Jan. 25, at Hayward Area Senior Center, 22325 North 3rd Street, Hayward, CA. After that, a

second Job Fair will happen on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA.

At the Job Fairs, the youth can meet with Park District staff and get answers to their questions, participate in workshops, engage in mock interviews, and interact with other youth who enjoy working in the great outdoors.

Flyers: English, Spanish, Chinese [PDF]

For more information, go to www.EBParks.org or call (510)544-2154. You can also send an email to Jobs@ebparks.org.





6th Annual Youth Job Fairs

ages 15-24

(Minimum age requirement for most jobs is 16 years old)

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HAYWARD AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
PLEASANT HILL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT



Whether you like spending time outdoors, working with children or lifeguarding on the beach, we have the perfect job for you! Learn about the wide variety of opportunities for youth and students while exploring the many jobs available for the summer and in the near future. Resume and interview tips provided!

| DATE | LOCATION |
|-------------------------|---|
| Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 | Hayward Area Senior Center , 22325 North 3rd Street, Hayward, CA 94541 Parking available at Senior Center |
| Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 | Pleasant Hill Senior Center , 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 County Connection #314 or #316, dropping off at Gregory Lane & Cleveland Road Parking available at Senior Center |



SCHEDULE

- 10:00** Doors Open!
- 10:00-11:15** Job Fair & Networking
- 11:15-11:45** Workshops & Mock Interviews
- 12:00** Farewell!

Please plan to stay for the entire event!

WWW.EBPARKS.ORG (510)544-2154 JOBS@EBPARKS.ORG

SFGATE

Elizabeth Echols Named To Vacant Regional Parks Board Seat

Bay City News Service

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Elizabeth Echols of Berkeley has been selected from among four finalists to fill the remaining term of East Bay Regional Park District Ward 1 incumbent Whitney Dotson.

Dotson died this earlier this week, according to friends, who posted an announcement of his passing from Robert Doyle, park district general manager.

Dotson, a resident of Parchester Village in Richmond who long advocated for environmental protection and community access to open space, served 11 years on the district board before retiring in December.

Echols has a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Yale and a juris doctor from Stanford Law School.

Her career in public service includes more than 20 years in public policy roles, according to the district. Most recently, she was appointed by former Gov. Jerry Brown to serve as the Director of the independent Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission.

Recent policy work by Echols has focused on environmental protection, climate change, and wildfire prevention and mitigation.

She was one of 12 applicants for the vacant Ward 1 seat, which includes the communities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Kensington, part of Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo. Regional Parks in Ward 1 include Brooks Island, Kennedy Grove, McLaughlin Eastshore, Miller/Knox, Point Isabel, Point Pinole, Sobrante Ridge, Tilden, and Wildcat Canyon.

Applicants were narrowed down to four finalists who were interviewed before Echols was unanimously selected.

"Each of the four finalists presented unique and compelling qualifications for the position," said EBRPD Board President Ayn Wieskamp.





"Ultimately, Elizabeth's impressive public policy career, environmental preservation experience, and dedication to supporting recreational and educational opportunities for underserved youth in her community made her the best candidate for the seat."

Echols is scheduled to be sworn in when the district board meets in Oakland on Jan. 21.

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If your New Year's resolution is more hiking, try Trails Challenge 2020

By Ned MacKay 4 weeks ago

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The New Year brings new adventures in the East Bay Regional Parks, with the 2020 edition of the popular, free and family-friendly Trails Challenge.

A partnership of the Regional Parks Foundation and Kaiser Permanente HMO, Trails Challenge encourages visitors to explore the regional parks by completing any five of 20 trails listed in the 2020 guidebook.

There are trails for all levels of fitness and expertise, from easy to challenging. Hike, bike or ride whichever you choose, turn in your trail log by Dec. 1, and receive a commemorative pin while supplies last.

The 2020 Trails Challenge guidebook is available as of Jan. 2 at park district visitor centers or online at the district website, www.ebparks.org/TC. And you can download the free AllTrails app.

Besides trail maps, the guidebook has useful information about equipment, safety, and the regional parks in general.

Participating visitor centers also have free Trails Challenge T-shirts, again while supplies last.

So make a New Year's resolution to pick up a guidebook and venture out into the parks.

New Year, Nature You

Speaking of trails, naturalist "Trail Gail" Broesder will be leading a series of hikes at various regional parks from 9 a.m. to noon on three Sundays in January on the theme of "New Year, Nature You."

All are part of the Healthy Parks Healthy People program promoting safe, low-impact activities in the outdoors through regular enjoyment of the regional parks.

Gail's first hike will be on Jan. 5, starting at the Alhambra Creek Staging Area of Briones Regional Park.

The entrance is on Reliez Valley Road about a mile south of the intersection with Alhambra Valley Road in Martinez. For information, call 510-544-2233.

Black Diamond Mines 'Discoveries'

There are natural and cultural history programs every Saturday or Sunday in January and February at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch.

"Nature Discoveries" is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday. Learn what is flying, crawling or blooming in the park. "Historic Somersville" is from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sundays. Learn about the lives of 19th Century miners, see some miners' tools, or go on a short walk.

Or you can meet a live gopher snake, king snake or rattlesnake from 1:30 to 2 p.m. every Saturday.

Black Diamond Mines is at the end of Somersville Road, 3½ miles south of Highway 4. The snake program is at the Sidney Flat Visitor Center just past the park entrance kiosk. The other two programs meet in the parking lot at the end of the road.

Black Diamond Mines has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. The programs are free of charge. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 2750.



Big Break in Oakley

The naturalists at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley host occasional coffee talk sessions to discuss current news relating to the Delta. There's one from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, another at the same time on Feb. 5.

Big Break is at 69 Big Break Road off Oakley's Main Street. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 3050.

Fireside stories at Tilden

You can hear natural history stories by the fireside from 11 to 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in January and February at the Environmental Education Center in Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley.

And there's a nature stroll starting at the center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 4, 11 and 18, led by naturalist Anthony Fisher. These are easy walks to observe the variety of life in the nature area. Bring a camera.

The center is at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive, accessible via Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley. Call 510-544-2233.



Crab Cove in Alameda

Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda features Family Nature Fun from 2 to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, with a different topic each week. Mammals (including us) are the subject on Jan. 4 and 5.

Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Alameda's Central Avenue. Call 510-544-3187.

Coyote Hills in Fremont



Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont offers a full schedule of programs celebrating the cultural heritage of the Ohlone people who inhabited what is now the park for thousands of years.

There are regular tours of a reconstructed Ohlone village site within the park, a half-mile walk from the visitor center. The next is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. There's a \$5 parking fee; the programs are free. Call 510-544-3220.

This isn't even half of what's going on in the regional parks. For full information, visit the district website

at www.ebparks.org.

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