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From: Jennifer Woodworth
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 5:13 PM
Subject: Board meeting questions

Please see the responses to questions from members of the Board below in blue. Thank you again for sending your questions in advance of the meeting. I will have copies on the dais and available to the public. A copy is also maintained in the Board meeting archives to be retained with all Board meeting documents.

From Director Cyr:

Please provide more information for claim 11533

The NBC Open Roads program airs Sunday nights in partnership with other open space agencies.

This sponsorship was included in 2015-2016 PA Action Plan approved by the Board on March 25th, for the same amount.

We sponsored the program and in turn got highlighted in three segments, Mt Um, Picchetti, Los Trancos. Segments have been airing on Sunday nights, the first on 5/3 and now in reruns and results in good exposure for District. Each episode reaches on average 31,000 households in each broadcast with 2 plus people in each home. We are also highlighted and mentioned on their website and social media.

Other regional sponsors have sponsored at the same rate and include East Bay Parks, Open Space Authority, POST, Save Redwoods, Marin - and others. It's fairly standard to pay for local program features like this one.

From Director Kishimoto:

Item 3 - Bay Trail/Ravenswood

- How many more approvals besides environmental clearance do we need? We still need SFPUC approval for specific trail location (a "map" to final approval)? Is this a case where board members can help?

In June 2015, the SFPUC Review Committee agreed to the preferred alignment for the proposed Bay Trail connection at Ravenswood, where the selected alignment would provide the maximum buffer to University Village neighborhood in East Palo Alto. With the SFPUC's selection of the preferred alignment for the Bay Trail connection, the District and the Consultants are able to complete the environmental review document, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, and finalize the Trail Easement Agreement with review and approval from SFPUC and City of East Palo Alto. There will be coordination with City of Menlo Park although the City would not need to take any formal action.

The review and approval process for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Trail Easement Agreement includes these approvals:

- City of East Palo Alto Planning Commission
- District's Real Property Committee
- District's Board of Directors
- SFPUC Board of Directors
- City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Since SFPUC has already selected the preferred trail alignment, the next step would be for the SFPUC Board to approve the final trail alignment location as part of the Trail Easement Agreement and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration actions after the District Board takes action.

The District's Board would be able to assist this project with its continual support for this project completion when the Trail Easement Agreement and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are presented to the Real Property Committee and Board for final approval.

Item 7 - Apple Orchard

- We had hoped a "Friends" group could help with the event center. There was no interest?

There was only one group Bay Area Savvy Players who used the property last year for equestrian training and are scheduled to use it this year for the weekend of August 31st thru September 2nd

Also, please remind which of the equestrian and other equipment there is staying and will need maintenance, etc. Some was going to sold off?

The equipment staying includes the following items:

1. Livestock shipping pens
2. Livestock alley way to Tunnel
3. Equestrian holding pens and large arena
4. 18 stall barn 6,000 sq.ft.
5. 12 stall mare barn 4,000 sq.ft.

Miscellaneous personal property including extra fence panels and equipment were sold by Driscoll Ranches.

- Perfecting the rights to the tunnel. What are today's rights and how might we strengthen or perfect them?

The District currently owns fee title on the north side of La Honda Road (State Highway 84) to the center of the roadway. The Event Center is located on the south side of the highway with fee title going to the center of the highway. Caltrans ownership of Highway 84 is an easement interest. Once the District purchases the Event Center, the District will own fee title under and on both sides of La Honda Road where the Tunnel is located. It is the District's and Caltrans shared opinion that the District will become owner of the tunnel by what is referred to as merger of title. In addition, Staff is currently working with Caltrans to additionally obtain a Quitclaim Deed from Caltrans for the Tunnel to further perfect the District's ownership in the Tunnel

From Director Harris:

Director Harris noted that the staff report in the July 22nd Board packet for this agenda item needed clarification. First of all, she wanted us to explain that the funding agreement does not require an adopted resolution from Midpen, and secondly, the County is the lead agency with developing the funding agreement with Midpen.

Below is the excerpted paragraph under the Board report's Next Steps that Director Harris was commenting on for additional clarification.

NEXT STEPS

With the adoption of the attached resolution, District staff will develop a funding agreement with the County that includes a scope of work, budget, implementation schedule, and performance goals. The funding agreement will be presented to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2015 for their review and approval.

CLARIFICATION

Development of a funding agreement with the County is not dependent on a Board-adopted resolution, and the funding agreement with the County does not require an adopted resolution. However, the District's Board resolution authorizes the General Manager to execute an agreement for grant funds from the County for the Ravenswood Bay Trail connection project. The County is the lead agency with developing the funding

agreement that includes a scope of work, budget, implementation schedule, and performance goals, for District review and approval before forwarding to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration.