



**Napa County Regional Park  
and Open Space District**

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## **AGENDA**

### **PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.**

City Hall, 955 School Street, Napa, CA 94559

#### **General Information**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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3. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes of January 8, 2015.
- b. Presentation by Andrea McKenzie, General Manager of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority on Santa Clara County and Sonoma County regional park and open space district funding strategies and experiences.
- c. Presentation by City Manager Richard Spitler on the City of Calistoga's park, recreation and open space programs.
- d. Presentation by Creighton Wright, Park and Recreation Director, on the City of American Canyon's park, recreation and open space programs.

4. Announcements by Board and Staff

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5. Adjournment



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## MINUTES

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## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

*The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Howard Siegel*

*Committee members in attendance: Richard Niemann, Stu Williams, Sandy Fagan, Roberta Oswald, Jeff Dodd, Karen Chang, Howard Siegel, Phill Blake, Richard Seiferheld, Brad Simpkins, Bob Russell, Denice Britton Smith*

*Committee members absent: Mike Stanfield, Samantha Holland, John Glaser*

## 2. Public Comment

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*None.*

## 3. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes of January 8, 2015.

*Minutes of January 8, 2015 approved.  
JD-PB-SW-RN-SF-RO-KC-HS-MS-RS-BS-BR*

- b. Overview of District Finances

*Staff distributed and briefly explained a handout summarizing the sources of District revenues for each year since the beginning of the District in 2007.*

- c. Panel Discussion of other regional park and open space district funding strategies and experiences with:
  - Bob Doyle, General Manager of East Bay Regional Park District
  - Linda Dahl, General Manager of Marin County Open Space District
  - Steve Abbors, General Manager of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

*Each speaker briefly described the history of their district, how they are funded, and recent experiences seeking voter approval of new funding. Key points made by the speakers included:*

- *Voter opinion research is critical to make sure that what you do reflects public values.*
- *Voters have historically strongly supported purposes such as protection of wildlife habitat, natural open spaces and water quality, and providing outdoor recreation. Voters have also been increasingly supportive of funding for improved maintenance of public spaces and environmental education.*
- *Partnering with others is essential (for EBRPD, this has meant including block grant funding for city park and recreation programs; for Marin County Open Space*

- District and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, this has meant earmarking funding for conservation projects sponsored by local non-profit organizations.
- It is critically important to meet with your critics as well as your supporters, and really listen to what they say.
  - Voters want to see a citizen’s oversight committee before they will support new funding.
  - Voters want to see a sunset provision on any new tax.
  - Any new tax specific to park, recreation and open space purposes requires a 66.67 % supermajority “yes” vote.
  - Other Districts have obtained voter support to issue bonds for capital projects and acquisitions (repaid through the *ad valorem* property tax), increase parcel taxes for capital and/or operating purposes, and increase sales taxes for capital and/or operating purposes.

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None.

#### 5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:05 pm

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HOWARD SIEGEL, Committee Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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JOHN WOODBURY, General Manager

#### Key

The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.

Notations under vote: N = No; A = Abstain; X = Excused

Vote: Phill Blake (PB) Karen Chang (KC) Jeff Dodd (JD) Sandy Fagan (SF) John Glaser (JG) Samantha Holland (SH)  
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 Brad Simpkins (BS) Denice Britton Smith (DBS) Stu Williams (SW) Michael Stanfield (MS)