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# NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**December 11, 2019**

**12:30 p.m.**

**EBRPD – Peralta Oaks Headquarters  
2950 Peralta Oaks Court  
Oakland, CA 94605**

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee’s purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

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## AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
12:30 PM	1. Bat Distribution and Abundance in the East Bay Regional Park District	I	Rienschke
1:00 PM	2. Cultural Services Coordinator Concluding Report	I	Ortiz
1:30 PM	3. Open Forum for Public Comment <i>Individuals wishing to address the Committee on a topic not on the agenda may do so by completing a speaker’s form and submitting it to the recording secretary.</i>	D	Dir. Coffey

- (R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
- (I) Information
- (D) Discussion

**Natural and Cultural Resources Committee Members**  
Colin Coffey (Chair), Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Whitney Dotson (Alt.)  
Kristina Kelchner, Staff Coordinator

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## AGENDA SUMMARY

### 1. Bat Distribution and Abundance in the East Bay Regional Park District (Riensch) (Riensch)

Worldwide, bats perform many significant ecological roles, including insect consumption, pollination, seed dispersal, and nutrient cycling. Their low rates of reproduction, tendency of many species to roost in large numbers, and extreme sensitivity to disturbance make bat populations especially vulnerable to a variety of threats: habitat loss and fragmentation, climate change, pesticides, toxic wastewater, persecution by humans, wind farm development, and the fungal disease white-nose syndrome. The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) conducted a study of bat distribution and abundance between 2004 to the present using visual and acoustic sampling methods. The study confirmed the presence of 7 genera and more than 8 species of bats, including 2 California Species of Special Concern, the Pallid Bat (*Antrozous pallidus*) and Townsend's Big-Eared Bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*).

### 2. Cultural Services Coordinator Concluding Report (Ortiz) (Ortiz)

Bev Ortiz, Cultural Services Coordinator will present an overview on the work she has completed since being in the position of Cultural Services Coordinator for nearly 6 years. This will include research and findings conducted during annual workplans, project updates, coordination with divisions/departments District-wide and successes. This is a concluding presentation from Ms. Ortiz on the work she has done as the District's first Cultural Services Coordinator before her retirement at the end of the year.

### 3. Open Forum for Public Comment (Dir. Coffey) (Dir. Coffey)

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