

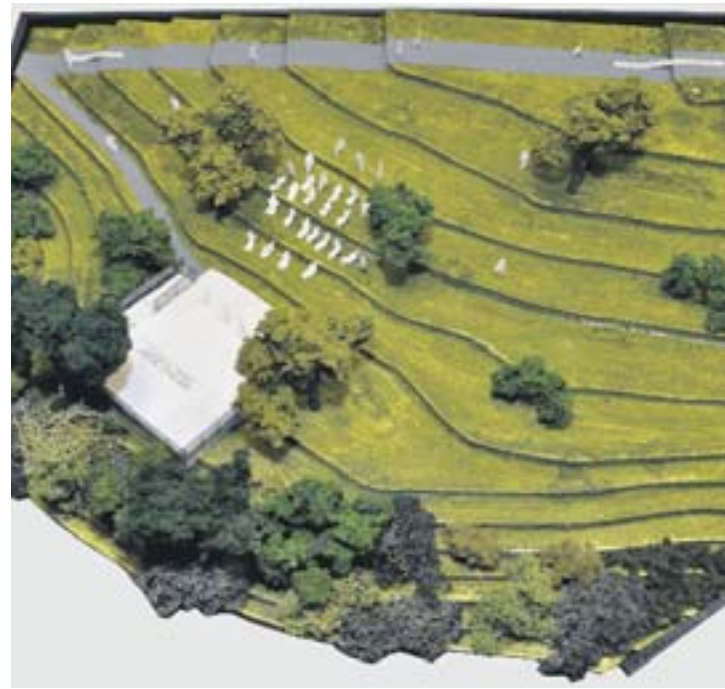
Permanent Stage at the Reservoir Finalized

By Cathy Tyson



Scott Hill (left) and John Sherry

Photo Andy Scheck



Model of the permanent stage, by Larry Blodgett

After much behind the scenes work, the Lafayette Rotary Club and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) have come to an agreement for a permanent stage at the Lafayette Reservoir. For the last sixteen years, Rotary has constructed a temporary stage for the annual Concert at the Reservoir.

The very popular fundraiser concert features bands from Acalanes High School, Stanley Middle School, Bentley School and the Big Band of Rossmoor. Half of the funds raised go toward supporting local school music programs with the other half funding Rotary projects.

"I'm so pleased to work with the fellows at EDMUD," said John Sherry, past President of Lafayette Rotary. The Club negotiated and finalized a permanent stage that was the size and location on the west side of the reservoir that they always wanted. Rotarians can hold two events on the new permanent stage per year, and will gift it to EBMUD for the community to use during the balance of the year.

Noting that this project has been on the table for some time, Scott Hill, EBMUD Manager of Watershed and Recreation said, "It took time to work through policy issues, but we are very happy to bring it to completion." Preliminary

plans have already been submitted and approved by EBMUD. After design and approval of

the plans by a structural engineer, the Planning Commission will review them. Construction may start

in the spring. The Lafayette Community Founding will assist in fundraising efforts.

Proposed Bike Park Project Status

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If the bike park is approved permits would need to be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game. Currently not all the results of the studies are complete, upon completion the next step is a public hearing with the Planning Commission.

The one question that comes up time and again is City liability in case of an accident. City staff met

with a representative of their insurance carrier to clarify coverage. As long as requirements are met - the potential park would be covered. The six required items include the adoption of procedures and requirements intended to ensure the safety of participants, design approval, appropriate signage and more.

The current status is posted on the city website: "Construction funding for the proposed bike facility in the Lafayette Community

Park has not been approved by the Lafayette City Council, and the construction will not be funded until the Council is satisfied that the facility would benefit the community, that it is consistent with the nature of the other facilities in the Community Park, and that it is designed safely and properly for public use."

For more information, go to the city website, www.love-lafayette.com or go to www.lafayettebikepark.com.

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- Library development, financing, and operations
- School district strategic planning committee
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Lafayette Community Foundation board member



About Don:

- Married to Ellen Reintjes since 1982
 - Lafayette resident since 1976
- Education:**
- Master of City Planning; B.S., Urban Studies and Planning; and B.S., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Master of Economics, Australian National University
- Career:**
- Executive positions in consulting, service and manufacturing companies, and philanthropy

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