




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	September 3, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Consolidate Unappropriated Measure AA Project Area Allocations into Separate Metro-area Allocations
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katie Dignan, Assistant Finance Officer Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) consolidate the unappropriated Measure AA General Obligation Bond funding into the three Metro Areas (West, South, and Diablo), in order to facilitate spend-down of the remaining funds.

BACKGROUND

The \$225 million in Measure AA Bonds authorized by voters in 1988 has been nearly fully utilized. The original Measure AA legislation designated that funds were to be divided into three Metro Areas and used at specific park locations, with further restrictions based on the percentage to be spent on acquisition and development. Currently, approximately \$4.4 million of the original bond funds remains unspent. This is due to the location restrictions on those funds and availability of appropriate projects in those park locations.

In order to address this difficulty, in October of 2011, the Board of Directors authorized consolidation of remaining location area funding in park areas with under \$150,000 into the three Metro Areas: West Metro, South Metro, and Diablo Metro. This consolidation did facilitate spending of the remaining bond funds, however, some Measure AA funds still remain unspent and staff have been challenged to find appropriate projects in which to utilize the remaining funds.

At the Board Workshop on April 25, 2023, the Board discussed the proposed recommendation that all remaining Measure AA unappropriated amounts be consolidated into the three Metro Areas. The consolidation of these funds would provide additional flexibility for land acquisition and development, and keep the original intent of equitably distributing the resources between Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Board members generally concurred with this recommendation and requested the matter be brought before the Board for formal consideration.

The schedule of Measure AA remaining unappropriated balances by Metro Area are in Exhibit A. Implementing the recommendation above would result in the consolidation of the remaining Measure AA funds into the following balances by Consolidated Metro- Sector:

Table 1: Measure AA Unappropriated Remaining Funds

REMAINING UNAPPROPRIATED ALLOCATION			
<i>as of August 2024</i>			
Metro Area	Total Available	Available Acq	Available Dev
Diablo	50,848	31,538	19,310
South	1,513,064	1,504,046	9,018
West	2,880,945	2,876,228	4,717
Total	\$4,444,857	\$4,411,812	\$33,045

ANALYSIS

The Measure AA Program is now 35 years old and has been succeeded by Measure WW. Staff in the Acquisition, Stewardship and Development Division concur that this action will assist the Park District in moving toward final expenditure and closure of the very successful Measure AA program, as well as simplify the Park District's chart of accounts, and allow staff to focus on implementation of the Measure WW Bond Program.

On July 24, 2024, the Board Finance Committee reviewed this recommendation and approved it moving forward to the full Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the Park District by this action; authorization by the Board will enable staff to consolidate existing, unappropriated funds and facilitate spending of the remaining Measure AA funds on appropriate projects while still adhering to the allocation of funds in the West, South, and Diablo Metro Areas.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A: Measure AA Unappropriated Project Balances by Metro Area.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 09 -
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION
TO CONSOLIDATE UNAPPROPRIATED MEASURE AA PROJECT AREA
ALLOCATIONS INTO SEPARATE METRO-AREA ALLOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, at the Board Workshop on April 25, 2023, the Board of Directors reviewed the status of 1988 Measure AA bond program; and

WHEREAS, as projects from Measure AA have been completed, some project areas have remaining funding allocations that are not individually sufficient to use on park projects; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2011 (by Reso 2011-10-225) the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District authorized the consolidation of projects with balances of less than \$150,000 left in their individual project accounts be consolidated into the three Metro-areas, and retained in acquisition and capital development categories by Metro; and

WHEREAS, staff provided information to the Board on project areas with unallocated Measure AA Funding above \$150,000 and suggested that these remaining project funds be consolidated into the three Metro-areas; and

WHEREAS, Measure AA is now 35 years old, has been succeeded by Measure WW, and this action will assist the Park District in moving forward toward final closure and expenditure of the very successful Measure AA program, simplify the final account reconciliation, and allow staff to focus on Measure WW program implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the consolidation of remaining unappropriated Measure AA project area allocations into separate metro-area allocations as presented to the Board on September 3, 2024; 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 _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted September 3, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: