




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

DATE	June 4, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)
DIVISION	Public Safety
FROM	Terrence Cotcher, Police Captain Roberto Filice, Assistant General Manager of Public Safety/Chief of Police
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) with a term to commence retroactively on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND

For over 15 years the EBRPD Police Department has contracted with BAWAR to serve survivors of sexual violence in the EBRPD jurisdiction.

ANALYSIS

BAWAR will provide baseline services, including a 24-hour crisis line, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) accompaniment and advocacy, crisis counseling, and community awareness and prevention. BAWAR will provide confidential advocacy and support to survivors of sexual violence during police interviews. BAWAR will commit to professional communication with the EBRPD Police Department and prioritize crisis response services referred from them.

The EBRPD Police Department provides law enforcement services to survivors of sexual violence including SART participation. The EBRPD Police Department also informs survivors of their right to have a sexual assault counselor, human trafficking advocate and/or support person of their choice present during the interview process.

The EBRPD Police Department will participate in cross-training of staff and volunteers when appropriate and will communicate with BAWAR's SART team regarding case status updates for BAWAR clients. Personnel from East Bay Regional Parks Police Department will receive a yearly training from BAWAR regarding agency updates, trauma-informed care and collaboration during the reporting process, and other relevant information.

Additionally, the EBRPD Police Department and BAWAR agree to a bi-annual review and evaluation of services provided between BAWAR's Director of Programs, the Special Victims Unit Sergeant, and the head of the patrol units.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2024 – 06 -
JUNE 4, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH BAY AREA WOMEN AGAINST RAPE (BAWAR)**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Police Department has contracted with Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) for over 15 years to serve survivors of sexual violence in the EBRPD jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, BAWAR will provide for the operation of all baseline services, including a 24-hour crisis line, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) accompaniment and advocacy, crisis counseling, and community awareness and prevention. BAWAR will provide confidential advocacy and support to survivors of sexual violence during police interviews. BAWAR will commit to professional communication with the EBRPD Police Department and prioritize crisis response services referred from them; and

WHEREAS, the EBRPD Police Department will provide law enforcement services to survivors of sexual violence including SART participation. The EBRPD Police Department will also inform survivors of their right to have a sexual assault counselor, human trafficking advocate and/or support person of their choice present during the interview process; and

WHEREAS, the EBRPD Police Department will participate in cross-training of staff and volunteers when appropriate and will communicate with BAWAR's SART team regarding case status updates for BAWAR clients. Personnel from East Bay Regional Parks Police Department will receive a yearly training from BAWAR regarding agency updates, trauma-informed care and collaboration during the reporting process, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the EBRPD Police Department and BAWAR agree to a bi-annual review and evaluation of services provided between BAWAR's Director of Programs, the Special Victims Unit Sergeant, and the head of the patrol units; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize the East Bay Regional Parks Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) with a term to commence retroactively on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2027 as presented to the Board on June 4, 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 June 4, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: