




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	April 2, 2025
TITLE	Informational Update on Events and Site Visits
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
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RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) regularly hosts events to cultivate strategic working relationships with elected officials and agency partners. Event types include site visits, walk and talks, advocacy conferences and relationship-building meetings. Staff representatives from the Government and Legislative Affairs division of the General Manager's Office will provide an informational update to the Board Legislative Committee regarding site visits and meetings conducted since November 13, 2024.

ANALYSIS

Site visits and events recently hosted by the Park District include:

1. **Virtual Meet and Greet with Office of the First Partner, December 5, 2024.** Park District staff met with staff from the First Partners office to discuss equitable community engagement initiatives and possible future events. The Park District followed up with a letter inviting the First Partner to attend a Park District-hosted event in 2025.
2. **Big Break Restoration and Access Plan: Visioning Workshop #2, February 8, 2025.** Park District staff, Project Planners and Board Director Coffey joined members of the community and staff from the offices of U.S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier and California State Assemblymember Lori Wilson for a presentation on the Big Break Restoration and Access Plan. Participants were asked to provide feedback on various planning options for the project.
3. **Assemblymember Anamarie Ávila Farías In-District Swearing-In Ceremony, Martinez, March 6, 2025.** Approximately 100 community members attended this celebratory event including local elected officials, Board Member Colin Coffey, Board President John Mercurio, State Senator Tim Grayson and California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. Government and Legislative Affairs staff attended as well.

Upcoming Local Government and State and Federal Government meetings and events currently scheduled include:

1. **April 3, 2025: Radke Championing Advocacy Award with Senator Tim Grayson.**
This intimate press event will be held at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50. The Park District Board President and General Manager are currently scheduled to attend and present the award for then-Assemblymember Grayson’s leadership on Park District related matters, including securing \$3 million for the South of Bailey Road Staging Area and authoring Park District sponsored AB 2091.
2. **April 12, 2025: Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50 Walk and Talk hosted by Director John Mercurio and Concord Mayor Carlyn Obringer.** Members of the public are invited to join a 1 – 1.5 mile guided walk, led by Supervising Naturalist Pia Loft, highlighting the history of the site, the explosion, the work of Thurgood Marshall and the exoneration of the Port Chicago 50. Director Mercurio and Mayor Obringer will speak to the District’s plans for development of the park and the significance of the site to the community of Concord.
3. **July 12, 2025: Quarry Lakes Walk and Talk hosted by Alameda County District Supervisor Elisa Márquez.** Members of the public are invited to join Supervisor Márquez on a guided tour of Quarry Lakes, led by Naturalist Erin Blackwood. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the history of the park as a quarry, its current role in the watersheds’ water cycle, accessibility in parks, environmental challenges and collaboration with our indigenous partners.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2025 Events and Site Visits Presentation - April 2, 2025 Board Legislative Committee