



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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<b>DATE</b>	September 23, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Informational Update on the Measure WW Local Grants Program
<b>DIVISION</b>	Finance and Management Services
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**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational item.

**BACKGROUND**

On November 4, 2008, voters of Alameda and Contra Costa counties approved Measure WW: Regional Open Space Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond Extension. Of the \$500 million bond extension, \$125 million (25%) of the bond proceeds were allocated to local agencies to fund local park and recreation projects.

The Measure WW Local Grant Program Procedural Guidelines, approved by the Board of Directors on January 13, 2009 (Resolution 2009-1-011), established the policies and procedures under which the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) would reimburse agencies for eligible expenses on local parks and recreation projects. On January 13, 2009, (Resolution 2009-1-016), the Board of Directors approved a resolution of intention which authorizes the reimbursement of expenditures from future bond proceeds, including such incurred pursuant to the establishment of the Measure WW Local Grant program through December 31, 2018. Since 2008, 240 projects have been approved. To date, 226 projects have been completed and closed out.

Of the \$125 million available, 5% (\$6,015,000) was allocated to the Park District's Administrative fee. Approximately \$1.6 million remains and will be continually spent down until the Program is completed.

*Measure WW - Urban Creeks Grant Program:* Of the \$500 million bond extension, \$8 million of the bond proceeds were allocated to urban creek projects. The \$8 million allocation is for both Park District WW eligible projects and cities and community organizations to restore urban creeks and acquire creek easements. On March 21, 2017, the Board of Directors approved Measure WW Urban Creeks Grant Program Procedural Guidelines which established the policies and procedures under which the Park District would reimburse local agencies for up to \$1.6 million in eligible expenses on urban creek projects (Resolution 2017-03-069). On April 18, 2018, the Board of Directors awarded and approved grant contracts with three agencies of the Measure WW Urban Creeks Grant Program (Resolution 2018-04-067) totaling \$1,589,433. There is \$1.6 million remaining in the program. The table below notes the three agencies, their respective project, and approved funding amount:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
City of San Pablo	\$800,000	Wildcat Creek Restoration & Greenway Trail	Completed
City of Lafayette	\$189,700	First Street Rain Garden	Completed
Town of Moraga	\$599,743	Laguna Creek Restoration	In-progress

## **ANALYSIS**

To date, the Park District has approved approximately \$124.9 million of the \$125 million available funds, which is approximately 99.9% of the available funds. Additionally, the Park District has disbursed approximately \$117.4 million in funds for the Measure WW Local Grant Program, which is approximately 94% of the available funds. Local agencies have been active and successful in completing projects in a timely fashion since the program was launched nearly 16 years ago. The program will expire December 31, 2027.

To date, there are 14 projects that still need to be completed and closed. The table below lists agencies with projects left to complete and close out.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Number of Projects to Complete/Close out</b>
Berkeley	4
El Cerrito	1
HARD	1
Hercules	2
Newark	2
Oakland	2
Unincorporated Contra Costa	1
Fremont*	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>

*\*The \$1.8 million allocation is for the “Vargus Plateau, Phase II Construction project.” In 2009, the Park District entered into a cooperative funding agreement with the City of Fremont in which the Park District agreed to complete the project, and the City of Fremont agreed to commit a portion of their Measure WW Local Grant fund share to the project.*

A complete list of the Measure WW Local Grant Program is provided in Attachment I.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Measure WW Local Grants Report