


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

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<b>DATE</b>	May 20, 2025
<b>TITLE</b>	Authorization to Amend Consultant Contract with Esherick Homsey Dodge and Davis, a Professional Corporation (EHDD) by \$2,441,212 for the Replace Environmental Education Center Project: Tilden Nature Area
<b>DIVISION</b>	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
<b>FROM</b>	Ren Bates, Division Lead of Design & Construction Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of Acquisition, Stewardship & Development
<b>APPROVED</b>	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) Board of Directors take the following action for the Replace Environmental Education Center Project (Project) (No. 173900) at Tilden Nature Area (TNA):

1. Authorize an amendment to a professional services contract with Esherick Homsey Dodge and Davis, A Professional Corporation (EHDD) of San Francisco, California in the amount of \$2,441,212.

**BACKGROUND**

The project proposes to replace the existing Tilden Environmental Education Center (EEC) facility and adjacent security residence in the Tilden Nature Area. The project is located at the northern end of Central Park Drive in Contra Costa County, California. The facility, which was constructed in the mid 70's, needs a major renovation to address its physical programming and ADA accessibility limitations, and to bring it up to current code.

This Board action will expand EHDD scope of services to include the design development and construction document phases of the project's building and exhibit design services. Previous Board actions regarding this project are as follows:

1. On July 19, 2016, by Board Resolution No. 2016-07-195, the Board of Directors authorized a contract with the architectural firm Seigel & Strain to study the options of renovating or replacing the Tilden EEC facility. The resulting study recommended replacing the facility due to the complications of renovating the existing building to be compliant with current American with Disabilities Act access requirements, and the building systems being at the end of their useful life.
2. On September 17, 2019, by Board Resolution No. 2019-09-238, the Board of Directors

authorized the prioritization of the restoration of Tilden EEC for the purposes of initiating a Capital Campaign by the Regional Parks Foundation.

3. On August 22, 2022, the Park District issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural and engineering design services to produce design and construction documents for the Tilden EEC Project. Eleven competitive proposals were submitted. Four of the proposals were shortlisted and interviewed by Park District staff. The Park District's selection committee scored EHDD the highest ranking due to their extensive experience with visitor center design.
4. On March 7, 2023, by Board Resolution No. 2023-03-055, the Board of Directors authorized the execution of a professional services contract with EHDD for architectural and engineering services in the amount of \$561,748. EHDD scope of services included conducting a community engagement process, developing a building and site program, and producing a conceptual building and site design for the project.
5. On September 19, 2023, by Board Resolution 2023-09-199, the Board of Directors authorized the amendment of a professional services contract with EHDD for architectural and engineering services in the amount of \$255,476. The scope of services of the amendment was to expand their scope of services to include the pre-design and schematic design phases of the project's exhibit design services.

## ANALYSIS

The recommended action for the Board to authorize the amendment is necessary to complete the design and construction document phases of the building, site and exhibits for the proposed Tilden EEC Replacement project.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these actions will come from the Replace Environmental Edu Ctr Project (Project No. 173900).

SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Replace Environmental Edu Ctr Project (Project No. 173900)	\$ 4,210,569
Encumbrances and Expenditures to Date	(1,173,036)
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,037,532</b>

USE OF FUNDS	
Amendment with EHDD	\$ 2,441,212
<b>Total Current Project Cost</b>	<b>\$ 2,441,212</b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 596,320</b>

## ATTACHMENTS

- A. Replace Environmental Education Center Project Location Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 05 -  
MAY 20, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH ESHERICK  
HOMSEY DODGE AND DAVIS, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION (EHDD) BY  
\$2,441,212 FOR THE REPLACE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER  
PROJECT: TILDEN NATURE AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) proposes to replace the existing Tilden Environmental Education Center (EEC) facility and adjacent security residence in the Tilden Nature Area. The facility, which was constructed in the mid 70's, needs a major renovation to address its physical programming and ADA accessibility limitations, and to bring it up to current code; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2016, by Board Resolution No. 2016-07-195, the Board of Directors authorized a contract with the architectural firm Seigel & Strain to study the options of renovating or replacing the Tilden EEC facility. The resulting study recommended replacing the facility due to the complications of renovating the existing building to be compliant with current American with Disabilities Act access requirements, and the building systems being at the end of their useful life; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2019, by Board Resolution No. 2019-09-238, the Board of Directors authorized the prioritization of the restoration of Tilden EEC and Jewel Lake for the purposes of initiating a Capital Campaign by the Regional Park Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 7, 2023, by Board Resolution No. 2023-03-055, the Board of Directors authorized the execution of a professional services contract with EHDD for architectural and engineering services in the amount of \$561,748. The scope of services included conducting a community engagement process, developing a building and site program, and producing a conceptual building and site design for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, On September 19, 2023, by Board Resolution 2023-09-199, the Board of Directors authorized the amendment of a professional services contract with EHDD for architectural and engineering services in the amount of \$255,476. The amendment expanded their scope of services to include the pre-design and schematic design phases of the project's exhibit design services; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment with EHDD in the amount of \$2,441,212 has been negotiated to expand their scope of services to complete the design development and construction document phases of the project's building and exhibit design services;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes amendment to a professional services contract with Esherick Homsey Dodge and Davis, A Professional Corporation (EHDD) of San Francisco, California

in the amount of \$2,441,212 as presented to the Board on May 20, 2025; 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 May 20, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: