




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

DATE	April 1, 2025
TITLE	Authorization to Appropriate \$466,000 in Measure WW Bond Funds for the Construction of the Calaveras Ridge Trail / Philip Scholz Trail: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
DIVISION	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
FROM	Brian Holt, Division Lead of Planning, Trails, Cultural Resources & GIS Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of Acquisition, Stewardship & Development
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) authorize the appropriation of \$466,000 of Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Trail (WPI2) development funds into the Construct Pleasanton Ridge Trails Project No. 167000 for construction of the Calaveras Ridge Trail / Philip Scholz Trail.

BACKGROUND

On January 20, 2014, Pleasanton resident Philip Erich Scholz passed away at the age of 35 while trying to rescue a suicidal man on the Caltrain tracks in Santa Clara. Philip was survived by his wife of seven years, Emily Scholz. Emily created the Philip Scholz Memorial Foundation to raise funds to support communities and causes that were important to him. The Regional Parks Foundation worked with Emily to identify the proposed North Woods Loop Trail in northern Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park as the preferred route to construct and name in honor of Philip Scholz.

The Park District Board designated the North Woods Trail in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park as the Philip Scholz Trail per Board Resolution No. 2018-07-175. In June 2023, the Park District Board authorized the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the Regional Parks Foundation to Project No. 167000 for the construction of the Philip Scholz Trail per Board Resolution No. 2023-06-141.

The Park District has secured the necessary regulatory agency permits to construct approximately eight miles of trail within Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. Current permits

secured were issued in 2020 and are valid until 2025/2026. The Park District will utilize the services of Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship (SCMTS) to construct the Philip Scholz Trail under the Park District's existing On-Call Trail Services Agreement. In December 2024, the Park District Board authorized the amendment of its On-Call Trail Services Agreement with SCMTS in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for completion of various trail development projects per Board Resolution No. 2024-12-284. SCMTS has estimated the total construction cost for the Philip Scholtz Trail to be \$545,029.

The Philip Scholz Trail shares the alignment with the designated route of the Calaveras Ridge Trail through Pleasanton Ridge. There are sufficient development funds in the Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Trail allocation area (WPI2) for this action.

ANALYSIS

The Park District has secured the necessary regulatory agency permits to construct approximately eight miles of trail within Pleasanton Ridge. Current permits secured for Pleasanton Ridge work were issued in 2020 and are valid until 2025/2026. These permits were challenging to secure and took several years to negotiate since adoption of the Pleasanton Ridge Land Use Plan in 2012. The Park District is attempting to construct as many of the permitted trails within Pleasanton Ridge before these permits expire to capitalize on previous time and investment made. This action will allow the Calaveras Ridge Trail / Philip Scholz Trail currently permitted to be constructed in 2025 before these permits expire.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action will appropriate \$466,000 of available Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Trail Allocation Area Development funds, which currently has a balance of \$2,198,000, to Construct Pleasanton Ridge Trails Project No. 167000.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Trail Development (WPI2)	\$ 466,000
Regional Parks Foundation: Philip Scholz Trail Donation	80,000
Total Funds Available	\$546,000

USE OF FUNDS	
Calaveras Ridge Trail / Philip Scholz Trail Construction	
Total Current Project Cost	\$ 545,029

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Philip Scholz Trail Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 04 -
APRIL 1, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE \$466,000 IN MEASURE WW BOND
FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CALAVERAS RIDGE TRAIL /
PHILIP SCHOLZ TRAIL: PLEASANTON RIDGE REGIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) Board designated the North Woods Trail in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park as the Philip Scholz Trail per Board Resolution No. 2018-07-175; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the Park District Board authorized the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the Regional Parks Foundation to Project No. 167000 for the construction of the Philip Scholz Trail per Board Resolution No. 2023-06-141; and

WHEREAS, the Park District will utilize the services of Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship (SCMTS) to construct the Philip Scholz Trail under the Park District's existing On-Call Trail Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024, the Park District Board authorized the amendment of its On-Call Trail Services Agreement with SCMTS in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for completion of various trail development projects per Board Resolution No. 2024-12-284; and

WHEREAS, the Philip Scholz Trail shares the alignment with the designated route of the Calaveras Ridge Trail through Pleasanton Ridge and there are sufficient development funds in the Calaveras Ridge Trail Allocation Area (WPI2) for construction;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$466,000 from Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Trail Allocation Area Development bond funds (WPI2) to the Construct Pleasanton Ridge Trails Project No. 167000 as noted in the attached Budget Change form; 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 April 1, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: