



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

DATE	September 30, 2024
TITLE	Informational Update on Site Visits and Events
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 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 General Manager's Office in Government and Legislative Affairs will provide an informational update to the Board Legislative Committee regarding site visits and meetings conducted since July 10, 2024.

ANALYSIS

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

1. **Site Visit to Roddy Ranch, August 7, 2023.** Staff from the Wildlife Conservation Board, State Coastal Conservancy, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and the East Bay Regional Park District visited Roddy Ranch to discuss future public access and restoration plans.
2. **Elected Office Site Visit, Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline, August 23, 2024.** 14 staff representing 7 offices and 3 agency partners joined Park District staff to learn about a land use challenge the Park District has been working to address for over a decade aimed at expanding open space opportunities at the base of the Bay Bridge on former U.S. Army property. Attendees included staff from United States Senators Padilla and Butler's offices, United States Representatives Lee and Swalwell's offices and Assemblymembers Wicks and Bonta's offices. Agency staff from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Save the Bay also attended.
3. **Annual Sacramento Legislative and Agency Staff Appreciation Luncheon, September 27, 2024.** Attendees from agency and legislative offices joined Park District leadership and staff in an informal gathering on the State Capitol lawn to celebrate the Park District's 90th anniversary and engage in meaningful conversation over lunch.

Of note, the Government and Legislative Affairs team coordinated with several legislative attendees to share remarks at the September 3, 2024 Board of Directors meeting for the special presentation item, “Celebrating the Public Service Legacy of Director Ellen Corbett”. Attendees included State Senator Aisha Wahab, Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft and San Leandro City Council Member Pete Ballew. Staff also attended from United States Representative Barbara Lee and Mark DeSaulnier’s offices, as well as from Assemblymember Liz Ortega’s office.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.