



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

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<b>DATE</b>	January 10, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Contract for Services with E2 Strategies LLC in the Amount of \$96,000 for General Federal Advocacy Consulting Services
<b>DIVISION</b>	General Manager's Office
<b>FROM</b>	Erich Pfuehler, Chief of Government and Legislative Affairs Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager
<b>APPROVED</b>	Sabrina B. Landreth, General Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager requests the Board Legislative Committee support her recommendation for the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) to enter into a one-year contract with E2 Strategies LLC for General Federal Advocacy Consulting Services in the amount of \$96,000, with an option to extend the agreement for two one (1) year extensions.

**BACKGROUND**

For over twelve years, the Park District has utilized the services of E2 Strategies LLC (Peter Umhofer; Principal), to help promote the District's profile in Washington, C.D., including the facilitation of meetings with U.S. Senate and House of Representatives staff, and key decision makers at several Federal agencies and departments. Considering his effective, ongoing advocacy, staff recommends retaining the services of Mr. Umhofer and his consulting company E2 Strategies LLC with a one-year contract from January 2024 through December 2024. The contract is not to exceed \$8,000 a month.

**ANALYSIS**

The Park District benefits from a consistent presence in Washington, D.C. to support the Board, General Manager and Government and Legislative Affairs staff. The 2023 Federal Advocacy Conference was successful in advancing two Community Project Benefit applications, a Federal Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application, productive work with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and advancing language regarding bifurcation and transfer of the 14-acre Oakland Army Base property to the Park District. These priorities remain in 2024, in addition to work to advance additional funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. While additional support may be helpful and considered as the year advances, the Park District would benefit from its history of collaboration with E2 Strategies.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The assumed fiscal impact would be \$96,000 for 2024.

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	
101-2011-000-6191	\$ 96,000
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 96,000</b>

<b>USE OF FUNDS</b>	
E2 Strategies LLC	\$ 96,000
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 96,000</b>

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.