




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

DATE	February 4, 2025
TITLE	Authorization to Apply to CAL FIRE'S Forest Health Grant Program for Fuels Maintenance Work District-wide in an Amount up to \$7,000,000
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	David Caulboy, Acting Grants Manager Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize an application to the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for funding from the Forest Health Grant Program as provided through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund For Hazardous Fuels Maintenance for the East Bay Regional Park District's (Park District) Hazardous Fuels Maintenance Projects District-Wide, in an amount up to \$7,000,000.

BACKGROUND

The Forest Health Program addresses the risk to California's forests from disturbance events including catastrophic wildfires, drought, and pest mortality. These events are the result of climate change, past land management practices, and an increasing number of people living in the wildland and urban interface.

CAL FIRE seeks to significantly increase fuels management, fire reintroduction, and reforestation of forests degraded by overcrowding, drought, pest infestation, and catastrophic fire.

ANALYSIS

The Park District is seeking grant funding for re-entry and reforestation throughout the watershed area that include Redwood Regional Park, Lake Chabot, Anthony Chabot, and Leona Canyon. The Park District currently has approximately 800 - 1,000 acres that require ongoing fuels work in these areas. The fuel work will help maintain and support a healthy forest and promote forest health. Treatment will include re-entry work to aid in reduction of fuel loading, improved tree spacing, tree and/or brush removal, and species protection measures. Many of these areas received initial fuel treatments during our fuel reduction projects in the East Bay hills in part with funding received by FEMA/CalOES (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation), and CalRecycle (2021 State Budget Act).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the Park District apply for these grant funds. If awarded, the funds will be appropriated into a project to allow for grant fund tracking.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 02 -
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY TO CAL FIRE'S FOREST HEALTH GRANT
PROGRAM FOR FUELS MAINTENANCE WORK DISTRICT-WIDE IN AN
AMOUNT UP TO \$7,000,000**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted State of California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Forest Health programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out a Forest Health project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the grant application as presented to the Board on February 4, 2025:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Forest Health grant program funds; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and,
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the East Bay Regional Park District are available to begin the project; and,
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 31, 2030;
5. Authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to accept grant funds and execute and deliver such documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and amendments and to do such acts as may be deemed or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services\CFO is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further

Board action, upon receipt of the executed contract from the Grants Manager. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted February 4, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: