



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	March 26, 2025
TITLE	Parkland Opening and Landbank Review Process
DIVISION	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
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RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item. No action is necessary.

BACKGROUND

East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) properties with landbank status are closed to public access but are still managed and monitored by the Park District. Park District staff periodically review and update the list of landbank properties. Landbank properties that are already safe and suitable for public access, ready for public use, or were acquired solely for resource protection and would not provide public access can be removed from the landbank list. Landbank properties that are encumbered with use restrictions, not contiguous with open parklands, and need additional planning or capital improvements need to remain in the landbank list. Landbank properties that are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or are undergoing CEQA, have no capital improvements needed, or meet public access project readiness criteria can be planned for opening.

The Planning department is working on five public access projects that would provide over 5,000 additional acres of open parkland once completed. This includes Roddy Ranch / Deer Valley Public Access Project, Thurgood Marshall South of Bailey Road Public Access Project, Clayton Ranch Public Access Project, Garin-to-Pleasanton Ridge Public Access Project, and Borel Agricultural Park Project.

These five projects are considered ready for planning and eventual opening as they have met key readiness criteria: necessary properties or easements have been acquired for public access, funding is allocated, partnership opportunities exist, and plans are in progress for resource protection, staffing, and facilities. The public have been actively engaged in these projects either during the initial public input process, during the CEQA environmental analysis component, or as the project moves forward in design. In the coming year, Planning will bring public access project items to the Board for various considerations, including public engagement and design input, CEQA adoption, or agency agreements.

ANALYSIS

Principal Planner Neoma Lavalley will present an overview of the parkland opening and landbank review process by focusing on five public access projects currently on the Planning department's workplan.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item is for informational purposes only and does not have a direct fiscal impact or cost.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. East Bay Regional Park District Overview Map