

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

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**DATE** October 28, 2024  
**TITLE** Informational Update on the East Bay's Biodiversity  
**DIVISION** Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development  
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**APPROVED**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational item.

**BACKGROUND**

The East Bay Regional Park District Stewardship Department will present on “Conservation as Recreation: A Unified Vision for an Equitable and Thriving Second Century”. The presentation will include a brief summary of the current status of wildlife and their habitats across the East Bay, discuss the seeming conflict between conservation and recreation, provide a vision for how to approach the challenges of conservation by centering equity, and provide some examples of how the Stewardship Department is working to create thriving parklands for a second century.

**ANALYSIS**

This presentation draws from the research of Dr. Chris Schell and colleagues: [The ecological and evolutionary consequences of systemic racism in urban environments](#); [Urban Biodiversity and Equity: Justice-centered conservation in cities](#); and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Special Issue [Effects of Non-consumptive Recreation on Wildlife in California](#).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Stewardship Presentation: “Conservation as Recreation: A Unified Vision for an Equitable and Thriving Second Century”