



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

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<b>DATE</b>	April 2, 2025
<b>TITLE</b>	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Legislative Committee Meeting January 13, 2025
<b>DIVISION</b>	General Manager's Office
<b>FROM</b>	Debra Fuller, Recording Clerk

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Legislative Committee Meeting of January 13, 2025.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The January 13, 2025 Board Legislative Committee meeting was held in-person and via video conference pursuant to the Brown Act, as amended by AB 2449.

Members of the public can watch the meeting on the Park District's website here:

<https://ebparks.new.swagit.com/videos/325535>.

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Recording Clerk Fuller conducted a roll call. Present were the following Directors and staff:

Committee: Director Colin Coffey, Director Lynda Deschambault, and Director Dennis Waespi (Chair)

Staff: Lisa Baldinger, Jason Rosenberg, Katie Dignan, Debra Fuller, Max Korten, Erich Pfuehler, Flora Csontos, Max Korten, Yulie Padmore

Consultants: Abigail Smet, Energy and Environment Consulting

**2. Approval of Minutes**

None.

**3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**4. Action items**

**a. Recommendation to Support State Legislation**

Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Lisa Baldinger summarized state Legislation recommended for support.

In response to Committee questions, Management Analyst Baldinger explained Park District staff drafted the proposed legislation relating to the General Manager's purchasing approval authority; proactive engagement of supporters and potential opposition; the four independent special park districts operating under Public Resources Code Article 3; and the Annual State Advocacy Conference.

Assistant General Counsel Jason Rosenberg explained the item is on the full Board agenda.

Deputy General Manager Max Korten explained the January 28, 2025 trip to Sacramento and explained the purpose of the Committee meeting.

Director Coffey requested the full language be provided to the Board; and expressed opposition of a salary for the Board.

Director Deschambault concurred with the need to see the full proposed language and no salary for the Board; questioned the process for public notice between the Committee and full Board meeting.

Director Waespi expressed concern with the Board not being fully aware of the proposed legislation.

Division Lead of Government and Legislative Affairs Erich Pfuehler explained the first step in seeking input from the Committee.

Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Lisa Baldinger explained the proposed legislation for the East Bay Hills as a recommended State priority area for conservation.

In response to Committee questions, Management Analyst Baldinger explained the designation of Coyote Valley; and why the Ridge and 30,000 acres was selected.

Director Deschambault requested visuals outlining the proposed area.

**MOTION**

Director Coffey moved and Director Deschambault seconded a motion to approve the East Bay Hills Conservation Program legislation and table the proposed amendments to the Public Resources Code. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Informational Items**

**a. Informational Update on Park District Grants from November 20, 2024 to December 13, 2024**

Assistant Finance Officer Katie Dignan presented the staff report.

Director Deschambault requested information on other potential grant funding.

## **b. Informational Update on the State Budget and Proposition 4**

Division Lead of Government and Legislative Affairs Erich Pfuehler and Abigail Smet, Energy and Environment Consulting, presented the report.

In response to Committee questions, Ms. Smet and Lead Pfuehler discussed potential wildfire funding and indicated it was on the Sacramento agenda.

## **c. Informational Update on the 2025 Sacramento Advocacy Conference**

Division Lead of Government and Legislative Affairs Erich Pfuehler and Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Lisa Baldinger presented a PowerPoint outlining the proposed schedule, goals, and agenda for the Advocacy Conference.

In response to Committee questions, Lead Pfuehler discussed the meeting with Senator Cabaldon.

Director Waespi questioned why the amendment to Public Resources Code (PRC) Article 3 was a priority and discussed the need for funding for on call fire fighters and the climate bond.

Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Lisa Baldinger explained the order of the agenda for each meeting is designed to enable the bulk of the meeting's discussion on the third item.

Director Coffey expressed concern with the lack of information about the PRC Article 3 amendments and suggested it not be a priority at the Sacramento meetings. He thanked staff for preparing for Sacramento.

Director Deschambault indicated the need for more information on PRC Article 3 but was not comfortable removing it from the agenda.

## **6. Announcements**

Director Coffey and Chair Waespi welcomed Director Deschambault to the Committee and Board.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Waespi declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. in memory former Board member Doug Siden.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Fuller, Assistant Clerk of the Board