




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

DATE	Tuesday, March 5, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Appropriate and Transfer \$50,000 of Measure FF Funds into Restore Riparian Habitats Project: Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
DIVISION	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
FROM	Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of ASD
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$50,000 of Measure FF funding into Restore Riparian Habitats Project (Project) (Project No. 563700) for Wildcat Canyon Regional Park (Wildcat).

BACKGROUND

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park was identified as a restoration priority in the development of Measure FF priority projects. Within the park, Wildcat Creek is a salmonid-bearing stream with headwaters and tributaries of this stream throughout Wildcat Canyon. Headwater streams provide critical ecosystem and watershed functions that are important for the protection of water quality and habitat. This project will contribute towards the protection and restoration of riparian habitats by conducting vegetation management, restoring native vegetation, and/or addressing sources of excessive sedimentation that affect water quality and habitat function.

ANALYSIS

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park is one of the Park District's most popular parks. Visitor use at this park impacts natural resources, particularly streams and riparian habitats. Because restoration within the park was determined a priority in Measure FF, the appropriated funds will be used to address historic and systemic impacts of land use and recreation in the canyon. Wildcat Creek and its tributaries are showing signs of erosion, excessive sedimentation, and habitat degradation. This reduces habitat function, destabilizes trails and other infrastructure, and impacts the park user experience. Restoration of native habitats within Wildcat Canyon riparian areas will provide a variety of benefits to riparian habitats and their associated species. Preventing and reversing degradation of stream and riparian resources is a net benefit to the Park District and park users.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action will appropriate the entire balance (\$50,000) of the available Measure FF Wildcat Canyon Resource Related Allocation Area Fund (FR24) into the Project. There is still \$100,000 in the Measure FF Wildcat Safety & Access Related Allocation Fund. The funds will be used to support vegetation management or other actions and studies to support increase in riparian function and habitats. Additional funds for restoration and ongoing maintenance, along with staff time will be required.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Appropriation & Transfer from Measure FF Wildcat Canyon Resource Related Allocation Area Fund (FR24 – Miller/Knox Resource) to Restore Riparian Habitats Project (563700)	50,000
Total Funds Available	\$ 50,000

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Measure FF Allocation Area Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 03-
MARCH 5, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER \$50,000 OF MEASURE FF
FUNDS INTO RESTORE RIPARIAN HABITATS PROJECT: WILDCAT CANYON
REGIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) wishes to assure the preservation of native species as defined in its mission; and

WHEREAS, Wildcat Creek within Wildcat Canyon Regional Park (Wildcat) is a salmonid-bearing stream with headwaters and tributaries of this stream throughout Wildcat; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the riparian habitats within Wildcat benefits the critical ecosystems functions downstream; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for vegetation management, and restoration of native vegetation for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Measure FF funds are available and slated for this project from the Wildcat Canyon Resource Related Allocation Area Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$50,000 from Measure FF Wildcat Canyon Resource Related Allocation Area Fund (FR24) into the Restore Riparian Habitats Project (Project No. 563700) for Wildcat Canyon Regional Park as presented to the Board on March 5, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted March 5, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: