



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

DATE	Tuesday, January 16, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Award and Execute a Professional Services Contract for \$900,000 to BKF Engineers for the Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project: Thurgood Marshall Regional Park - Home of the Port Chicago 50
DIVISION	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
FROM	Ren Bates, Chief of Design & Construction Ken Wysocki, AGM of Acquisition, Stewardship & Development
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution that authorizes to the award and execution of a professional services contract with BKF Engineers (BKF) of Walnut Creek, California in the amount of \$900,000 for the Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project (Project) (No. 160000) at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park: Home of the Port Chicago 50 (Thurgood Marshall).

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2022, by Board Resolution No. 2022-11-284, the Board of Directors authorized acceptance of a \$3,000,000 grant from the State of California to the East Bay Regional Park District for project development for the creation of the first public access point to the Thurgood Marshall Regional Park. This funding is intended and used for detailed site analysis and design development of the public access improvements and habitat restoration South of Bailey Road. Since 2022, District staff has been working on site analysis and two rounds of internal, multi-divisional conceptual design review to land at a preferred conceptual design for the site.

The Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road project will provide the first publicly accessible portion of Thurgood Marshall Regional Park. To be aligned with habitat restoration goals, passive recreation such as hiking, biking, and picnicking have been identified for the site. The project has five primary goals: provide a large staging area with amenities, a variety of drop-in picnic areas, a trail network, restoration of grassland habitat, and interpretation throughout the site including two former ammunition magazines.

ANALYSIS

Preliminary site analysis is nearing completion and the conceptual design needs to be developed into permit and bid / construction documents by licensed engineers and landscape architects. On September 25, 2023, Staff issued a request for proposals for these professional services and three firms responded. The selection committee ranked BKF Engineers and their team of highly qualified sub-consultants the highest, owing to their experience on similar projects and high-quality built work in the East Bay.

The recommended action is for the Board to award and authorize execution of a contract to BKF Engineers for engineering and landscape architectural services to advance the implementation of the project

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these actions will come from the Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project (Project No. 160000). Total construction costs for the completion of the public access project are still to be finalized but are currently estimated at \$10 million.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project (Project No. 160000)	\$ 3,500,000
Encumbrances and Expenditures to Date	(82,451)
Available Balance	\$ 3,417,549

USE OF FUNDS	
Contract with BKF Engineers	\$ 900,000
Balance Remaining	\$ 2,517,549

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project Location Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01-
JANUARY 16, 2024**

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR \$900,000 TO BKF ENGINEERS FOR THE DEVELOP PUBLIC ACCESS SOUTH OF BAILEY ROAD PROJECT: THURGOOD MARSHALL REGIONAL PARK - HOME OF THE PORT CHICAGO 50

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Thurgood Marshall Regional Park (Concord Hills) Land Use Plan, including the adoption of the CEQA findings report and the associated mitigation, monitoring, and reporting program: Thurgood Marshall Regional Park - Home of the Port Chicago 50 on July 7, 2020, by Board Resolution 2020-07-152; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors authorized acceptance of a \$3,000,000 grant from the State of California for the East Bay Regional Park District for the Creation of the First Public Thurgood Marshall Regional Park Access Point: Thurgood Marshall Regional Park - Home of the Port Chicago 50 on November 15, 2022, by Board Resolution No. 2022-11-284; and

WHEREAS, District staff issued a request for proposals for engineering and landscape architectural services on September 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, three consultant teams submitted proposals and the District's selection committee scored BKF Engineers as the highest-ranking firm; and

WHEREAS, staff has negotiated scope and terms with BKF Engineers for engineering and landscape architectural services in the amount of \$900,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes award and execution of a contract to BKF Engineers in the amount of \$900,000 to be funded out of the Develop Public Access South of Bailey Road Project (No. 160000) presented to the Board on January 16, 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 January 16, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: