




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

DATE	May 6, 2025
TITLE	Authorization to Approve Grant Funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy for Point Molate San Francisco Bay Trail in the Amount of \$2,646,000
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katie Dignan, Assistant Finance Officer Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager, Finance and Management Services/CFO
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the approval of grant funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the Point Molate San Francisco Bay Trail Project in the amount of \$2,646,000.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the California State Coastal Conservancy (Coastal Conservancy) awards millions of dollars to projects that restore and protect the California coast, expand public access, and enhance climate resilience. These funds support initiatives that improve public access to beaches, parks, and trails, protect and restore natural lands and wildlife habitats, preserve working lands, and strengthen community resilience to climate change. Priority is given to multi-benefit projects, those serving disadvantaged communities, and initiatives that align with the Coastal Conservancy's Strategic Plan and regional or statewide objectives.

In late January the East Bary Regional Park District (Park District) was informed by San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority that the Park District's grant application for Measure AA funding for the Point Molate Shoreline Restoration and Public Access Project was not recommended for funding. In March, the Park District contacted Coastal Conservancy to see if they might be able to assist with the \$3.8M funding gap for the project so that the Park District could proceed with bidding the project in April. Coastal Conservancy identified \$2,646,000 of Proposition 68 funding that was available and indicated that the application previously submitted to San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, along with additional support documentation, could be used to advance the project for consideration to their Board of Directors at their April 17th meeting. On April 17, the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors authorized the disbursement of up to \$2,646,000 to the Park District for the Point Molate San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

ANALYSIS

The San Francisco Bay Trail Extension Project (Project) is an eligible and competitive project. The

construction of a critical 1.25-mile segment will connect the existing trail at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to Point Molate Beach Park, providing first-time public access to this stretch of San Francisco Bay shoreline. The Project will enhance opportunities for bicycling, walking, fishing, and beach access while offering stunning waterfront views. Additionally, it will create a safe and scenic route for cyclists and pedestrians traveling to Point Molate Beach Park in the City of Richmond.

The Park District has secured approximately \$3.1 million in grant funding from three agencies for the construction of the Project. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) awarded \$1 million, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) awarded approximately \$1.2 million, and California State Parks awarded \$900,000. The current total project cost estimate for Segment A is \$10,101,500. Staff is scheduled to bid the project in mid-April. Award of the construction contract will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration in June and construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action approves a grant award for \$2,646,000 from the Coastal Conservancy and grant funds will be applied to the San Francisco Bay Trail Extension Project #154000. The Park District will continue to seek any additional funds that may be required to construct the project.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 05 -
MAY 6, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA
STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR POINT MOLATE SAN FRANCISCO BAY
TRAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,646,000**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy’s Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy’s statutory objectives, in light of limited funding; and

WHEREAS, at its April 17, 2025 meeting, the Conservancy adopted a resolution authorizing a grant to East Bay Regional Park District (“grantee”) for the Point Molate San Francisco Bay Trail (“the project”). The resolution was adopted by the Conservancy pursuant to and is included in the Conservancy April 17, 2025 staff recommendation, a copy of which is on file with the grantee and with the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby:

- (1.) Approves the award of grant funding from the Conservancy for the project; and
- (2.) Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project and, if any property is acquired as part of the project to operate and maintain the property, and, if any facilities are constructed as a part of the project, to operate and maintain the facilities for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of the facilities; and
- (3.) Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to complete the project; and
- (4.) Authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and amendments and to do such acts

as may be deemed or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution, as presented to the Board on May 6, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of the executed contract from the Grants Manager. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted May 6, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: