

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

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**DATE** Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
**TITLE** Authorization to Appropriate \$125,000 from Measure WW for CEQA and Cultural Resource Studies for the Calaveras Ridge Trail Project: Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail  
**DIVISION** Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development  
**FROM** Sean Dougan, Trails Program Manager  
Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of ASD  
**APPROVED** Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the appropriation of \$125,000 from Calaveras Ridge Measure WW Allocation Area funds to the Develop Calaveras Ridge Trail Project for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and documentation, including the requisite biological, tribal cultural, and cultural resources studies for the Calaveras Ridge Trail Project.

**BACKGROUND**

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) seeks to develop a 2.4-mile segment of the Calaveras Ridge Trail along Burton Ridge in Lafayette, CA. In partnership, the Park District and the City of Lafayette have secured the necessary trail easements to construct the trail from Olympic Boulevard to Rohrer Drive. The proposed trail segment is a component of the Briones to Las Trampas Regional Trail and the larger Calaveras Ridge Trail, which when completed will extend over 40 miles from Sunol to Briones and will connect to the existing Lafayette-Moraga Trail and the staging area at Olympic Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road.

The project extends from Olympic Boulevard south to Rohrer Drive following Burton Ridge through a string of park lands and easements through a mix of oak savanna, ranch roads, utility corridors, pastures and backyards. The project includes opening approximately 1.3 miles of existing access roads as a public trail, constructing approximately 1.1 miles of new trail, and construction of at least one stream crossing.

The appropriated funds will be used to purchase the services of on-call CEQA firms to develop CEQA documentation for this project, including the requisite biological, cultural and tribal cultural resources studies. Authorization for the on-call CEQA/NEPA Environmental Review and Analysis Services contract was approved by the board on July 18, 2023, under Board Resolution 2023-07-175. This contract authorized the award of five three-year contracts for on-call CEQA/NEPA environmental review and analysis services, with an option to renew for an additional three years, with the following firms and in the following amount: Ascent Environmental, Inc., MIG Inc., PlaceWorks, FirstCarbon Solutions, and ECORP Consulting, Inc. for \$100,000 annually each.

**ANALYSIS**

ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP) was selected as the appropriate firm to complete this work with sufficient funding remaining in their yearly limit. Board authorization is being requested to transfer funds from Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Allocation Area to allow the on-call CEQA/NEPA consultant to provide pre-design services, including environmental compliance with CEQA and identification of appropriate permits necessary to develop the trail.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action will appropriate \$125,000 in Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Allocation Area funds to the Develop Calaveras Ridge Trail project budget. There is currently \$2,323,000 available for development of the Calaveras Ridge Trail in this allocation area. The balance will be used to fund CEQA studies and documentation by ECORP and cultural resource surveys by Rincon Consultants, Inc.

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	
Appropriation & Transfer from Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Allocation Area	125,000
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

<b>USE OF FUNDS</b>	
ECORP Consulting, Inc.	\$ 92,700
Rincon Consultants, Inc.	14,829
Records Search & Administration	17,471
<b>Total Current Project Cost</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

**ATTACHMENTS**

Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 04 -  
APRIL 16, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE \$125,000 FROM MEASURE WW FOR CEQA  
AND CULTURAL RESOURCE STUDIES FOR THE CALAVERAS RIDGE TRAIL  
PROJECT: CALAVERAS RIDGE REGIONAL TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) seeks to develop a 2.4-mile segment of the Calaveras Ridge Trail along Burton Ridge in Lafayette, CA., which when completed will extend over 40 miles from Sunol to Briones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District and the City of Lafayette have secured the necessary trail easements to construct the trail from Olympic Boulevard to Rohrer Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will designate 1.3 mile of existing access roads as a public recreational trail and will construct 1.1 miles of new trail, and require at least one stream crossing; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriation of project funds in the amount of \$125,000 from the Measure WW Calaveras Ridge Trail Allocation Area is required to conduct studies, prepare documentation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and conduct the necessary cultural resource studies; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently \$2,323,000 in Measure WW development funds remaining in the Calaveras Ridge Allocation Area;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize the appropriation of \$125,000 in Measure WW development funds to the Develop Calaveras Ridge Trail project as presented to the Board on April 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 April 16, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: