




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

DATE	December 17, 2024
TITLE	Approval to Appoint to the Park Advisory Committee: Carlyn Obringer, Contra Costa Mayors' Conference and Roland Williams, Alameda County California Special Districts Association
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Erich Pfuehler, Chief of Government and Legislative Affairs
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors approve the below appointments to the Park Advisory Committee for a term commencing upon adoption of this resolution and ending on December 31, 2026:

1. Carlyn Obringer, appointment of Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference; and
2. Roland Williams, appointment of Alameda County California Special Districts Association.

BACKGROUND

Per the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) Board Operating Guidelines, Appendix C, the twenty-one-member Park Advisory Committee (PAC) is established by and for the Board of Directors to provide community perspectives and advice to staff and to the Board on the issues, projects and policies of the Park District. PAC members typically serve a two-year term ending December 31. Board approval would authorize the following to serve on the Park Advisory Committee for the remainder of a two-year term commencing upon adoption of this resolution until December 31, 2026:

Appointee Carlyn Obringer is to serve their fourth two-year term. Carlyn Obringer was first elected to the Concord City Council in November 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. She served as Vice Mayor in 2018 and mayor in 2019. Obringer previously served on the City's Design Review Board and the Planning Commission, which she chaired. A regional leader, Obringer served as chair of the East Bay Regional Park District Parks Advisory Committee, from 2021-2023. She is a founding member of the Diablo Valley Tech Initiative, represents the Contra Costa Mayors Conference on the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, and serves on the Contra Costa Airport Land Use

Committee. Obringer also chaired TRANSPAC (a Central County regional transportation planning body) and represents Concord on the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee. She holds a Master of Business Administration from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Obringer's favorite East Bay Regional Park is the Temescal Regional Recreation Area as she and her husband, Justin, were married at the Temescal Beach House.

Appointee Roland Williams is to serve their fourth two-year term. Castro Valley resident, Roland Williams, is the General Manager of the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan), where he has received several awards and acknowledgements for professional organizational excellence and leadership. Most recently, he received the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program Business Partner of the Year award for inspiring students to become successful and positive citizens.

In addition to serving on the Park Advisory Committee, he has served on the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Utility Leadership Committee, sits on the CASA Board of Directors, serves on the California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA) Workers Compensation Committee and sits on the CSRMA Board of Directors, is President of the Alameda County Special District's Association, is a member of California Water Environment Association (CWEA), Water Environment Federation (WEF), American Public Works Association (APWA), and has held various volunteer roles with these organizations.

Roland is also a member of the Castro Valley Rotary Club and has recently been appointed to the Baywood Court Retirement Community Board. In his spare time, you can find him reading, traveling, golfing, and spending time with family at Lake Chabot, Pleasanton Ridge, Sunol, Las Trampas and Redwood Regional Parks.

Statement from Carlyn Obringer:

The East Bay Regional Park District's system holds particular meaning for me, which is why I am honored to have been reappointed to serve on the Park Advisory Committee by the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference. Since moving to the Bay Area in 2004, I have enjoyed running along the Contra Costa Canal Trail and hiking in the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, Briones Regional Park and Redwood Regional Park. My husband even proposed to me in Tilden Regional Park, and we were married at the Lake Temescal Beach House. I have been honored to serve on a body like the Park Advisory Committee that works to support the preservation of the natural beauty of the land, and provide recreational opportunities and enjoyment in the East Bay. I am also deeply involved in decision-making regarding the complex issues related to the redevelopment of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station, as Vice Mayor of Concord, and know that the most popular aspect of the project among the residents of Concord and surrounding communities is the establishment and opening of the Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50.

Statement from Roland Williams:

It has been my great pleasure to serve as a Park Advisory Committee (PAC) member for the past six years. I am humbled to be nominated by the Alameda County Special Districts Association to serve another two years! This is not my first stint as a PAC member as I served from 2003 to 2010. Over the past twenty years of my involvement with East Bay Regional Park in this capacity, I have

come to appreciate the dedicated individuals who are committed to the preservation and enjoyment of open space in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Living in Castro Valley has allowed me to thoroughly explore and experience Lake Chabot Regional Park, which I consider my home park. I have also enjoyed countless hours in numerous other parks over the years. It has truly been my pleasure to be part of the Park District's growth in size and diversity.

Despite my busy schedule as the General Manager for Castro Valley Sanitary District, President of Alameda County Special Districts Association, several other industry and service organizations, I have always looked forward to our PAC meetings where I am able participate in something extraordinary. I have cherished my time serving on the Park Advisory Committee and look forward to serving for another two years.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 12 -
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**APPROVAL TO APPOINT TO THE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE: CARLYN
OBRINGER, CONTRA COSTA MAYORS' CONFERENCE AND ROLAND
WILLIAMS, ALAMEDA COUNTY CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Park Advisory Committee (PAC) of the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is established by and for the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board Operating Guidelines provides description and procedures of the PAC's composition, nomination and appointments which includes the appointment of two members by each of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Carlyn Obringer, appointment of Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, has been nominated to serve their fourth two-year term; and

WHEREAS, Roland Williams, appointment of Alameda County California Special Districts Association, has been nominated to serve their fourth two-year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the below appointment of Carlyn Obringer, appointment of Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference and Roland Williams, appointment of Alameda County California Special Districts Association, to the Park Advisory Committee for a term commencing upon adoption of this resolution and ending on December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 December 17, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: