




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

DATE October 1, 2024

TITLE Authorization to Apply for Measure AA Grant Funds from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority for Multiple Projects District-wide in an Amount up to \$3 Million

DIVISION Finance and Management Services

FROM Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager
Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services

APPROVED Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors authorize the submission of three applications for grant funds from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program for restoration projects District-wide.

BACKGROUND

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Restoration Authority) has issued its seventh call for projects for funding from Measure AA: The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure. Measure AA was approved by voters from the nine county Bay Area with a 70% majority on June 7, 2016. As a special district in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is eligible to apply for Measure AA funds. Eligible projects must be located along the shorelines of San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, and most of the Northern Contra Costa County Shoreline. There are three eligible project types: 1). Habitat Projects, 2). Flood Management, as part of a habitat project, and 3). Public Access, as part of a habitat project. For this seventh round of Restoration Authority grants, applications are due October 2024 and project award selection is expected to be announced Spring 2025.

The Park District has submitted a total of 16 applications over the previous six rounds of funding. The Park District has been awarded six grants:

Round	Project	Award Amount
1	Encinal Dunes Beach Restoration and Public Access	\$450,000
2	Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access – Design phase	\$450,000
3	Hayward Marsh Improvements – Design phase	\$575,000
4	Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access – Construction	\$3,600,000
5	North Basin Strip and Berkeley Meadow – Design phase	\$600,000
6	Hayward Marsh Improvements – Final Design	\$600,000
TOTAL		\$6,275,000

ANALYSIS

Staff recommends submitting applications for the following projects based on the Measure AA project eligibility requirements:

1. *Keller Beach Restoration and Public Access (up to \$1 million grant request)*: The project will improve the shoreline trail connection from the parking lot to Keller Beach, improve public amenities at Keller Beach, and include shoreline restoration components. The shoreline restoration components will remove approximately 1,500 square feet of invasive plant species. The existing project area is covered with mostly non-native vegetation, including ice plant mats, non-native grasses, and shrubs like French Broom and mustard. There will also be the installation of 34,500 sq. Ft. of native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants in upland areas away from the beach, which will also result in improved soil health. Total estimated project cost: \$8.2 million.
2. *Point Molate Restoration and Public Access (up to \$1 million grant request)*: The proposed project will construct approximately 1.25-mile of San Francisco Bay Trail on the Point San Pablo shoreline, provide improved public access to Point Molate Beach Park, and remove approximately 800 linear feet of shoreline debris and restore and enhance approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of shoreline beach, grassland and coastal scrub. Total estimated construction cost: \$6.3 million.
3. *Hayward Marsh Improvements – Site Protection (up to \$1 million grant request)*: The project will seek to improve the 1,811 acres of salt, fresh and brackish water marshes, seasonal wetlands and public trails in Hayward California. The Measure AA grant would fund site protection actions necessary to protect threatened and endangered species while site preparation is underway for construction of future habitat restoration improvements and natural-infrastructure, more resilient to the impacts of sea level rise. Site protection is expected to be ongoing as soil import operations and related construction equipment and personnel are active onsite. Total estimated project cost for the site preparation phase: \$1 million.

The three projects support the Measure AA program goals as well as the state of California's 30x30 conservation initiative that calls for the protection of thirty percent (30%) of lands and waters by the year 2030 to meet the environmental challenges due to the devastating loss of the natural world and its life supporting systems.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action proposes submission of three grant applications in an amount up to \$3 million. No match is required for these grant applications. If awarded, funds would be budgeted into each respective project. When completed, long-term operational cost of the Park District will increase.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 10 -
OCTOBER 1, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR MEASURE AA GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS
DISTRICT-WIDE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$3 MILLION**

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has issued a call for projects for funding Measure AA: The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure, approved by voters in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is seeking funding for restoration and public access projects at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, Point Molate San Francisco Bay Trail, and Hayward Regional Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, projects support the state of California's 30x30 conservation initiative that calls for the protection of thirty percent (30%) of lands and waters by the year 2030 to meet the environmental challenges due to the devastating loss of the natural world and its life supporting systems; and

WHEREAS, Park District procedures require Board Approval for all grant applications; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances and certifications that the applicant must comply with in order to enter into an agreement with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Government Code §§ 66700-66706, establishes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority ("Authority") as a regional entity to generate and allocate resources for the protection and enhancement of tidal wetlands and other wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline, and authorizes the Authority to award grants to public and private entities to achieve these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Authority awards grants for eligible projects consistent with Government Code § 66704.5, the Authority's Grant Program Guidelines, first adopted in May 2017, and the Authority's San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure ("Measure AA"), passed by the voters in June 2016.

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 Authority for the projects.
2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the projects and to operate and maintain, for the period set forth in the grant agreement, any property acquired or improvements constructed as a part of the projects.

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 Authority and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement.
4. Authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, on behalf of the Park District in its name, to accept grant funds and execute and deliver such documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and amendments and to do such acts as may be deemed appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution; 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 October 1, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: