




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

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<b>DATE</b>	March 18, 2025
<b>TITLE</b>	Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the State of California, Department of Water Resources for Water Safety Programs for \$42,894, District-wide
<b>DIVISION</b>	Finance and Management Services
<b>FROM</b>	Katie Dignan, Assistant Finance Officer Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
<b>APPROVED</b>	Sabrina Landreth, General Manger 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that for the next five years the Board of Directors authorize applications for funds from the State of California, Department of Water Resources for Water Safety Programs for \$42,894 District-wide.

**BACKGROUND**

The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Project Recreation Coordinating Committee has expressed concern about the number of drownings in State Water Parks. DWR seeks to partner with organizations to providing funding to develop and offer programs designed to reduce drownings and improve water safety.

In 2015, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) received DWR funding to offer a pilot "Aquatic Adventure Camp." Youth in Hayward participated in free water safety activities at Don Castro Recreation Area and Del Valle Regional Park. The Aquatic Adventure Camp is a five-day program designed to teach middle school youth how to safely recreate in various aquatic environments. Water safety, swimming, lifeguarding and boating skills are also emphasized during this fun-filled adventure.

The Park District applied for, and was awarded, additional grants from DWR in subsequent years (2016-2021) for the continuation of the program. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program could not be offered in 2020 or 2021, thus awarded funds were unused.

On May 3, 2022, the Board of Directors authorized (Resoulution#2022-05-107) staff to submit grant applications over the next five years if this funding was available.

On May 27, 2022 DWR approved an extension of the grant from July 2022 to June 2025 and \$39,000 of funds was awarded.

**ANALYSIS**

As part of the contract renewal process for 2025 Aquatic Adventure Camp DWR is requiring that a new Board Resolution be provided. Staff also requests approval to submit grant applications and to partner with Department of Water Resources for water safety programs over the next five years.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action proposes the application for grant funding in an amount of \$42,894 for the Aquatic Adventure Camp. If awarded grant funds would be budgeted into Project #514900. This grant will cover the full cost of the program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 03 -  
MARCH 18, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR WATER SAFETY  
PROGRAMS FOR \$42,894, DISTRICT-WIDE**

**WHEREAS**, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) desires to deliver the highest quality of lifeguarding and program instruction for the safety of park visitors engaged in aquatic activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District master plan calls for recreational activities that will add to enjoyment and quality of life by establishing programs to assist individuals and groups that require special help; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California, Department of Water Resources and the State Water Project Recreation Coordinating Committee has expressed concern about the number of drownings in State Water Parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Water Resources has partnered with California State youth organizations to provide funds to develop and offer water safety programs designed to reduce drownings, such as the Aquatic Adventure Camp; and

**WHEREAS**, over the next five years, if these grant opportunities become available, staff is seeking approval to apply for water safety programs; and

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

1. Approves the filing of applications with the State of California, Department of Water Resources up to the maximum amount allowed under the program; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has, or will sufficiently develop, staff to operate these programs; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant will review, understand and agree to the General Provisions contained in the contract from the Department of Water Resources; and certifies that the Water Safety Programs confirm to the recreation element of any applicable city or county general plan; and
4. Authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to accept grant funds and execute and deliver such documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and any 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 March 18, 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 March 18, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: