




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

DATE	April 1, 2025
TITLE	Authorization to Accept and Appropriate Up to \$30,000 in Funds from the City of Oakland for the Removal of Marine Debris Between High Street and Fruitvale Bridge Along the Oakland Estuary
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katie Dignan, Assistant Finance Officer Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the acceptance and appropriation of up to \$30,000 in funds from the City of Oakland for the project of removing marine debris between High Street and Fruitvale Bridge along the Oakland Estuary.

BACKGROUND

In October 2024, the City of Oakland was awarded funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program to work with I Heart Oakland Alameda Estuary, East Bay Regional Park District (Park District), and other community partners and local volunteers, to prevent, monitor, and remove abandoned and derelict vessels.

In the Oakland Estuary, abandoned and derelict vessels sink, leak contaminants, break apart in the water, and release hazardous materials into the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. These vessels can also damage vital habitats, which are important to thousands of waterbirds, commercial and recreational fisheries, and the local economy.

To avoid these dangers, this project will remove sunken abandoned and derelict vessels, other large marine debris like appliances and furniture, and consumer products, such as plastic beverage bottles and food wrappers, from an estuary of Oakland, California. Project partners will lead outreach and education to the boating community and institute an abandoned and derelict vessel buy-back program to prevent vessels from becoming debris in the first place.

The project will engage estuary stakeholders, marinas, local aquatic teams and clubs, businesses, neighborhood groups, and the extended estuary community. They will raise awareness about marine debris and collaborate on solutions and outreach. I Heart Oakland Alameda Estuary will lead a volunteer community shoreline program that includes cleanup events at multiple different beach sites and on the water via kayak. Project partners will use the NOAA Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project shoreline survey protocol to monitor the shorelines for debris ahead of

cleanups. Partners will also conduct outreach to communities living near the Oakland Estuary to raise awareness and work together on solutions and prevention of marine debris.

ANALYSIS

A total of \$3,004,650 in funding was awarded, to be utilized amongst all partners of the project. The project will remove large debris in the form of fifteen submerged vessels, and tons of large marine debris on the shoreline, refrigerators and other heavy appliances, furniture, pieces of boats, housing and docks from storms, large pieces of wood, shopping carts, and other large items that cannot be removed by hand due to their size or location. The total estimated pounds of debris to be removed are roughly 520,000 lbs. of marine debris. The project activities will have a measurable impact on the coastal community and environment through improved water quality, eliminating sources of pollution can greatly improve water quality in the bay.

The Park District has been allocated funding to remove marine debris between High Street and Fruitvale Bridge along the Oakland Estuary, with coordinates of 37.76790° N, 122.22710° W. The debris is only accessible by water. Park District staff are negotiating a Cooperative Funding Agreement that grants the Park District authority to conduct marine debris removal within its jurisdiction and receive reimbursement from the City of Oakland upon project completion. Provided that the Park District supplies the City of Oakland with an invoice and documentation for the completion of the project in a timely manner, the City of Oakland is expected to reimburse the Park District within 10 days.

The scope of work includes mobilizing an excavator on a barge to the specified debris zone and removing all debris from the shoreline to the high-water mark. All debris is to be loaded onto the deck of the barge for off-site disposal. Park District staff are currently in the process of obtaining three quotes for the scope of work and will award the project to the lowest responsible bidder.

Long-term benefits of the project will include improved navigational safety and access to the estuary for vessels, fishers, kayakers, and more. These efforts aim to enhance access to and appreciation of the estuary and highlight its value to the community and local economy.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct cost to the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) as a result of this action. Approximately \$30,000 in grants have been secured by the City of Oakland and they are acting as a pass-through agent for these monies. The City of Oakland will reimburse the Park District for actual debris removal and debris removal expenses.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 04 -
APRIL 1, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$30,000 IN
FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR THE REMOVAL OF MARINE
DEBRIS BETWEEN HIGH STREET AND FRUITVALE BRIDGE ALONG THE
OAKLAND ESTUARY**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has received grant funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the removal of marine debris between High Street and Fruitvale Bridge along the Oakland Estuary; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is among the community partners working with the City of Oakland and will conduct marine debris removal within the Park District's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Park District will enter into a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City of Oakland, which states that the City of Oakland is to reimburse the Park District for expenses up to \$30,000 related to the removal of marine debris upon project completion; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby provides authorization to accept and appropriate up to \$30,000 in funds from the City of Oakland for the removal of marine debris between High Street and Fruitvale Bridge along the Oakland Estuary, as presented to the Board on April 1, 2025; 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 1, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: