



East Bay Regional Park District

Recommendation to Appropriate \$1,883,261 of Measure FF Funding

Finance and Management Services
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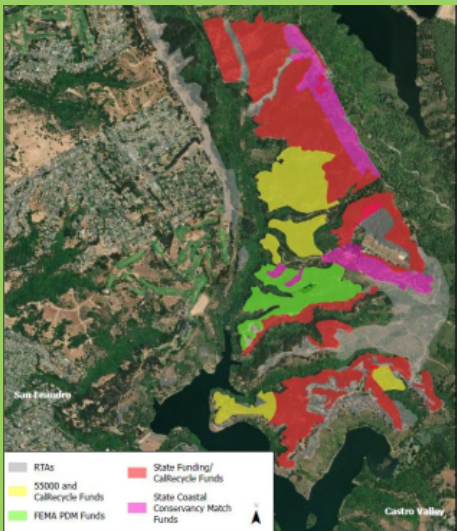


Agenda Item

Recommendation to
Appropriate \$1,883,261 of
Measure FF Funding for
Fuels Management
Projects to Meet Grant
Match Requirements

Background

October 2020 – 1,500 acres of declining forest health, tree mortality, and dieback identified in multiple public parklands.



Last six months – funding successfully obtained from FEMA, State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), and California Fire Safe Council Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service.



2021 – multidivisional incident command-like structure convened to prioritize and identify potential funding sources.



FEMA



FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) 2023

Submitted: March 2022

Grant type: Congressional Directed Spending request through Senator Padilla's office



Final grant agreement received:
January 8, 2025



Total project amount: \$2,000,016, with a 25% funding match

Measure FF funds \$500,016 appropriated on March 21, 2023 (Resolution No: 2023-03-064) to meet required match

- \$2,000,016 to complete hazardous fuel reduction of approximately 85 acres in Anthony Chabot



FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) 2024

Submitted: March 2023

Grant type: Congressional Directed Spending request through Senator Swalwell's office



Final grant agreement received:

January 8, 2025



Total project amount: \$1,844,092, with a required \$465,020 funding match

- \$1.8M over 36 months to reduce wildfire risks on 64 acres in Anthony Chabot
- Thinning trees, reducing ladder fuels, and minimizing wildfire spread, while protecting native plants and avoiding soil/slope disturbances



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 2019 – Tilden & Claremont Canyon

Submitted: September 2018

Grant type: HMGP funds that became available as a result of the December 2017 California Wildfires



Final grant agreement received:
February 24, 2025



Total project amount: \$4,286,761, with a required \$1,067,941 funding match

- Hazardous fuels reduction work in 13 Recommended Treatment Areas (RTAs) within Tilden and 9 RTAs within Claremont Canyon



State Coastal Conservancy – Tilden Nature Area (TNA) & Ten Hills Fuels Treatment

Submitted: January 2023

Grant type: Wildfire Resilience Program Funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy



Final grant agreement received:

February 10, 2025



Total project amount: \$2,575,000, with a required \$250,000 funding match and in-kind staff time of \$250,000

- Vegetation treatments to reduce fuels across 130 acres in Tilden, Anthony Chabot, and Carquinez Strait
- 34-acre shaded fuel break along southern border of Lake Chabot
- Vegetation management equipment



State Fire Council – Wildcat Canyon Fuels Treatment

Submitted: March 2024

Grant type: California Fire Safe Council's State Fire Capacity Grant Program



Final grant agreement received:
October 7, 2024



Total project amount: \$200,300, with a required \$100,300 funding match

- Fuels reduction work in four RTAs in Wildcat Canyon (Richmond) totaling 58.63 acres
- Part of District's more comprehensive approach to preventing wildfires in the East Bay Hills





HMGP Projects Pending Award Notification

1. HMGP 4610 Sibley-Tilden Fuels Management Project

- Submitted: April 2022
- Scope: 173 high-priority acres of Tilden and Sibley
- Total project amount: \$4,447,215, with a required \$1,111,804 funding match

2. HMGP 4683 East Bay Hills Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Community Protection Project

- Submitted: August 2023
- Scope: 114.3 high-priority acres across Sibley, Huckleberry, Reinhardt Redwood, and Wildcat Canyon
- Total project amount: \$1,719,316, with a required \$429,829 funding match
- **TOTAL MATCH REQUIREMENT: \$1,541,633**
- Will return to request Board appropriation if grant funds are obligated by FEMA.



Measure FF Funding Recap



- Passed by voters in November 2018 as extension of Measure CC
- Tax levy began in 2020, estimated to generate \$3.3 million per year until 2040
- Funding committed to the following allocations totaling \$59,130,000
 - Public Safety and Wildfire Protection
 - Environmental Conservation, Natural Habitat, Urban Creek, and Shoreline Stewardship
 - Improving Visitor Use Facilities and Public Access
 - Environmental Education
 - Green Transportation and Regional Trails
 - Staff for 11.59 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions
- \$6.6M of estimated proceeds allocated as contingency
- As of end of 2024, \$15 million in Measure FF parcel tax revenue collected
- \$12,952,361 allocated, leaving estimated fund balance of over \$2.1 million



Analysis and Fiscal Impact

- FEMA PDM 2023 only awarded project with match funding appropriated
- On May 14, 2025, Board Finance Committee reviewed and recommended that the Board of Directors appropriate \$1,883,261 of Measure FF funding to meet grant award obligations:

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| <div>FEMA PDM 2024 (Project No. 565800)</div> <div>\$465,020</div> <div>funding match required for total project amount of \$1,844,092 at Anthony Chabot</div> | <div>Fuels Reduction – HMGP 2019 (Project No. 566100)</div> <div>\$1,067,941</div> <div>funding match required for total project amount of \$4,286,761 at Tilden & Claremont Canyon</div> | <div>Tilden Nature Area and Ten Hills Fuels Management (Project 565900)</div> <div>\$250,000</div> <div>funding match required for total project amount of \$2,575,000 at TNA, Anthony Chabot, Carquinez Strait, and Lake Chabot</div> | <div>Wildcat Canyon Fuels Treatment (Project No. 565700)</div> <div>\$100,300</div> <div>funding match required for total project amount of \$200,300 at Wildcat Canyon</div> |
| TOTAL: \$1,883,261 | | | |



Questions?

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