




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

DATE	December 17, 2024
TITLE	Special Recognition of The Taylor Family Foundation
DIVISION	Operations
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RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND

The Taylor Family Foundation's (TTFF) mission is to preserve the wellness and enhance the quality of life for children and their families in Northern California living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental differences and youth-at-risk through unique therapeutic experiences and support.

In 1990, the Taylor Family Foundation (TTFF) was founded by Elaine and Barry Taylor to raise money and provide support for the families of Bay Area children living with HIV/AIDS. As their work with children with HIV/AIDS developed, TTFF decided they wanted to build their own outdoor camp to serve this population. In 1996, The East Bay Regional Park District and The Taylor Family Foundation teamed up to create Camp Arroyo, a Summer Youth Camp and Environmental Education Center, on 138 acres of parkland in Livermore, California. Construction began in 1998, and by spring 2000, the dining hall, swim complex, six duplex cabins, and site infrastructure were completed. By the time Camp Arroyo opened, the number of Bay Area children with HIV/AIDS had been greatly reduced and TTFF decided to open their camping program to children with a variety of life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental differences, and youth-at-risk. During the summer months and many weekends throughout the year, for over twenty years, TTFF have transformed Camp Arroyo into a haven for children and their families to enjoy together.

Staff will present a special recognition to The Taylor Family Foundation (TTFF) Co-Founder and President Elaine Taylor in appreciation of tremendous contributions and service to tens of thousands of children and families for over 20 years at Camp Arroyo.