

Revised Land Acknowledgment Statement

Park Advisory Committee Meeting
January 27, 2025



Background

- September 2021 - The Board approved a Land Acknowledgement statement.
- This statement had not been formally revised nor institutionalized since approval, resulting in some inconsistent adaptations, uses, and content.
- Per requests from some Board members, the chair of the Ohlone Indian Tribe, and staff, a revised Land Acknowledgement Statement was created. Guidelines will also be provided for staff.

Native Peoples of the Region Now Known as the East Bay



Source: Native Peoples of the East Bay: Past to Present

Park Advisory Committee Meetings & District Wide Events

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Core Land Acknowledgement Statement

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Adaptations

Staff will be supported with adaptations that are inclusive of their expertise and ability. For example:

- At a specific park, such as Tilden and if the speaker *feels comfortable identifying a shared territory boundary*.
- At a specific park where the *language and ethnographic village are known*, such as Coyote Hills.

Useful Information and Resources

- [Native Peoples of the East Bay: Past to Present](#)
- [California Native American Heritage Commission](#)
- [2020 List of Federally Recognized Tribes](#)
- [National Museum of the American Indian](#)- Land Acknowledgements
- [National Museum of the American Indian FAQ](#)
- [US Department of Arts and Culture](#)
- [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Native Governance Center](#)
- [Native Land Digital](#)
- [Sogorea Te' Land Trust "So You Want To Do A Land Acknowledgement"](#)