

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
(UNIFORM GUIDANCE)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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REPORTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Finance Committee and Board of Directors
East Bay Regional Park District
Oakland, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Bay Regional Park District (District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bakersfield, California
September 30, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Finance Committee and Board of Directors
East Bay Regional Park District
Oakland, California

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the East Bay Regional Park District's (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's major federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Brown Armstrong
Accountancy Corporation

Bakersfield, California
September 30, 2024

SCHEDULE

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Federal Grantor/Office/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title/Project Name	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number or Direct Grant Number	Federal Expenditures	Passed Through To Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Interior				
Direct Program:				
Office: Bureau of Reclamation				
Contra Loma Replace Chemical Toilets and One Dock - Southshore and Eastshore	15.564	R18AP00061	\$ 186,813	\$ -
Contra Loma Replace Shop Roof	15.564	R2A900486	50,000	-
Subtotal			236,813	-
<i>Passthrough California Coastal Conservancy</i>				
National Coastal Wetlands Program				
Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access	15.614	F22AP01272-01	429,698	-
<i>Passthrough California Department of Parks & Recreation</i>				
Land and Water Conservation Fund				
Del Valle Replace Women's Restroom with Unisex Restroom	15.916	C8965015	361,903	-
Total U.S. Department of Interior			1,028,414	-
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Direct Program:				
Office: Federal Highway Administration				
Recreation Trail Programs				
Point Molate Bay Trail	20.219	C9784008	11,496	-
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			11,496	-
Environmental Protection Agency				
Direct Program:				
Office: Region 9				
The San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund				
Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access	66.126	W9-99T20601	569,708	-
McCosker Creek Restoration and Public Access	66.126	98T20601	432,212	-
Subtotal			1,001,920	-
Total Environmental Protection Agency			1,001,920	-
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Office: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)				
<i>Passed through California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)</i>				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance DR-4301 & DR-4308				
District Wide - Repair Culverts	97.036	PW-00973	802,781	-
District Wide - Repair Trail/Road Slope	97.036	PW-00971	329,671	-
District Wide - Repair Trail/Road Slope	97.036	PW-00971	201,664	-
District Wide - Repair Trail/Road Slope	97.036	PW-00971	140,054	-
District Wide - Repair Trail/Road Slope	97.036	PW-00971	24,879	-
Las Trampas - Repair Rocky Ridge Road	97.036	PW-00715	68,481	-
Briones - Repair Lafayette Ridge Trail	97.036	PW-00558	61,961	-
Briones - Repair Pine Tree Trail	97.036	PW-01104	32,007	-
Vasco Hills - Repair Ponds	97.036	PW-01108	25,476	-
District Wide - Repair Other Three ponds	97.036	PW-00859	29,162	-
Briones - Replace Existing Culvert, Seaborg	97.036	PW-00974	10,421	-
Subtotal			1,726,557	-
Hazard Mitigation Grant				
District Wide - Oakland PDM06- East Bay Hill Fuels Management	97.039	2006-0004	71,352	-
District Wide - Brushland Management	97.039	001-91010-DR1731	507,792	-
Subtotal			579,144	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			2,305,701	-
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 4,347,531</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the East Bay Regional Park District (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 – ASSISTANCE LISTING (AL) NUMBERS

The AL numbers included in this report were determined based on the program name, review of grant contract information, and the General Services Administration Office's Assistance Listing.

NOTE 4 – PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES' IDENTIFYING NUMBER

When federal awards were received from a pass-through entity, this shows, if available, the identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity. When no identifying number is shown, the District has determined that no identifying number is assigned for the program or the District was unable to obtain an identifying number from the pass-through entity.

NOTE 5 – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

SCHEDULE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
- a. Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes X No
- b. Significant deficiencies identified
not considered to be material weaknesses? ___ Yes X No
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major federal programs:
- a. Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes X No
- b. Significant deficiencies identified
not considered to be material weaknesses? ___ Yes X No
2. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance
for major programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be
reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance? ___ Yes X No
4. Identification of major programs:
- | <u>AL Numbers</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 97.036 | Disaster Grants – Public Assistance DR-4301 & DR-4308 |
5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and
Type B programs: \$750,000
6. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee under the Uniform
Guidance? X Yes ___ No

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS REQUIRED UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (GAGAS)

None reported.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None reported.

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

None reported.