




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

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<b>DATE</b>	July 30, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Authorization to Execute an Agreement with the California Conservation Corps for Use of Homestead Valley Group Camp at Briones Regional Park as a Spike Camp
<b>DIVISION</b>	Operations
<b>FROM</b>	Tiffany Margulici, Business Services Manager Lisa Goorjian, Assistant General Manager of Operations
<b>APPROVED</b>	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize execution of an agreement through December 2026 with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) for use of Homestead Valley Group Camp in Briones Regional Park as a temporary spike camp.

**BACKGROUND**

The California Conservation Corps is a department within the California State Natural Resources Agency. CCC is the largest and oldest conservation corps in the nation. The CCC provides 18–25-year-old youth and Military Veterans up to age 29 a year of paid service to the State of California. While CCC has locations throughout the state, it does not have a location in either Alameda County or Contra Costa County. The closest locations are in Solano and San Joaquin counties. The Park District has been in discussion with the CCC about ways to facilitate CCC projects in the East Bay for several years.

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) and CCC identified the Holly Court facility on Bollinger Canyon Road in Las Trampas Regional Wilderness Preserve as a potentially suitable location for a CCC location. On November 2, 2020, the Board of Directors authorized a contract to initiate a study for engineering, architectural design, cost estimating and permits for the Bollinger Canyon facility, Resolution No. 2021-11-303. Concurrently, the CCC has been seeking funding to complete design and the renovation, expansion, or new construction of facilities on Bollinger Canyon Road through the California Department of General Services.

Recognizing that the process to secure funding and design and build new facilities on Bollinger Canyon Road would take several years to complete, the CCC and the Park District have discussed options for a temporary location to use as a “spike camp.” A spike camp is a general term for any smaller camp or location separate from the main camp to support operational areas that would require personnel to travel extended distances. In February 2022, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with CCC to use the houses on Lydia Lane in Round Valley Regional Preserve (Resolution No. 2022-02-035) as a location for a spike camp.

Since then, CCC has determined that Homestead Valley Group Camp in Briones Regional Park would be a more suitable location for a temporary spike camp through December 2026. During the interim, the parties will explore how the new facilities on Bollinger Canyon Road can be approved, funded, and completed.

## **ANALYSIS**

Park District staff and CCC representatives visited Homestead Valley Group Camp on May 10, 2024, and determined it would be a suitable location for a temporary spike camp. The site is an existing primitive campsite and consists of a large open field, tables, firepit and chemical toilets. Due to the limited amenities, the site is rarely used by the public. Staff recommend that the fee for CCC's use of the campsite be waived. CCC will bring in a water tank and additional portable toilets, as needed. The Park District will work with the CCC to determine the feasibility of creating temporary onsite storage for security when crews are not present. CCC will provide in-kind services for fuels management and park crew projects, funded through the State Forestry Corps or other grant and bond funding available to the CCC. The CCC crews would work intermittently Spring through Fall in Briones and nearby parks, depending on availability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

In lieu of a reservation fee, the CCC would perform work consisting of fuels reduction projects, seeding and tree planting, and/or other Park District projects appropriate for completion by CCC crews as identified by the Park Operations and Fire Departments. Previous revenue from this site has been approximately \$1,000 annually.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 07 -  
JULY 30, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
CONSERVATION CORPS FOR USE OF HOMESTEAD VALLEY GROUP CAMP AT  
BRIONES REGIONAL PARK AS A SPIKE CAMP**

**WHEREAS**, the California Conservation Corps (CCC) is a department within the State of California Natural Resources Agency which provides a year of paid service to youth 18-24 years old and Military Veterans' up to age 29; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCC does not have a location in Alameda or Contra Costa Counties and the Park District and CCC have been discussing how to facilitate CCC projects within the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District); and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District previously authorized the potential future use of Holly Court on Bollinger Canyon Road in Las Trampas as a location for use by CCC (Resolutions #2021-11-303 and Resolution #2022-02-035); and

**WHEREAS**, the process to secure funding and build new facilities on Bollinger Canyon Road will take several years to complete, and the CCC and the Park District would like to initiate CCC crew work in the East Bay in the near term and have identified the Homestead Valley Group Camp in Briones Regional Park as a location for a temporary CCC spike camp; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board previously authorized the houses on Lydia Lane in Round Valley Regional Preserve as a potential CCC location (Resolution #2022-02-035), however, the Homestead Valley Group Camp in Briones Regional Park has now been determined to be a more suitable location;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes execution of an agreement with the CCC for use of the Homestead Valley Group Camp in Briones Regional Park through December 2026; in lieu of a reservation fee, the CCC will perform work in the Park District and at no cost to the District as presented to the Board on July 30, 2024; 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 July 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: