




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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<b>DATE</b>	September 30, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Informational Update on State Legislation
<b>DIVISION</b>	General Manager's Office
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**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational item.

**BACKGROUND**

Abigail Smet, Senior Associate at Environmental & Energy Consulting, will be providing an informational presentation on legislation the East Bay Regional Park District has taken a position on during the 2023-2024 California Legislative Session.

**ANALYSIS**

During the 2023-2024 California Legislative Session, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) demonstrated a diverse range of legislative support across various environmental and community-focused categories. A notable emphasis was placed on wildfire resilience, with six bills directly addressing this area, making up 25% of the total supported legislation. These bills include measures such as SB 1029 (Min D-Irvine) on the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program and SB 1159 (Dodd D-Napa) focusing on roadside wildfire risk reduction, as well as AB 2330 (Holden D-Pasadena), which tackles local rangeland protection and vegetation management activities.

The category of ecosystem stewardship received significant attention, with ten supported bills, constituting 41.67% of the total. This includes important bills such as AB 1581 (Kalra D-San Jose and Mathis R-Visalia) on the Restoration Management Permit Act, AB 1798 (Papan D-San Mateo) addressing stormwater runoff, and SB 1402 (Min D-Irvine) focusing on the 30x30 goal for state agency planning. Additionally, the multi-benefit bond acts (AB 1567 and SB 867) which incorporate ecosystem stewardship further highlight the Park District's commitment to this area.

Community health was another major focus, with seven bills supported, accounting for 29.17% of the total. This category included bills like the Park District's sponsored legislation AB 2091 (Grayson D-Concord) for access on existing trails acquired for park purposes and AB 2124 (Davies R-Laguna Niguel) to support access to swimming lessons.

Climate-friendly transportation saw three bills supported, making up 12.5% of the total. Key bills in this category include AB 637 (Jackson D-Riverside) on zero-emission rental vehicles and AB 2869 (Friedman D-Burbank) on trail access infrastructure.

The current status of all bills supported by the Park District during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session



will be discussed during this item's presentation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Legislative Update Presentation.