

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

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**DATE** Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
**TITLE** Authorization to Award a Professional Services Contract for \$630,000 with WRT, LLC for the Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Regional Shoreline  
**DIVISION** Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development  
**FROM** Ren Bates, Chief of Design & Construction  
Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of ASD  
**APPROVED** Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors take the following action for the Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Project (Project No. 167200).

Authorize a professional services contract with WRT, LLC of San Francisco, California in the amount of \$630,000 for planning and pre-design services.

**BACKGROUND**

This project will develop a preliminary design for public access and habitat improvements at the North Basin Strip, consistent with the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park General Plan. The scope also includes feasibility studies and climate adaptation strategies for the North Basin Strip and Berkeley Meadow, as well as public engagement services.

Previous Board actions regarding this project are as follows:

1. On October 6, 2020 by Board Resolution 2020-10-226, and again on September 7, 2021, by Board Resolution 2021-09-255 the Board of Directors authorized staff to apply for grants from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA). SFBRA ultimately granted a total of \$600,000 for this project.
2. On December 20, 2022, by Board Resolution 2022-12-326, the Board of Directors adopted the 2023 Operating and Program Budget, which included \$100,000 SFBRA grant match required for the project.

In 2002 the Park District adopted the General Plan for the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park (MESP). In 2006, the Park District entered into an operating agreement with the CA Department of Parks and Recreation to develop, operate, control, and maintain MESP. This agreement was extended on July 1, 2013 for a thirty (30) year term.

The North Basin Strip is comprised of a capped landfill and open water. It is undeveloped, characterized by informal trails, a concrete and debris dominated shoreline, and primarily ruderal land cover. The site provides views of Berkeley’s Cesar Chavez Park across the open water, pocket gravel beaches, and passive recreation.

In 2022, the Park District completed the SF Bay Trail Risk Assessment & Adaptation Prioritization Plan (RAPP), which identified the vulnerability of the North Basin Strip to sea-level rise and developed preliminary concepts for adaptation.

**ANALYSIS**

This contract will initiate planning and pre-design work for the North Basin Strip and Berkeley Meadow areas of Mclaughlin Eastshore State Park, located in Berkeley, CA.

Staff issued a request for proposals on October 6, 2023 and received two proposals by the deadline of November 10. After evaluating proposals and conducting interviews, the WRT team was selected for their superior project approach, previous planning work at the Mclaughlin Eastshore State Park, understanding and approach to public engagement, and quality of their previous work.

The recommended action is for the Board to award and authorize execution of a consulting contract with WRT to advance the pre-design phase of this project. Without approval, the District will not be able to move forward with this project and related grant funding obligations

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for these actions will come from the Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Project (No. 167200).

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	
Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Project (No. 167200)	\$ 700,000
Encumbrances and Expenditures to Date	\$ (669)
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$ 699,331</b>

<b>USE OF FUNDS</b>	
Award Consultant Contract with WRT	\$ 630,000
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 69,331</b>

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Project Location Map



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 03 -  
MARCH 5, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR  
\$630,000 WITH WRT, LLC FOR THE RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS  
PLANNING FOR THE NORTH BASIN STRIP: MCLAUGHLIN EASTSHORE STATE  
PARK REGIONAL SHORELINE**

**WHEREAS**, an operating agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation establishes the Park District's partnership with the State for the design and development of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, according to the adopted Eastshore State Park General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastshore State Park General Plan sets forth guidelines for habitat restoration and public access improvements at the North Basin Strip; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 20, 2022, by Board Resolution 2022-12-326, the Board of Directors adopted the 2023 Operating and Program Budget, which funds this project for \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors authorized accepting a grant from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority for \$600,000 for habitat restoration and public access at the Berkeley North Basin Strip; and

**WHEREAS**, District staff issued a request for proposals for professional services on October 6, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, two consultant teams submitted proposals and the District's selection committee scored WRT as the highest-ranking firm; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the professional services contract is available in the Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Project (No. 167200) capital project account;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the execution of a professional services contract with WRT of San Francisco, California in the amount of \$630,000 to be funded out of the Restoration and Public Access Planning for the North Basin Strip: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Project (No. 167200) presented to the Board on March 5, 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 March 5, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: