



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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| <b>DATE</b>     | June 5, 2024                                                                                                                    |
| <b>TITLE</b>    | Update on Chouinard-Owen Properties Planning Process and Potential Public Access for Garin and Pleasanton Ridge Regional Parks  |
| <b>DIVISION</b> | Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development                                                                                       |
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| <b>APPROVED</b> | Sabrina Landreth, General Manager             |

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**RECOMMENDATION**

None. This is an informational item.

**BACKGROUND**

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) acquired the Owen property in 2011 and the Chouinard property in 2020. The Owen property was acquired for the purposes of expanding the boundary of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park (Pleasanton Ridge), providing public recreation, protecting natural resources, and preserving open space. The Chouinard property is uniquely situated between Garin and Pleasanton Ridge and was acquired with the goals of expanding the boundary of Garin Regional Park (Garin) and providing an opportunity to complete a portion of the Garin-to-Pleasanton Ridge Regional Trail identified in the Park District’s Master Plan by serving as a public access point into both regional parks.

The primary objective of the public access planning process is to develop the Garin-to-Pleasanton Ridge Regional Trail connection and provide public access into Garin and Pleasanton Ridge from the Chouinard and Owen properties. Park District staff conducted site assessments and initial feasibility studies and identified four potential public access options that could occur at the Chouinard property. A consultant team was hired in August 2023 to provide pre-design services, including feasibility studies and concept plans. Staff and the consultant team will refine the concept plans based on the feasibility studies, then move forward with public engagement and environmental review.

**ANALYSIS**

None.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Presentation.

