



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

DATE	Friday, March 1, 2024
TITLE	Trail Management & Public Safety Overview
DIVISION	Public Safety
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BACKGROUND

Trails Management

Trail management encompasses trail-use policies and rules, user conflict resolution, response to emerging technologies, trail user access and equity, trail etiquette and education, analysis of use patterns and volumes, and enforcement of trail rules. Many of these policies and issues are discussed in the Park District's Master Plan (2013). Park District rules and regulations are documented in Ordinance 38, which forms the Public Safety Code for the Park District and is enforced by the Public Safety Division.

SUMMARY

The Park District Police Department is responsible for the safety and wellbeing of 25 million visitors annually. Our 77 sworn police officers, 36 support staff, including and 24/7 Dispatch Center, and 151 members of our Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol work daily to ensure the safe and equitable access to recreation and open space outdoor opportunities. Staff is constantly balancing education, and enforcement to ensure all visitors are adhering to safety and environmental regulations that ensure the smooth and seamless functioning of the Park District.

With limited staff, on a daily basis Public Safety personnel are responding to the immediate and sometimes emergency needs of the public, and the long-term goal of stewarding the lands entrusted to the Park District for future generations. As the popularity of the Park District has increased in recent years the challenge of maintaining these balances has continued to increase. The Park District Police Department will continue to strive to maintain the safety of the public who utilize the Park District while stewarding the resources that the Park District provides to the public.