




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

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<b>DATE</b>	February 18, 2025
<b>TITLE</b>	Authorization to Apply to California State Parks, Department of Boating and Waterways' Shoreline Erosion Control Grant Program for Restoration Work at Keller Beach in an Amount up to \$575,000
<b>DIVISION</b>	Finance and Management Services
<b>FROM</b>	Katie Dignan, Assistant Finance Officer Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
<b>APPROVED</b>	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize an application for grant funds from the California Division of Boating and Waterways' Shoreline Erosion Control Grant Program for Restoration Work at Keller Beach in an amount up to \$575,000.

**BACKGROUND**

California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is soliciting applications for fiscal year 2026 –2027 for the Shoreline Erosion Control Grant Program. The objective of the program is to study, plan, and construct solutions for coastal erosion and stabilization problems. This Program is authorized in California State statute by Harbors and Navigation Code sections 65-67.4. On December 13, 2024 the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) submitted a letter of intent to apply for funding for the Keller Beach at Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline project and has been invited to apply for the grant.

**ANALYSIS**

The Keller Beach Project offers a rare opportunity along the Richmond shoreline to restore and enhance one of the Bay's forgotten features. Although beach habitats are less common along the Bay shoreline, they are still important component of Baylands restoration. They can be dynamic, self-adjusting buffers to wave energy and a greener alternative solution for shoreline stabilization, protection, and sea level rise resiliency (compared to rip-rap). In the proposed project, the Park District will install a concrete seat wall along the back of the beach to prevent inundation, and then strategically restore native plant communities to protect Keller Beach shoreline habitat from potential damage due to heavy winter storms, which are predicted to increase in severity due to climate change. This project also includes the restoration of coastal grassland and scrub, enhancing the connectivity between upland and Bay habitats, and increasing erosion control.

If awarded funding, grant funds would support construction of the seawall and installation of native

plant palette to improve soil health and minimize erosion.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This action proposes submission of a grant application in the amount not to exceed \$575,000. If awarded, funds would be budgeted into the existing project Improve Keller Beach Project No. 165300.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 02 -  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY TO CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS,  
DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS' SHORELINE EROSION  
CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESTORATION WORK AT KELLER  
BEACH IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$575,000**

**WHEREAS**, the California Division of Boating and Waterways has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Shoreline Erosion Control Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the California Division of Boating and Waterways require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application; and

**WHEREAS**, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the California Division of Boating and Waterways to complete the Grant Scope project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Keller Beach at Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Project.
2. Appoints the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Service/CFO as agent of the applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws and perform such acts which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.
3. Authorizes the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of the executed grant contract. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the grant contract.

**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 February 18, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: