




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

DATE	December 17, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Award a Contract to Frontier Resource Management, LLC in the Amount of \$127,142 to Conduct a Forest Inventory Suitable to Inform Development of a Redwood Forest Management Plan That Will Support and Enhance the Health of the East Bay Redwoods: District-wide
DIVISION	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
FROM	Matt Graul, Division Lead for Stewardship Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of Acquisition, Stewardship & Development
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the execution of a \$127,142 contract with Frontier Resource Management, LLC to conduct a forest inventory suitable to inform the development of a Redwood Forest Management Plan that will support and enhance the health of the East Bay Redwoods.

BACKGROUND

In November 2018, western Alameda and Contra Costa County voters approved Measure FF, supporting a commitment to fund projects promoting healthy forests and preservation/restoration of natural habitat. Funds were assigned for projects in the two parks containing historic redwood forests, Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Roberts) and Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park (Reinhardt). In fulfillment of that commitment, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is taking the first step to develop a Redwood Forest Management Plan by gathering baseline data on the redwood forest.

The East Bay redwood forest is the easternmost population of extant redwoods. While relatively isolated, it offers a unique opportunity to preserve and enhance an iconic ecosystem and provide sustainable recreation. Redwoods are iconic, one of the longest living organisms, and redwood forest communities are an important focus of conservation efforts and offer opportunities for carbon storage and other climate adaptation benefits.

ANALYSIS

On September 13, 2024, the Park District released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a forest inventory and develop a Redwood Forest Management Plan. Preliminary goals of the plan include improving forest health, improving stream health, and improving habitat for native species. The RFP was open for 37 days and four (4) firms responded. A review panel, including reviewers from

Stewardship, Fire, and Operations, carefully considered the proposals and ultimately selected Frontier Resource Management's proposal for a total cost of \$127,142 as having the best qualifications and approach and as the most cost-effective proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT

The consultant costs to provide a forest inventory is \$127,142. Funds from Measure FF are available in the Assess Redwoods and Management Plan Project (No. 563600). The table below shows the source of funds and the available balance remaining after this action if approved by the Board of Directors.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Assess Redwoods and Management Plan Project (No. 563600)	\$ 220,000
Expenses and Encumbrances to Date	0
Total Project Funds Available	\$ 220,000

USE OF FUNDS	
Frontier Resource Management LLC Contract	\$ 127,142
Remaining Project Balance	\$ 92,858

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Map of East Bay Redwoods in Park District



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 12 -
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO FRONTIER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,142 TO CONDUCT A FOREST
INVENTORY SUITABLE TO INFORM DEVELOPMENT OF A REDWOOD FOREST
MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WILL SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE HEALTH OF
THE EAST BAY REDWOODS: DISTRICT-WIDE**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Redwoods are an iconic and unique resource, and the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is committed to promoting forest health and the preservation and restoration of these forests; and

WHEREAS, the Park District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design and implementation of a forest inventory of East Bay Redwoods to inform the development of a redwood forest management plan; and

WHEREAS, four consultants responded to the RFP, and the review team determined that Frontier Resource Management provided the most cost-effective and qualified proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize executing a contract with Frontier Resource Management LLC in the amount of \$127,142 as presented to the Board on December 17, 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 December 17, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: