




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

DATE	June 4, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Accept Funds from the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-Disaster Management Program for Wildfire Mitigation in the Amount of \$1,383,069: Anthony Chabot Regional Park
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize acceptance of funds from the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program for wildfire mitigation at Anthony Chabot Regional Park in the amount of \$1,383,069.

BACKGROUND

FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) was authorized by §203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 USC. Funding for the program is provided to assist states and local governments in implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program. The overall mission is to protect lives and prevent the loss of property from natural hazards.

In October 2020, approximately 1,500 acres of declining forest health, tree mortality, and dieback were identified in multiple public parklands in the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District). In 2021, General Manager Sabrina Landreth convened a multidivisional incident command-like structure with the participation of representatives from the Fire Department and the General Manager's Office /Government & Legislative Affairs to prioritize and identify potential funding sources to accelerate mitigation efforts. Anthony Chabot Regional Park was identified as a top priority since 1,250 acres have been identified for hazardous forest and fuel treatment within the wildland-urban interface.

ANALYSIS

The Park District was successful in obtaining funding through a Congressionally Directed Spending request submitted in 2022 through Senator Padilla's office for \$1.5 million. Those grant funds are expected to be obligated later this year and will fund wildfire mitigation work in Anthony Chabot's Recommended Treatment Area AC011 (approximately 85 acres).

At the request of General Manager Sabrina Landreth, staff submitted another Congressionally Directed Spending request through Senator Swalwell's office in March of 2023 for \$2 million to complete wildfire mitigation in support of safe, resilient forests and communities. The Park District

was notified in early 2024 that our request was approved and awarded \$1,383,069. Park District staff are working with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to submit required application materials due in June of this year. Grant funds will be used to complete additional work at Anthony Chabot Regional Park in Recommended Treatment Area AC001, 006, 007, 013 (approximately 64 acres) in accordance with the Park District's Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan. Grant funds are expected to be obligated in 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action would authorize acceptance of funds in the amount of \$1,383,069 for wildfire mitigation at Anthony Chabot Regional Park. A minimum of a twenty-five percent (25%) match, or \$461,023, is required for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. Staff will return to the Board to request appropriation of match funds into a project when grant funds are obligated by FEMA (anticipated Spring or Summer 2025). The total project budget is \$1,844,092. This wildfire mitigation project would increase future operational costs of the East Bay Regional Park District related to annual maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 06 -
JUNE 4, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY'S PRE-DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR WILDFIRE
MITIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,383,069:
ANTHONY CHABOT REGIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) was authorized by §203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 USC; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has delegated responsibility for administration and setting up necessary procedures to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES); and

WHEREAS, the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan is a guiding tool for which fuels management approaches should be used throughout the east bay parks; and

WHEREAS, the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan describes fuels management projects to be completed in Anthony Chabot Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is seeking funding to complete fuels management projects; and

WHEREAS, the Park District submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending request through Senator Swalwell's office in March 2023 for wildfire mitigation work in the amount of \$2 million and was selected to receive \$1,383,069 in the next round of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding program; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of a twenty-five percent (25%) match, or \$461,023, is required for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program and staff will return to the Board of Directors to request appropriation of match funds into a project once FEMA obligates the grant award; and

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

1. Authorizes acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,383,069 for the Park District's wildfire mitigation project in Anthony Chabot Regional Park; and
2. Authorizes the General Manager or the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, as the authorized agent, to execute for and on behalf of the East Bay Regional Park District, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, an application and to file it in the Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under P.L. 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state

financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

3. East Bay Regional Park District a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such state disaster assistance the assurances and agreements required; and
4. Authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to accept grant funds and execute and deliver such documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and amendments and to do such acts as may be deemed or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer/CFO or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of an executed grant contract or other authorizing document from CalOES or FEMA from the Grants Manager. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the grant contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and
adopted June 4, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: