



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

DATE	February 20, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the State of California Coastal Conservancy for the Keller Beach Public Access Project at Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline in an Amount Up to \$1 Million
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize an application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for grant funds for the Keller Beach Public Access project at Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline in an amount up to \$1 million.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Coastal Conservancy issues millions of dollars in grants for projects that restore and protect the California coast, expand public access to it, and enhance its resilience to climate change. The Coastal Conservancy funds a variety of projects to increase availability of beaches, parks and trails for the public, protect and restore natural lands and wildlife habitat, preserve working lands, and increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change. Multi-benefit projects, projects that serve disadvantaged communities, and projects that advance the objectives in their Strategic Plan and regional and statewide plans will receive higher priority for funding.

ANALYSIS

The Keller Beach Public Access project is an eligible and competitive project. It supports the Coastal Conservancy’s funding priorities and the state of California’s 30x30 conservation initiative that calls for the protection of thirty percent (30%) of lands and waters by the year 2030 to meet the environmental challenges due to the devastating loss of the natural world and its life supporting systems. The project will replace or renovate existing outdated facilities/amenities and make them ADA compliant including an ADA accessible path of travel to the amenities. The project will also create ADA parking at Keller Beach and a formal at grade crossing at the railroad connecting Keller Beach to Miller-Knox.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action approves a grant application in an amount up to \$1 million. No grant match is required. The total project cost is approximately \$4.6 million. When completed, this project may increase the long-term operating cost of the Park District.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 02 -
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE KELLER BEACH PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT AT MILLER KNOX REGIONAL SHORELINE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1 MILLION

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is seeking up to \$1 million from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the Keller Beach Public Access project; and

WHEREAS, the Keller Beach Public Access project supports the state of California's 30x30 conservation initiative that calls for the protection of thirty percent (30%) of lands and waters by the year 2030 to meet the environmental challenges due to the devastating loss of the natural world and its life supporting systems; and

WHEREAS, the Park District procedures require Board Approval for all grant applications and funding agreements; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances and certifications that the applicant must comply with in order to enter into an agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy;

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 with the California State Coastal Conservancy; and
2. Certifies that Grantee understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that Grantee has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; 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 Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of the executed contract 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 contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted February 20, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: