




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	January 13, 2025
TITLE	Informational Update on the State Budget and Proposition 4
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
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RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND

Division Lead of Government and Legislative Affairs Erich Pfuehler will introduce an update on the 2025 State Budget and Proposition 4. Staff from California Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC) will also be joining to share an update.

ANALYSIS

The California Legislative Analyst's Office, a non-partisan government body which assesses policy for the Legislature, projects a roughly balanced budget with a Fiscal Year 2025-26 deficit of around \$2 billion. The past two years, California faced significant deficits with a \$27 billion deficit in 2023-24 and a \$55 billion deficit in 2024-25. Governor Newsom signed the primary budget bill on June 26th which outlined a \$450 billion state budget. Agencies have spent the fall preparing and submitting their Budget Change Proposals (BCP) to the Department of Finance, and the Governor must release his January budget proposal by January 10, which is the Friday before the January 13 Legislative Committee meeting. A verbal update of the Governor's proposed 2025-26 budget will be provided based on information available on January 10.

Proposition 4, commonly referred to as the 2024 climate bond, includes significant investments in wildfire mitigation, sea level rise resilience, natural lands, inland water bodies and parks. Comprehensively, the Park District has been historically competitive for programs which comprise \$1.91 billion of the overall \$10 billion bond. The Park District and EEC have been actively engaged in Proposition 4 implementation, including with the Resources Agency. A letter to Secretary Crowfoot with Park District priorities is attached. A verbal update will be provided about the status of Proposition 4 implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Park District letter to Secretary Wade Crowfoot.