



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

DATE	May 21, 2024
TITLE	Approval of Director Dennis Waespi's Nomination to the Board of Directors of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Erich Pfuehler, Chief of Government Affairs Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors adopt a resolution nominating Director Dennis Waespi to the Board of Directors of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD).

BACKGROUND

The California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) is a 501c (6) not-for-profit organization representing special recreation and park districts throughout California. Its mission is to advocate for park districts and provide the support they need to fulfill their role as providers of quality programs and facilities in their communities. In their role as operators of public recreation facilities and stewards of many of the State's local parks and open spaces, its members provide gathering points for millions of Californians daily. Specifically, its members provide programs including community and regional events, youth and adult sports leagues, senior activities, kids' camps, preschool and afterschool care, teen centers, aquatics and outdoor programs.

The Board of Directors is made up of representatives from CARPD members, who track legislation and other issues that affect member districts. Each spring, CARPD hosts an annual conference and presents awards to member districts to recognize outstanding programming, facilities and services to the community.

CARPD's work is accomplished through the active participation of agency board and staff members. Its operations and services are supported by a sliding fee structure based upon tax revenue or assessments, member agency contributions, and revenues generated by various association programs.

CARPD'S goals are to recognize and support the needs of member districts; promote and support new and established partnerships amongst district community groups, state and local governments; monitor, promote and support legislation which positively affects recreation and park districts; and advocate and support stable funding sources for park and recreation districts.

ANALYSIS

Director Waespi's previous six years of service on the CARPD Board of Directors has directly benefitted the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) through opportunities to share and learn best practices in governance with managers and directors at a wide variety, in terms of size and geographical distribution, of recreation and parks districts across the state. This experience has also provided Director Waespi a deep historical understanding about the issues which have shaped the development of these districts.

Furthermore, Director Waespi's service on the CARPD Legislative Committee has furthered his expertise in policy advocacy and benefited the Park District through the resulting advocacy activities, which focus specifically on the needs and special issues facing recreation and parks districts across California.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 05 -
MAY 21, 2024**

**APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR DENNIS WAESPI’S NOMINATION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION
AND PARK DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District is a member in good standing with the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (“CARPD”); and

WHEREAS, the annual election for the CARPD Board of Directors is currently scheduled for May 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Director Waespi has served on the CARPD Board of Directors for six years, including one term as Board President; and

WHEREAS, Director Waespi’s service with CARPD has directly benefited the East Bay Regional Park District through opportunities to share and learn best practices in the governance of Special Districts with general managers and board members of districts across the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the shared policy advocacy work of CARPD, focused specifically on statewide issues affecting park and recreations districts, has further benefited the East Bay Regional Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the East Bay Regional Park District desires to submit a nominee to serve on the CARPD Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the nomination of Dennis Waespi for election to the CARPD Board of Directors in the position of Member at Large as presented to the Board on May 21, 2024.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted May 21, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: