


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

DATE	February 6, 2024
TITLE	Approving Applications for Specified Grant Funds from the Budget Act of 2023, 19.561(b)(43) for the Restoration of Wildcat Creek at Brooks Road
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Dr. Ana Alvarez, Deputy General Manager
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager



RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the approval of an application for Specified Grant Funds from the Budget Act of 2023, item 19.561(b)(43) for the Restoration of Wildcat Creek at Brooks Road in the amount of \$500,000.

BACKGROUND

As part of its fiscal year 2023-24 budget, the State Legislature has appropriated \$500,000 to East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) for the purpose of restoring Wildcat Creek and replacing the crossing at Brook Road. State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks was instrumental in securing this funding. To receive the funding, the Park District must submit a grant application and enter into a grant agreement with California State Parks.

ANALYSIS

The Restore Wildcat Creek and Replace Crossing at Brook Road project will remove the concrete at-grade creek crossing that is a barrier to migration by native Rainbow Trout and replace it with a naturalized roughened riffle and native plantings. Public access improvements include the construction of two new ADA accessible bridges to replace access across the creek and connect to the trail system. A small portion of the existing parking lot will be regraded to provide two ADA parking stalls. Runoff from the parking lot will be directed to two new bioretention facilities to treat runoff prior to reaching Wildcat Creek.

The project also 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action proposes submission of a grant application in an amount up to \$500,000. Once a grant agreement is executed, funds will be budgeted into project #158400. The estimated total project cost for construction is \$1.5 million. When completed, this project will increase the long-term

operational cost of the Park District.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**APPROVING APPLICATION FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
BUDGET ACT OF 2023, 19.561(B)(43) FOR THE RESTORATION OF WILDCAT
CREEK AT BROOKS ROAD**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District, setting up necessary procedures governing applications; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of project application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the project; and

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

1. Approves the filing of project application for specified grant project; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of project work utilizing specified grant funds, sufficient funds, including those provided by this grant, to complete the project; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in this Procedural Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, or designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO or Budget Manager is authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of the executed grant 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 grant contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and
adopted February 6, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: