



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

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<b>DATE</b>	May 21, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research’s Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program’s Adaptation Planning Grant in an Amount up to \$500,000 for a Wildcat Creek Watershed Resilience Assessment
<b>DIVISION</b>	Finance and Management Services
<b>FROM</b>	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Deborah Spaulding/Assistant General Manager Finance and Management Services
<b>APPROVED</b>	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize a grant application to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research’s Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program’s Adaptation Planning Grant Program in an amount up to \$500,000 for the Wildcat Creek Watershed Resilience Assessment.

**BACKGROUND**

The Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) drives California’s response to climate impacts, prioritizing equitable approaches that integrate mitigation and adaptation. ICARP’s home within the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) enables the State to coordinate across local, regional, and state efforts to support cohesive strategies. ICAP is developing three new grant programs authorized in the 2021 State Climate Budget to fund local, regional, and tribal climate adaptation and resilience efforts across the state.

One of these grant programs, Adaptation Planning Grant Program (APGP), will invest \$25 million over multiple funding round for local, regional, and tribal governments to support climate adaptation and resilience planning activities. As communities in California experience more frequent, prolonged, and severe impacts of climate change, many are faced with planning for and responding to ongoing and worsening hazards such as extreme heat, flooding, wildfires, drought, extreme weather events, and sea level rise. Furthermore, many jurisdictions lack the capacity, tools, guidance, and resources to effectively prepare for these climate impacts. This capacity gap hinders the ability of communities to develop and implement plans that build resilience and reduce future risk.

In February 2024, OPR announced the second round of funding for the APGP. Applications can request between \$100,000-\$650,000 for planning projects spanning two-years. Approximately \$9.5 million is available in the second round of funding. After reviewing the grant guidelines and requirements, East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) staff is recommending the submission of an application requesting funding for the Wildcat Creek Watershed Resilience Assessment project.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Wildcat Creek watershed, its headwaters in Tilden Park and its mouth at San Pablo Bay, Richmond, is a critical habitat linkage and climate refugium. Wildcat Creek is an impaired Conservation Lands Network Priority 2 stream and provides habitat for rainbow trout /steelhead. Riparian habitat and stream function are threatened by trail degradation, habitat simplification and the effects of climate change which are already being seen in the watershed. The Wildcat Creek Watershed Resilience Assessment project. will create a baseline ecological survey, define threats and opportunities, and identify essential projects to be conducted to preserve critical habitat function and make the watershed more climate resilient. This project supports the key priorities and goals of ICARP's APGP. 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 work and its life supporting systems.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This action proposes submission of a grant application in an amount up to \$500,000. If awarded, funds would be budgeted into a new project. The estimated total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$500,000. When completed, this project will not increase the long-term operational cost of the Park District.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.



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

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH'S INTEGRATED CLIMATE  
ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM'S ADAPTATION PLANNING  
GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000 FOR A WILDCAT CREEK WATERSHED  
RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is seeking up to \$500,000 from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for the Wildcat Creek Watershed Resilience Assessment project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) drives California's response to climate impacts, prioritizing equitable approaches that integrate mitigation and adaptation. ICARP's home within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) enables the State to coordinate across local, regional, and state efforts to support cohesive strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, one of ICARP's grant programs is the Adaptation Planning Grant Program (APGP). This program will invest \$25 million over multiple funding round for local, regional, and tribal governments to support climate adaptation and resilience planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildcat Creek Watershed Resilience Assessment project supports the priorities and requirements of the APGP as well as 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 of Directors' approval for all grant applications and funding agreements; and

**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 OPR's ICARP's APGP; and
2. Certifies that Grantee understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO, on behalf of the 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 as presented to the Board on May 21, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer 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 May 21, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: