



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE Tuesday, February 13, 2024
TITLE Oak Restoration in East Bay Hills
DIVISION Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
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APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Ecological Services Coordinator Kristen Van Dam will present on the Oak Woodlands Restoration Project in the East Bay Hills parks. The Stewardship Department is leading a restoration project in conjunction with Fuels Management Program projects to restore native oak woodlands to parklands. The project will restore oak woodland habitats in ecologically suitable areas, where planting of eucalyptus plantations and other disturbances have reduced the cover of these native and biodiverse habitats. Oak woodlands are one of the Bay Area's most important plant communities, providing habitat for hundreds of species of plants, insects, and wildlife. Coast live oak woodlands are a drought-resilient, evergreen, and fire-resistant plant community. Maintenance of oak woodlands is consistent with Park District fuel treatment standards and objectives as defined in the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan (WHRRMP): that ecological restoration be undertaken as part of fuel management activities, that low fire hazard landscapes be created and maintained, and that those landscapes are characterized by optimal ecological function and biodiversity.

ATTACHMENTS

EBRPD Oak Woodland Restoration Implementation Plan, May 2023