



# East Bay Regional Park District 2025-2026 Legislative Program

*Goals and Objectives of the East Bay Regional Park  
District*



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## Legislative Program Summary

The Government and Legislative Affairs program of the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) works with elected officials and agency partners at the local, state, and Federal levels to promote and advance agency initiatives. The program efforts focus on securing funding and advocating for policies which align with identified project needs and priorities. Led by the Park District's mission, Board of Directors, and General Manager, the Government and Legislative Affairs team engages actively with local, state, and Federal authorities to advocate for relevant funding and policies. They maintain strategic relationships through regular meetings, site visits, and events with elected officials and external agency partners. The team conducts analytical research and surveys to support the agency's advocacy goals.

Under the oversight of the Board Legislative Committee, the Legislative Program sets multi-year goals and annual objectives. These goals enable the Park District to respond effectively to emerging opportunities across local, state, and Federal levels. Concurrently, the objectives facilitate proactive engagement with elected officials and agency leadership to advance priorities established by the Board of Directors and General Manager. The Government and Legislative Affairs team's responsibilities extend to coordinating with eight Federal legislative offices, 12 state legislative offices, 10 county supervisor offices, and 33 cities encompassing 180 council members. Additionally, the team supports the Park Advisory Committee, a 21-member public commission which provides community perspectives and advice to staff and the Board on the issues, projects and policies of the Park District.

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# History of Government and Legislative Affairs

The unique nature of the East Bay Regional Park District began in 1934 when, in the midst of the Depression, voters imposed a tax of 5¢ for every \$100 of property owned to fund the creation of a Public Resources Code 5500 Special Park District in the East Bay. In advance of this vote, a survey was commissioned by the landscape architecture firm Olmsted Brothers and Ansel F. Hall which highlighted the need to preserve East Bay lands as parks. Women's groups in the 1930's notably advocated to turn out the vote through lunches with elected officials. In 1936, the Park District started with three parks spanning 2,166 acres. All three parks were located in Alameda County. From 1934 - 1939 the Park District benefitted from work by Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration crews, whose skilled labor can still be found in District infrastructure today. The Park District's growth would not be possible without the public support it relies on for funding. Currently, 87% of the Park District's funding base comes from property tax, while the remainder comes from robust state and Federal grants, as well as local parcel tax and bond measures.

The increasingly urbanized East Bay community continues to support the Park District as it consistently delivers on services and projects benefitting the public. In 1988, over two thirds of voters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties voted to pass Measure AA which provided \$225 million in bond funding for the Park District and local parks. This was the first bond measure for the acquisition and preservation of thousands of acres of land. In 2008, 72% of East Bay voters chose to extend the bond measure by passing Measure WW, providing \$500 million in bonding authority. Measure WW included \$125 million for a local grant program which benefitted municipal park departments and unincorporated areas of both counties during the 2007-2009 recession and beyond. Also, voters in the northwestern area of the Park District supported a parcel tax to fund, maintain and enhance services, including providing for additional staff, by voting for Measure CC in 2004. This tax was extended in 2018 with an 85.6% vote for Measure FF.

The Park District's mission to preserve a rich heritage of natural and cultural resources, and to provide open space, parks, safe trails, essential healthy activity and environmental education is meaningful to the growing and diverse communities of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Increasing opportunities to provide welcoming visitor use facilities is a primary goal of the Park

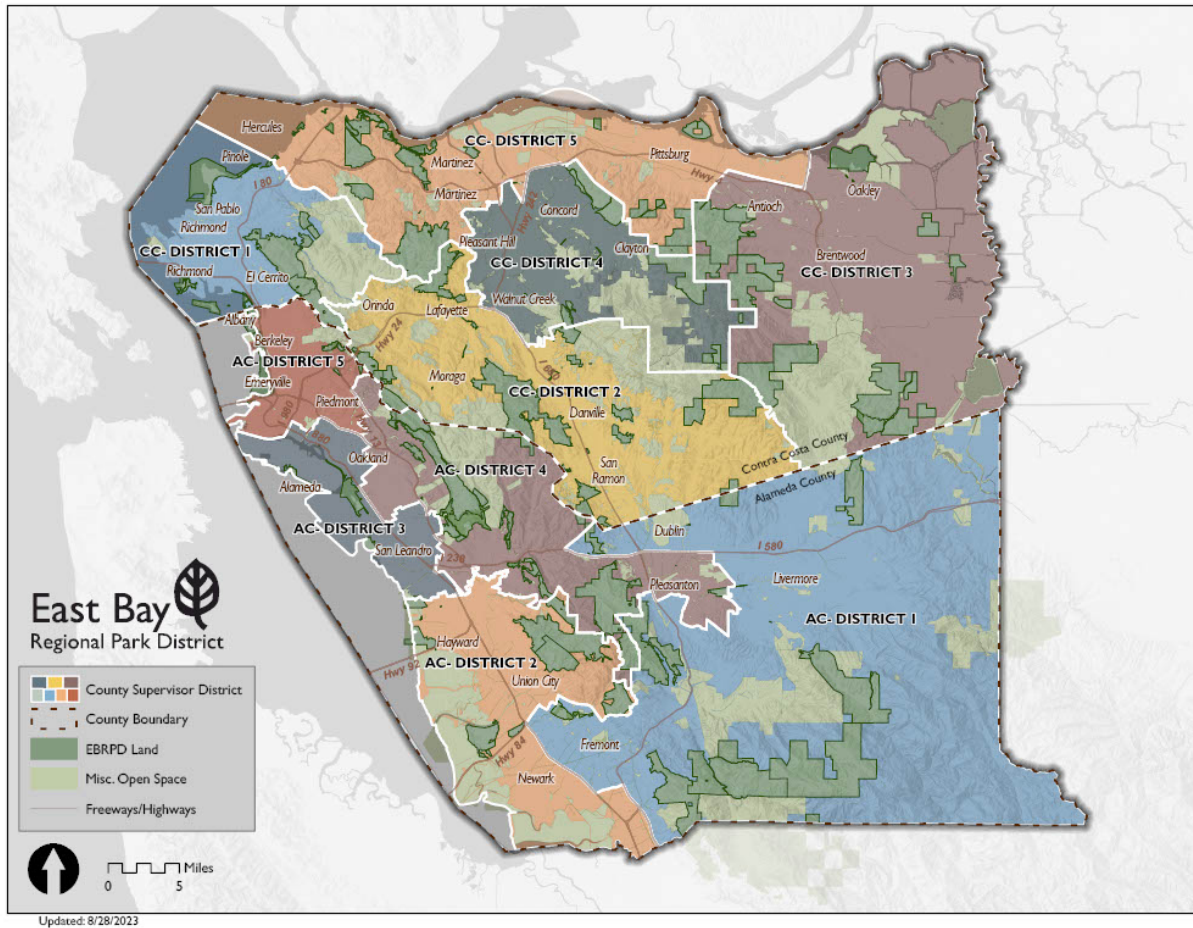
District's advocacy. To ensure this, the Park District has employed surveys since 1976 to understand the community's needs and interests. The first survey identified a 94% user satisfaction rate by visitors. In compliment, a 2022 scientific survey of East Bay residents confirmed 94% of respondents agree East Bay parks are important for their community, 93% agreed they are a valuable public resource and 85% agreed they hold a sense of ownership of these parks agreeing they are theirs to care for and enjoy.

The Park District is governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors who each serve four - year terms. Each Director represents a specific geographic area of the Park District known as a Ward. Currently, Wards consist of approximately 400,000 individuals, roughly the same size as a state Assembly district. Directors must be a resident of their Ward to serve on the Board. The Board appoints a General Manager, who is responsible for leading the Park District. The tenth General Manager, Sabrina Landreth, was appointed in March 2021.

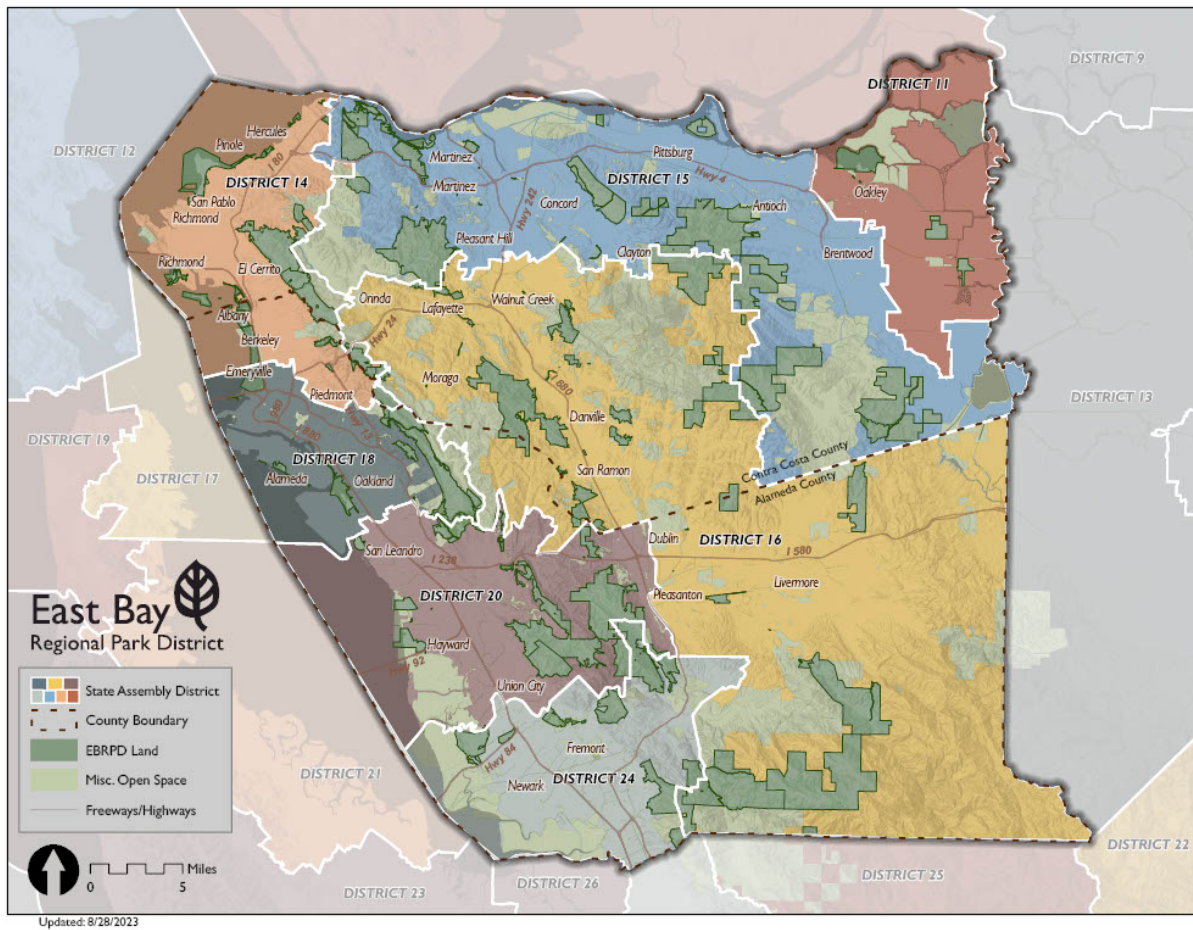
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## East Bay Elected Delegation and Maps

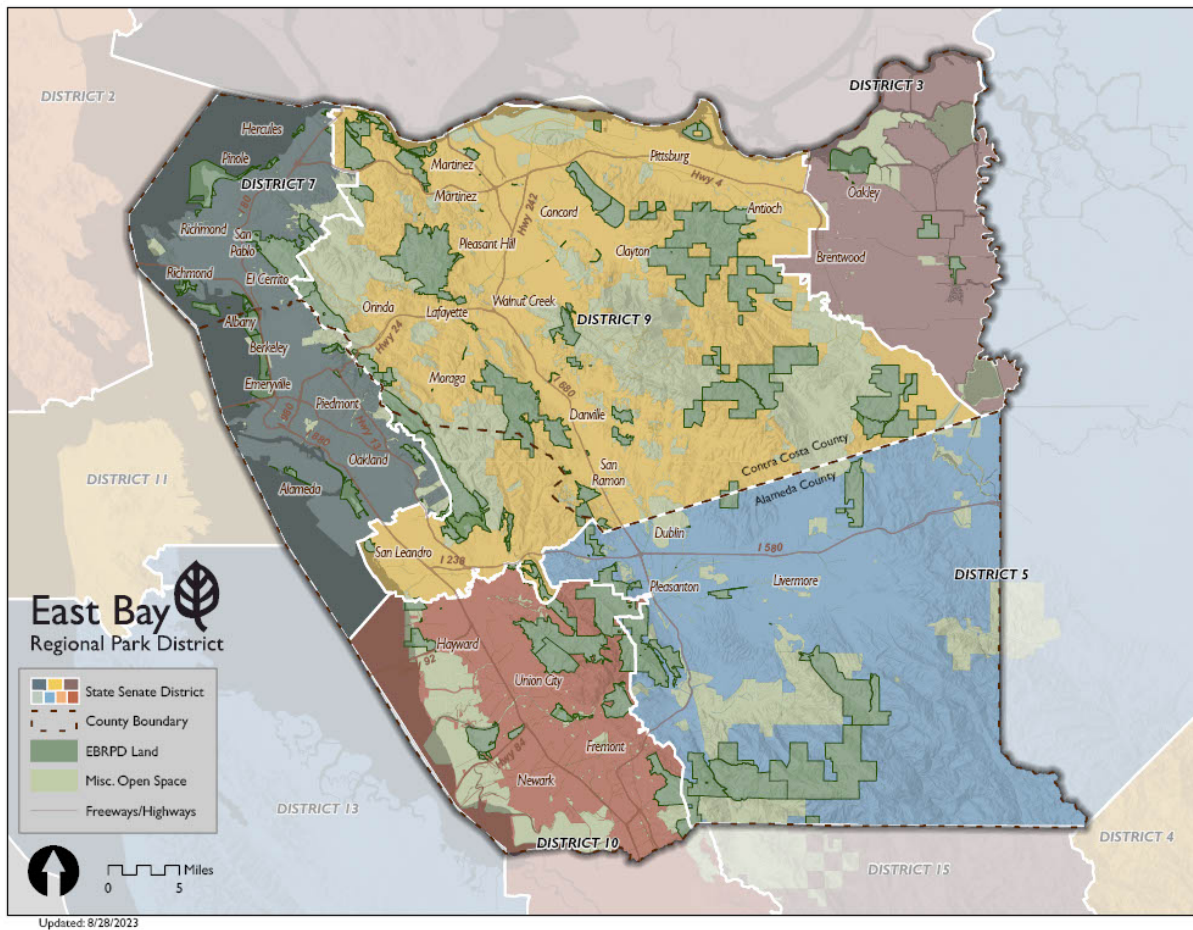
The Government and Legislative Affairs team's scope of responsibility includes eight Federal legislative offices, 12 State legislative offices, 10 County Supervisor offices and 33 cities with 180 council members.



East Bay County Supervisor District Map

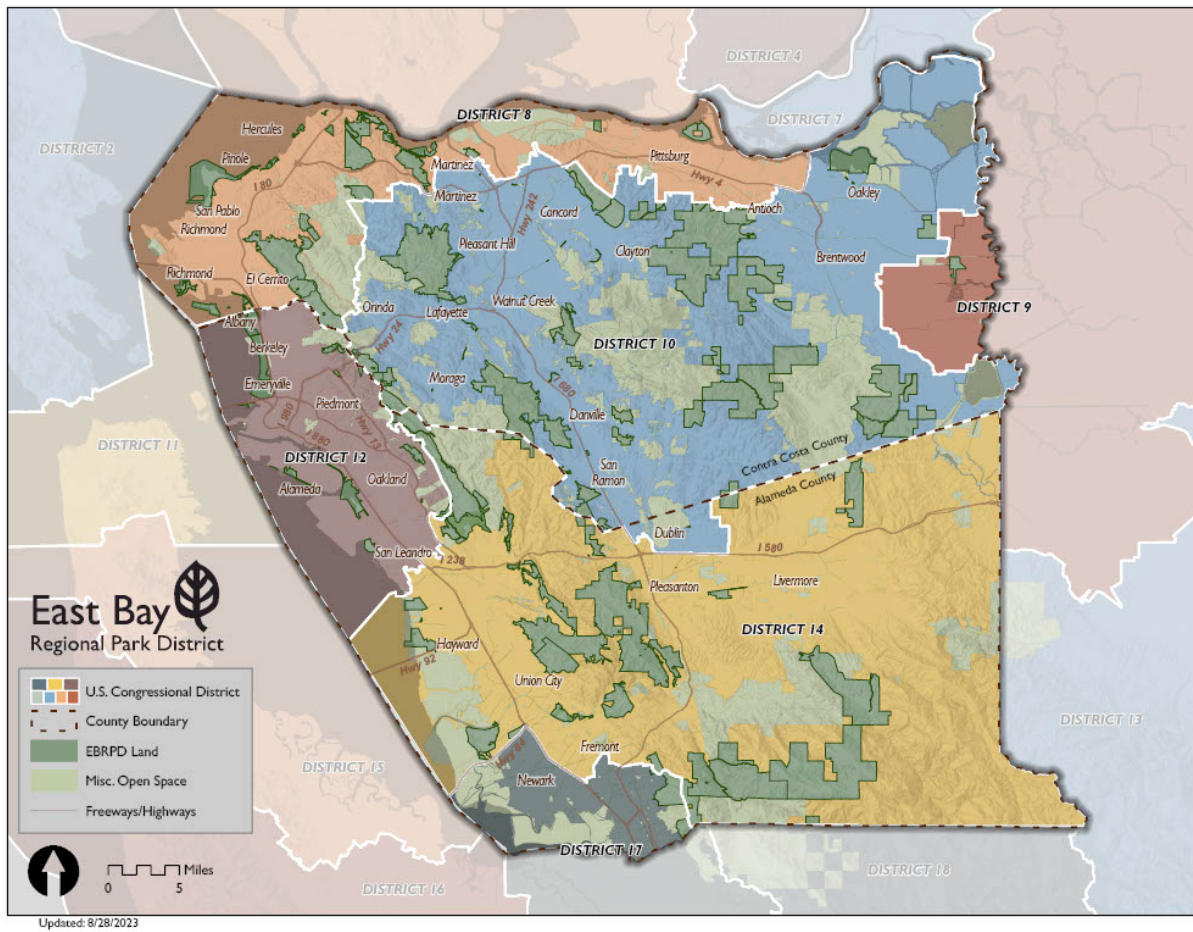


East Bay State Assembly District Map



East Bay State Senate District Map





## Legislative Program – Advocacy Goals

In alignment with the Park District’s Mission, overarching principles of the Legislative Program include equitable service delivery, advancing climate resiliency adaptation and mitigation, guiding work with an environmental ethic, supporting inclusive interpretation and educational opportunities, increasing conservation through land acquisition, and ensuring the fiscal health of the Park District. To support the team in acting nimbly in response to new opportunities as they arise at the local, state and Federal level, specific goals include:

<b>Climate - Friendly Transportation</b>	To expand accessible active and public transportation to and within East Bay parks and trails.
<b>Equitable Park Access</b>	To ensure equitable access to parks so all East Bay communities can enjoy the physical and psychological benefits of nature.
<b>Ecosystem Stewardship</b>	To support ecosystem health through restoration, acquisition and habitat enhancement, and improved efficiencies in regulatory approvals.
<b>Extreme Weather Preparedness</b>	To address sea level rise, lake health and other climate-related challenges with nature-based infrastructure and proactive mitigation strategies.
<b>Green Jobs</b>	To guide the development of career pathways for all in the parks, recreation, outdoor and environmental fields.
<b>Welcoming Visitor Use Facilities</b>	To be sure all visitors are welcomed to the East Bay parks and trails by providing facilities which are safe, accessible, inclusive and sustainable.



### Wildfire Resilience

To minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire in the East Bay by using proactive vegetation management which is ecologically sound.

*The above goals are expanded on the following pages.*

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# Advocacy Goal: Climate - Friendly Transportation

*Active Transportation and Access to Parks*

*Key  
Advocacy  
Goal*

*To expand accessible active and public transportation to and within East Bay parks and trails.*

## Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Improve access to and use of the parks by members of groups that are underrepresented, such as persons with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged and elderly park visitors
- Provide recreational development that fosters appropriate use of parklands while preserving their remoteness and intrinsic value
- Balance environmental concerns and outdoor recreational opportunities within regional parklands

## 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Strengthen relationships with local elected officials to advocate for expanded active and public transportation to East Bay parks and engage on tax measures funding active transportation infrastructure improvements.
- **State:** Collaborate with Caltrans and state legislators to secure additional funding for enhancing park transportation infrastructure, including active transportation routes and public transit connections.
- **Federal:** Advocate for including East Bay parks in national transportation funding initiatives, like Federal Transition Administration (FTA) grants for improving access to outdoor recreation, and support legislation which promotes Federal investment in green transportation projects for parks and trails.

## Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In a February 2023 survey, 79% of respondents agreed in the importance of maintaining existing regional trails, including the Bay Trail and Iron Horse Trail
- In this same survey, 56% agreed accessible public transportation should be provided to East Bay parks and trails

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Design and Construction Department, Grants Department, Operations Division, Planning Trails and GIS Department, Public Safety Division and Land Department

**Identified Funding and Policy Programs:**

Regional

- Active Transportation Program, – Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/Bay Area Transportation Authority (BATA)
- Measure BB (Alameda County) – Active Transportation
- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District
- Measure J (Contra Costa County) – Active Transportation
- Measure RR – Bay Area Rapid Transit
- Measure WW – East Bay Regional Park District
- Regional Measure 3 – MTC

State

- Active Transportation Program – California Transportation Commission
- Recreational Trails Program – California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Urban Greening – California Natural Resources Agency

Federal

- Federal Lands Access Program – Federal Highway Administration
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) – U.S. Department of Transportation

**Strategic Partners:**

Local

- AC Transit
- Alameda County Transportation Commission
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Bay Area Rapid Transit
- Bay Area Ridge Trail
- Bay Area Trails Collaborative
- Bike East Bay
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission

## State

- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Department of Transportation, CalTrans
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)

## Federal

- National Discovery Trail
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Transportation

# Advocacy Goal: Equitable Park Access

*Equitable Outdoor Access for Community Health*

*Key  
Advocacy  
Goal*

*To ensure equitable access to parks so all East Bay communities can enjoy the physical and psychological benefits of nature.*

## Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Improve access to and use of the parks by members of groups that are underrepresented, such as persons with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged and elderly park visitors
- Provide a diversified system of regional parklands, trails and related services that will offer outstanding opportunities for creative use of outdoor time
- Interpret the parklands by focusing educational programs on the visitor's relationship to nature, natural processes, ecology, the value of natural conditions and the history of the parklands

## 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Engage with local elected officials to promote initiatives which improve equitable park access for under resourced communities and explore ways local tax measures can be leveraged to fund park improvements and accessibility projects in these areas.
- **State:** In alignment with *Outdoors for All*, seek state funding to improve park access and infrastructure in under resourced areas, support legislation which expands equitable park access, and work with California State Parks and Parks California on the Outdoor Equity Grants Program for consistent park programming funding.
- **Federal:** Support funding for Federal grant programs advancing Justice40 to improve parks in under invested in areas, and advocate for national policies which promote equitable access to green spaces.

## Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In a February 2023 survey, 71% of respondents agreed in the importance of ensuring equitable access to parks and trails so all East Bay communities can enjoy the physical and psychological benefits of nature

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Grants Department, Maintenance and Skilled Trades Department, Planning Trails, and GIS Department, Land Department, Equity Office, Interpretation and Recreation Department, Public Safety and the Public Affairs Division

### **Funding and Policy Programs:**

#### Local

- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District
- Regional Parks Foundation

#### State

- Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Wildlife Conservation Board
- Climate Ready Program – California State Coastal Conservancy
- Outdoor Equity Grants Program – California State Parks
- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program – California Department of Parks and Recreation

#### Federal

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Land and Water Conservation Fund – U.S. Department of the Interior

### **Strategic Partners:**

#### Local

- Alameda County Public Health Department
- Alameda Health System
- Contra Costa Health Services
- TOGETHER Bay Area

#### State

- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- California State Parks

#### Federal

- City Parks Alliance
- National Recreation and Park Association
- U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service



# Advocacy Goal: Ecosystem Stewardship

*Wildlife and Natural Habitat Health*

*Key Advocacy Goal To support ecosystem health through restoration, acquisition and habitat enhancement, and improved efficiencies in regulatory approvals.*

## Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Provide a diversified system of regional parklands, trails and related services that will offer outstanding opportunities for creative use of outdoor time
- Acquire and preserve significant biologic, geologic, scenic and historic resources within Alameda and Contra Costa counties
- Manage, maintain and restore the parklands so that they retain their important scenic, natural and cultural values

## 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Work with local and regional agencies and organizations to simplify regulatory approvals for habitat restoration and land acquisition projects.
- **State:** Advocate for state legislation to simplify the regulatory process for habitat restoration and land acquisition while maintaining environmental protection. Advance legislation to clarify the role of a Public Resources Code (PRC) 5500 independent special park district.
- **Federal:** Support Federal initiatives to efficiently advance regulatory approval for conservation projects. Advocate for increased funding for habitat restoration and enhancement programs.

## Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In a February 2023 survey, 65% of respondents agreed in the importance of supporting ecosystem health through restoration, acquisition, and habitat enhancement, and to improve efficiencies in regulatory approvals for stewardship projects

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Design and Construction Department, Grants Department, Stewardship Department, Fire Department and Land Department

**Funding and Policy Programs:**

Local

- Measure AA – San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District

State

- California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) – Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Wildlife Conservation Board
- Climate Ready Program – California State Coastal Conservancy
- Cutting the Green Tape – California Natural Resources Agency
- Forest Health and Fire Protection Grant Programs – CAL FIRE
- Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program – Wildlife Conservation Board
- Urban Greening – California Natural Resources Agency

Federal

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Land and Water Conservation Fund – U.S. Department of the Interior
- San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund (SFBWQIF) – Environmental Protection Agency

**Strategic Partners:**

Local

- Alameda County Resource Conservation District
- Contra Costa County Resource Conservation District
- East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
- Golden Gate Bird Alliance
- Greenbelt Alliance
- John Muir Land Trust
- Midpeninsula Open Space District
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
- Save Mount Diablo
- TOGETHER Bay Area

#### State

- Audubon California
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Landscape Stewardship Network
- California Native Plants Society
- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- California State Lands Commission
- California Environmental Voters
- Delta Conservancy
- Resources Legacy Fund
- Sierra Club California
- Wildlife Conservation Board

#### Federal

- City Parks Alliance
- Department of Interior
- LWCF Coalition
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Parks Conservation Association, D.C.
- National Recreation and Park Association
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Advocacy Goal: Extreme Weather Preparedness

*Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation*

*Key Advocacy Goal To address sea level rise, lake health and other climate-related challenges with nature-based infrastructure and proactive mitigation strategies.*

## Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Monitor the effects of climate change on District resources and utilize adaptive management techniques to adjust stewardship methods and priorities to preserve the natural, cultural and scenic values of the parks and trails

## 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Advocate with local and regional agencies to advance policies which address extreme weather including, but not limited to sea level rise, water quality and watershed health.
- **State:** Explore opportunities to advance state funding and legislative support for comprehensive climate adaptation plans which include nature-based infrastructure to address extreme weather, sea level rise and lake health.
- **Federal:** Explore opportunities to advance state funding and legislative support for comprehensive climate adaptation plans which include nature-based infrastructure to address extreme weather, sea level rise and lake health.

## Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In a February 2023 survey, 64% of respondents agreed in the importance of addressing sea level rise with nature-based infrastructure and to accelerate mitigation strategies regarding climate change

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Design and Construction Department, Grants Department, Planning Trails and GIS Department, Land Department and Stewardship Department

## Funding and Policy Programs:

#### Local

- Active Transportation Program – Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/Bay Area Transportation Authority (BATA)
- Measure AA – San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District

#### State

- Active Transportation Program – California Transportation Commission
- Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Wildlife Conservation Board
- Climate Ready Program – California State Coastal Conservancy
- Cutting the Green Tape – California Natural Resources Agency
- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program – California Department of Parks and Recreation

#### Federal

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Land and Water Conservation Fund – U.S. Department of the Interior
- San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund (SFBWQIF) – Environmental Protection Agency

#### Strategic Partners:

##### Local

- Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Bay Adapt Program
- San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
- San Francisco Estuary Institute
- TOGETHER Bay Area

##### State

- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- California Environmental Voters
- Governor's Office of Planning and Research

##### Federal

- City Parks Alliance

- National Recreation and Park Association
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Advocacy Goal: Green Jobs

*Support for Conservation Corps and Green Jobs*

## *Key Advocacy Goal*

*To guide the development of career pathways for all in the parks, recreation, outdoor and environmental fields.*

### Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Support the development and retention of well - trained, dedicated and productive employees
- Participate in partnerships with public agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers and the private sector to achieve mutual goals

### 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Build upon relationships with local elected officials and workforce development organizations, like Civicorps, to develop and promote green job training programs for parks and environmental careers, and champion local policies which support green job creation and career pathways.
- **State:** Advocate stable funding for state-level programs, like California Conservation Corps, which support green job training and career pathways in parks and environmental fields.
- **Federal:** Support Federal policies and funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to develop and enhance green job training programs, like AmeriCorps, and advocate for including parks and environmental careers in national workforce development initiatives.

### Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In a February 2023 survey, 56% of respondents agreed in the importance of guiding the development of career pathways for all in the parks, recreation, outdoor and environmental fields

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Fire Department, Grants Department, Management Services Division, Operations Division and Human Resources

## Funding and Policy Programs:

### Local

- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District

### State

- California Conservation Corps – Local Conservation Corps Grant Funding
- Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program – California Department of Conservation

### Federal

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Service Programs – AmeriCorps, Climate Corps, etc.

## Strategic Partners:

### Local

- Bay Area Council
- Civicorps
- East Bay Economic Development Alliance
- East Bay Leadership Council
- TOGETHER Bay Area

### State

- California Association of Local Conservation Corps
- California Conservation Corps
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- California Environmental Voters

### Federal

- AmeriCorps
- City Parks Alliance
- Civilian Climate Corps – *future*
- National Recreation and Park Association



# Advocacy Goal: Welcoming Visitor Use Facilities

## *Park Facilities and Infrastructure Improvement*

*Key Advocacy Goal*      *To be sure all visitors are welcomed to the East Bay parks and trails by providing facilities which are safe, accessible, inclusive and sustainable.*

### Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Provide a diversified system of regional parklands, trails and related services that will offer outstanding opportunities for creative use of outdoor time
- Balance environmental concerns and outdoor recreational opportunities within regional parklands
- Improve access within parks by members of groups that are underrepresented, such as persons with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged and elderly park visitors

### 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Through the Local Government Engagement Strategy (LGES), partner with local elected officials to explore how the Park District can enhance the accessibility, inclusivity and sustainability of visitor facilities in East Bay parks.
- **State:** Advocate for state funding and policy support to advance the Park District's prioritized capital projects.
- **Federal:** Engage with Federal elected officials and agencies to ensure funding is maintained for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and support legislation which promotes best practices for inclusive and sustainable visitor facilities.

### Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In an April 2024 survey, investing in the cleanup of illegal dumping in and around parks was the top priority for respondents.
- In a February 2023 survey, 74% of respondents agreed in the importance of ensuring all visitors are welcomed to the East Bay parks and trails by providing facilities which are safe, accessible, inclusive, and sustainable

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Design and Construction Department, Grants Department, Management Services Division, Operations Division and Public Safety

### **Funding and Policy Programs:**

#### Local

- Measure BB (Alameda County) – Active Transportation
- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District
- Measure J (Contra Costa County) – Active Transportation
- Measure WW – East Bay Regional Park District

#### State

- Active Transportation Program – California Transportation Commission
- Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Wildlife Conservation Board
- Climate Ready Program – California State Coastal Conservancy
- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program – California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Recreational Trails Program – California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Urban Greening – California Natural Resources Agency

#### Federal

- Infrastructure Package and the Inflation Reduction Act
- Land and Water Conservation Fund – U.S. Department of the Interior

### **Strategic Partners:**

#### Local

- Civicorps
- StopWaste

#### State

- California Department of Parks and Recreation – California State Parks
- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- California Environmental Voters
- California Wildlife Conservation Board
- Californians Against Waste
- CalRecycle

## Federal

- City Parks Alliance
- National Parks Conservation Association
- National Recreation and Park Association
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Advocacy Goal: Wildfire Resilience

*Wildfire Protection and Safe Healthy Forests*

*Key  
Advocacy  
Goal      To minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire in the East Bay by  
using proactive vegetation management which is ecologically  
sound.*

## Nexus to Mission/Vision:

- Guided by an environmental ethic advance ecologically sensitive vegetation management
- Support the development and retention of well - trained, dedicated and productive employees
- Participate in partnerships with public agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers and the private sector to achieve mutual goals

## 2025-2026 Legislative Program Objectives:

- **Local:** Collaborate on local initiatives to improve wildfire resilience and support funding measures for wildfire management, including vegetation management and community preparedness programs and share the best practices of the Park District.
- **State:** Advocate for state legislation and funding for wildfire resilience projects, including grants for vegetation management to enhance safe, healthy forests and grasslands.
- **Federal:** Support Federal policies and funding opportunities, such as those from the U.S. Forest Service, aimed at biomass utilization. Advocate for national legislation which prioritizes investment in ecological fire management and resilience strategies.

## Survey Identified Voter/Community Support:

- In a February 2023 survey, 79% of respondents agreed in the importance of minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfire in the East Bay by using proactive vegetation management which is ecologically sound

**Cross - Divisional Partners:** Fire Department, Grants Department, Stewardship Department and Operations Division

**Funding and Policy Programs:**

Local

- Measure FF – East Bay Regional Park District

State

- California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) – Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Wildlife Conservation Board
- Climate Ready Program – California State Coastal Conservancy
- Cutting the Green Tape – California Natural Resources Agency
- Forest Health and Fire Protection Grant Programs – CAL FIRE
- Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program – California Department of Conservation

Federal

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Strategic Partners:**

Local

- Alameda County Fire Department
- Contra Costa Fire Protection District
- Diablo Firesafe Council
- Hills Emergency Forum
- TOGETHER Bay Area

State

- CAL FIRE
- California Department of Conservation
- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- California Environmental Voters
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- CalRecycle

- Governor's Office of Emergency Services - CalOES
- Wildlife Conservation Board

Federal

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Interior
- U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region (5)

# Appendix A: Significant Government Affairs Accomplishments

## Funding and Grants:

- **Prop 4:** Advancement of the 2024 Climate Bond to the November ballot.
- **Roddy Ranch Staging Area:** Senator Steven Glazer allocated \$5 million in 2023 for development in Deer Valley Regional Park.
- **Wildcat Creek Trail:** Assembly Member Buffy Wicks championed \$500,000 allocated in 2023 for development at Brook Road in Tilden.
- **Wildfire Mitigation at Anthony Chabot Regional Park:** Representative Eric Swalwell secured \$1.3 million in 2023.
- **Martinez Bay Trail:** Representative John Garamendi received \$900,000 in 2023 for development.
- **Port Chicago Visitor Center:** In 2022, Representative Mark DeSaulnier secured \$3 million for this project at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park.
- **Wildfire Mitigation:** Senator Alex Padilla allocated \$1.5 million in 2022.
- **Point Molate Regional Shoreline:** Senator Nancy Skinner secured \$36 million in 2022 for acquisition and clean-up.
- **Thurgood Marshall Regional Park:** Assembly Member Tim Grayson allocated \$3 million in 2022 for public access.
- **Finley Road Ranch Property:** The California Coastal Conservancy facilitated a \$7 million grant for land acquisition.
- **CAL FIRE's Pre-Fire Mitigation Grant Program:** An additional \$80 million in 2022 was allocated for statewide efforts to support ecologically sensitive vegetation management.
- **Tree Mortality:** Senators Nancy Skinner and Bob Wieckowski secured \$10 million in 2021, with a CalRecycle grant agreement in 2022.
- **Wildfire Response Equipment:** Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan supported the allocation \$3.5 million in 2021.
- **COVID-19 Fiscal Relief:** \$564,092 in state funding was secured for Special Districts in 2020.
- **Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA) Measure:** Advocated for \$43 million in direct allocation to the District in 2019, despite the measure not passing.
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund:** Secured \$1 million for Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline and \$750,000 for Bay Point in 2019.
- **McCosker Creek Restoration:** Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan allocated \$4 million in 2019.
- **Measure FF:** Passage secured \$66 million in 2018 over the 20-year life of the measure.
- **Statewide Park Bond:** Passage of \$4.1 billion bond in 2018, with significant support from the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **Del Valle Water Infrastructure:** Former Assembly Member Catharine Baker and Senator Steve Glazer allocated \$5 million in 2017.

- **SFBRA Measure AA:** Funding included \$250,000 for ballot placement, leading to subsequent grants for various projects.
- **San Francisco Bay Trail:** Eligibility for \$150 million in Regional Measure.
- **BART Measure RR:** Eligibility for \$135 million in 2016.
- **Vegetation Management:** Senator Dianne Feinstein and Representative Jerry McNerney earmarked \$600,000 in 2009.
- **Active Transportation:** Alameda County Transportation Commission's 2014 Measure BB secured \$260 million.
- **Plan Bay Area Priority Conservation Area Grant:** Received \$1,869,600 in 2012-13.
- **Federal TIGER II Grant:** Secured \$10.2 million in 2010, protected in 2011 amid changes in Congress.
- **Trail Maintenance Funding:** Secured \$500,000 annually from Contra Costa County Transportation Authority's 2004 Measure J.

#### Advocacy and Legislation:

- **Special District Grant Accessibility Act (SDGAA):** Advanced through Congress to expand eligibility of special districts for Federal grants.
- **AB 2789:** Co-sponsored by Mullin D-South San Francisco, enacted Best Value Contracting in 2022.
- **Alameda - Tesla Property:** Protected through the State budget process in 2021.
- **AB 959:** Co-sponsored by Mullin D-South San Francisco, enacted more effective parkland management in 2021.
- **AB 898:** Blocked \$10.5 million diversion to East Contra Costa Fire Protection District in 2017.
- **Oakland Estuary:** Transferred under Federal Water Resources Development Act in 2014.
- **AB 665:** Blocked hunting directly adjacent to Bay and Delta shorelines in 2015.
- **Special Districts:** Prevented elimination efforts in 2011.
- **SB 1020:** Introduced by Wieckowski D-Fremont, led to agreement with California Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2016.
- **SB 1183:** Enacted in 2014, provided mechanism for Trail Maintenance ballot measure.
- **General Services Administration Property:** Ensured transfer of property next to Crown Beach to the District in 2013.
- **House Appropriations Subcommittee:** Testified in 2012 in support of national competitive grant programs.

#### Events and Engagements:

- **Walk and Talk Events:**
  - Hosted five Walk and Talk events in 2023 with Representative Mark DeSaulnier, Assembly Member Tim Grayson, Representative Eric Swalwell, and Assembly Member Alex Lee.



- Hosted four Walk and Talk events in 2022 with Assembly Member Tim Grayson, Representative Eric Swalwell, Representative Mark DeSaulnier, and Assembly Member Alex Lee.
- **Commemorative Events:**
  - Hosted U.S. Representative Barbara Lee and the Environmental Protection Agency at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline to celebrate the allocation of San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund in 2023.
  - Joint commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and California Environmental Protection Agency at Dotson Family Marsh with Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator for Water Radhika Fox in attendance in 2022.
  - Hosted the California Natural Resources Agency Northern California 30x30 Celebration with California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot, high-level environmental leaders, and stakeholders in 2022.
- **Park and Environmental Engagements:**
  - Hosted National Park Service Pacific West Regional Director Frank Lands on site at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park - Home of the Port Chicago 50.
  - Hosted Interior Secretary Sally Jewell at the Future Thurgood Marshall Regional Park - Home of the Port Chicago 50 for the National Park Service Centennial in 2016 and for a Habitat Conservation Plan site visit in 2014.
  - Hosted a Bay Trail Summit 2017 at the Bridge Yard at Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline.
  - Hosted Representative Eric Swalwell at Hayward Regional Shoreline for the National Parks and Recreation Association Park Champion Award in 2017.
  - Co-hosted the Green Infrastructure Conference in 2017.
- **Recognition and Awards:**
  - Annual Radke Award recipients, including Senator Bob Wieckowski (2017), Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia (2018), Senator Steve Glazer (2019), former General Manager Robert E. Doyle (2020), Senator Nancy Skinner (2021), Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan (2022), and Representative Mark DeSaulnier (2023).
- **Conference Presentations:**
  - Presented at the 2016 and 2017 NRPA Conferences on climate change.
  - Presented at the 2012 NRPA Conference on "Using Political Muscle to Sell your Programs to Grantors".
  - Former First Lady Michelle Obama's remarks about Kids Challenge at NRPA convention in October 2010.
  - Recognition of the East Bay Regional Park District by former First Lady Michelle Obama at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in 2009.
- **White House and Government Engagement:**

- Secured a representative to attend America's Great Outdoors White House Conference 2010.
- Secured a representative to attend White House Water Summit 2016.
- Annual agency access including the Pentagon, and First Lady's staff in 2011.

#### **Survey and Research:**

- Board Workshop – Community Survey Study Session 2024
- Legislative Program Goals brochures 2023
- Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50 brochure 2023
- National Parks and Recreation Association Judge John Sutter / Bay Trail article 2022
- National Parks and Recreation Association Funding and Access article in 2021
- Districtwide Jobs Report 2020
- UC Davis Center for Regional Change Community Report 2020
- Park and Public Interest Community Engagement Project 2019
- National Parks and Recreation Association Dotson Family Marsh article 2017
- DeSaulnier-Miller op-ed 2020