

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- i. Authorization to Apply to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement - Recreational Use Grant Program for the Remove Ferry Point Pier project in an amount up to \$300,000:
Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline (Hornbeck/Bates/Auker)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) authorize a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement - Recreational Use Grant Program for the Remove Ferry Point Pier project in an amount up to \$300,000.

REVENUE/COST

This action proposes submission of a grant application in an amount up to \$300,000. If awarded, funds would be budgeted into the Remove Ferry Point Pier project #556800. The estimated total project cost is currently \$2.3 million.

BACKGROUND

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation ("Foundation"), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW"), and the California State Lands Commission ("CSLC") are in the process of closing out the Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement - Recreational Use Grant Program ("Program").

To date, the Program has allocated over \$6.7 million to recreational use projects around San Francisco Bay and along the outer coast. This was the result of the administration of two separate requests for proposals. After those projects are completed, close to \$300,000 of Program funding will remain available. Rather than expend funds for the administration of a third request for proposals, the Foundation, CDFW, and CSLC seek to distribute such funds to augment or extend projects in the East Bay, San Mateo County, and other areas (Santa Clara, Sonoma, Solano Counties) that have already successfully competed and received funding through the Program. If awarded funds, projects would need to be completed by the end of 2024.

The Park District received funding from this program to help complete the following projects:

- East Bay Shoreline Recreation Outreach Program: \$531,134

- Miller Knox & Ferry Point Recreation & Fishing Improvements: \$1,000,000
- Point Pinole Fishing Pier Improvements: \$245,256
- Encinal Beach Shoreline Recreation Improvements: \$200,000

The Park District is currently looking to safely remove the dilapidated, historic wooden pier at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline's Ferry Point. A 2021 assessment noted that a majority of the timber piles that support the 120-year-old pier and the entire timber fender system have experienced severe deterioration in the intertidal area-- the severity and extent of deterioration are such that portions of the pier are collapsing and falling into San Francisco Bay. The entire structure is on the verge of collapse and needs to be removed as soon as possible. Given the extent of the deterioration, it is not feasible to restore the pier to its original configuration; therefore, the Park District proposed to remove the derelict structures that are no longer in use, are structurally unsound, and are at risk of falling into the San Francisco Bay. The project will remove approximately 1,040 12- to 14-inch diameter creosote-treated timber piles from the San Francisco Bay. The proposed project would also remove approximately 16,500 sq. ft. of overwater creosote-treated wood decking remains of the ferry terminal and associated pilings and structures.

Implementation of the Ferry Point Project would benefit recreational users of the existing fishing pier. Debris from the pier that enters navigational waters creates a threat to both larger ships, ferries, barges and tankers, but also recreational boaters who transit Richmond Inner Harbor on a daily basis. There is also a San Francisco Bay Water Trail launch location at Ferry Point Beach. This trailhead is a great launch for excursions toward the Ferry Point Pier itself, as well as Keller Beach, Red Rock Island, and the historic Richmond waterfront including the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park. For more experienced paddlers, the site can provide a good launch for crossing the Bay to trailheads in Marin County like Angel Island State Park.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022 - 11 -

November 15, 2022

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION'S
COSCO BUSAN OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT – RECREATIONAL USE GRANT PROGRAM FOR
THE REMOVE FERRY POINT PIER PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$300,000:
MILLER/KNOX REGIONAL SHORELINE

WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation), together with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFW), and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) are in the process of closing out the Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement - Recreational Use Grant Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the Foundation, CDFW, and CSLC seek to distribute remaining program funds to augment or extend projects that previously received and successfully completed projects with grant funding from this Program; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District received and successfully completed four projects with funding from this Program; and

WHEREAS, the Remove Ferry Point Pier project is an eligible project for this Program due to its benefits to recreational users; 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 for funds up to \$300,000; and
2. Appoints the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO as agent of the East Bay Regional Park District to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendment, payment requests and perform such acts, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and
3. Authorizes the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO or Budget Manager 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 , seconded by Director , and adopted this 15th day of November, 2022 by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: