


7. Authorization to Accept an Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) Easement from Ronald Knarr: Briones Regional Park  
CEQA Determination: Exempt per 14 Cal Code Regs §15317



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

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| <b>DATE</b>     | December 17, 2024  |
| <b>TITLE</b>    | Authorization to Accept an Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) Easement from Ronald Knarr: Briones Regional Park                  |
| <b>DIVISION</b> | Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development  |
| <b>FROM</b>     | Becky Bremser, Chief of Land Acquisition<br>Ken Wysocki, Assistant General Manager of Acquisition, Stewardship & Development |
| <b>APPROVED</b> | Sabrina Landreth, General Manager          |

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize acceptance of an Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) easement from Ronald Knarr at Briones Regional Park to facilitate emergency response.

**BACKGROUND**

Echo Springs Road is a private road running from Reliez Valley Road to just shy of the Briones Regional Park boundary. East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) staff have used Echo Springs Road and an EBMUD right-of-way on the Knarr driveway to access this area of Briones Regional Park since the acquisition of the adjacent Shapell property in 1976. The Park District has an agreement with many of the landowners along Echo Springs Road to share maintenance costs and has legal access across the road for much of its length. The portion of Echo Springs Road on the Knarr property, and the connecting EBMUD right-of-way, has also been used for many years as a local walk-in entrance to the park.

In 2021, the Park District submitted a comment letter to the City of Lafayette stating the importance of the access route to the Park District for emergency operations, and requesting the City investigate a potential public access easement in connection with a proposed development on the Knarr property. While neither option was conditioned in the approved project, a neighborhood group reached a separate settlement with the Knarr property landowner to allow for public access across the property and into Briones. The Park District was asked to allow the public to access the park via the new entrance and staff agreed contingent upon an EVA easement being granted along the Knarr driveway. The Park District and the property owner have reached agreement on easement language and are now ready to record the document.

**ANALYSIS**

Acceptance of the EVA easement will ensure permanent access for Park District staff over an existing private road into this area of Briones Regional Park. Not accepting the easement would potentially hamper Park District emergency response to this area.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no cost to accepting this easement aside from staff time.

**ATTACHMENT**

Map – Briones Regional Park / Echo Springs Road Easement



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 12 -  
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS (EVA)  
EASEMENT FROM RONALD KNARR: BRIONES REGIONAL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, Echo Springs Road is a private road from Reliez Valley Road to the edge of Briones Regional Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) does not have legal access across the portion of Echo Springs Road on the Knarr property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District and Ronald Knarr have reached agreement on an Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) easement across Echo Springs Road on the Knarr property in favor of the Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, the EVA easement will improve Park District emergency response to this area of Briones Regional Park;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize acceptance of an Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) easement from Ronald Knarr as presented to the Board on December 17, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, and adopted December 17, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

