

5. Certification of November 2024 Election Results and Resolution Declaring Three Candidates Elected as Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District

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

DATE December 17, 2024
TITLE Certification of November 2024 Election Results and Resolution
Declaring Three Candidates Elected as Directors of the East Bay
Regional Park District
DIVISION General Manager's Office
FROM Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board
APPROVED Sabrina Landreth, General Manager



RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) Board of Directors Certify the November 5, 2024 Election Results and approve the Resolution Declaring Three Candidates Elected as Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District.

BACKGROUND

A General District Election for East Bay Regional Park District Wards 1, 2 and 4 was scheduled and held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing directors. California Elections Code Section 10515(a) provides that a General District Election shall not be held when the number of candidates nominated does not exceed the number required to be elected.

In early 2024 Director Dee Rosario, Ward 1 announced that he would not be running for election in the 2025 Election. Director Ellen Corbett, Ward 4 passed away suddenly on August 9, 2024. This created two open seats in Wards 2 and 4.

ANALYSIS

Elizabeth Echols was the only candidate for Ward 1 and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Election for said candidate; therefore, Elizabeth Echols is deemed elected.

Candidates for Ward 2 as taken from the Alameda County Statement of Vote

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Lynda Deschambault	56,983	47.77 %
Casey Alyson Farmer	45,442	38.09 %
Shane Reisman	16,869	14.14 %

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Election for said candidate; therefore, Lynda Deschambault is deemed elected.

Candidates for Ward 4 as taken from the Alameda County Statement of Vote

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Luana España	53,820	49.66 %
Taryn Edwards	21,909	20.21 %
Susan Gonzales	17,530	16.17 %
Tim McMahon	15,122	13.95 %

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Election for said candidate; therefore, Luana España is deemed elected:

The two Directors will be sworn in as required by law. There will be a ceremonial swearing-in taking place at the East Bay Regional Park District Board Meeting of January 14, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding to cover the Park District’s share of the counties’ election-related expenses is available in the General Fund: Committed Fund Balance – Election Costs, Account 2842. Actual election expenses (less the Candidate’s payment of \$1,000) billed to the Park District by the counties vary depending on the number of measures and candidates submitted for the ballot; therefore, the exact amount due will not be known until the election bills are calculated by the counties. The Park District expects to receive the bill from Alameda County before the end of the year and bring it to the Board of Directors in January for appropriation.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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

**CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION RESULTS AND RESOLUTION
DECLARING THREE CANDIDATES ELECTED AS DIRECTORS OF THE
EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, a General District Election for East Bay Regional Park District Wards 1, 2 and 4 were scheduled to be held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing directors; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 10515(a) provides that a General District Election shall not be held when the number of candidates nominated does not exceed the number required to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Echols was the only candidate for Ward 1 and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Election for said candidate; therefore, Elizabeth Echols is deemed elected; and

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of Director Dee Rosario, Ward 2 from the Board there was an open seat. Candidates for Ward 2 as noted in the Alameda County Statement of Vote are:

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Lynda Deschambault	56,983	47.77 %
Casey Alyson Farmer	45,442	38.09 %
Shane Reisman	16,869	14.14 %

WHEREAS, The Alameda County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Election for the candidate with the greater number of votes; therefore, Lynda Deschambault is deemed elected.

WHEREAS, due to the untimely passing of Director Ellen Corbett, there was an open seat. The candidates for Ward 4 as noted in the Alameda County Statement of Vote are:

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Luana España	53,820	49.66 %
Taryn Edwards	21,909	20.21 %
Susan Gonzales	17,530	16.17 %
Tim McMahon	15,122	13.95 %

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Election for the candidate with the greater number of votes; therefore, Luana España is deemed elected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District that Elizabeth Echols, Lynda Deschambault and Luana España are hereby declared the successful elected candidates for the office of Director of the East Bay Regional Park District, representing Wards 1, 2 and 4 respectively, and that they shall hold office for a term of four

years commencing the first Monday after the first day of January next following the election, or January 6, 2025 (Public Resources Code 5533); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to issue Certificates of the Election to the Directors and that the Oath of Office will be administered and subscribed to by said elected Directors and filed with the Clerk of the Board as required by law and that a swearing-in ceremony will be held on January 14, 2025 at the Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted this 17th day of December 2024 by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: