

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

Agenda date: March 3, 2008  
Reviewed by: *BP*

**SUBJECT:** Measure AA Funds to Complete the Regional Sports Complex at Gilman Street in Berkeley adjacent to Eastshore State Park

**REPORT BY:** Beth Pollard, City Administrator

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**MAYOR RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Resolution #08-13 urging the East Bay Regional Parks District to work with the cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Richmond, and with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to obtain \$4 million in funding to complete the regional sports complex at Gilman Street adjacent to Eastshore State Park in Berkeley, and better connect this highly used facility with the Bay Shoreline and associated pedestrian trails and amenities.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Albany has been working for several years with the cities of Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond to obtain grant funding and construct ball fields on the shoreline at the end of Gilman Street in Berkeley. The attached resolution provides a history of the funding and construction of the ballfields. The joint effort is called the Gilman Ballfields JPA (Joint Powers Agreement).

**DISCUSSION**

At its meeting of February 20, 2008, the JPA group discussed that an additional \$4 million is needed to complete the project, and endorsed the concept of the cities asking the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBParks) to work with the cities, as well as with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to obtain this funding. It was noted that EBParks is planning a November ballot measure to extend its Measure AA tax, which will provide regional and local funds for parks projects, and which is a potential source for the funds needed.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None from passage of the Resolution.

Attachment  
Resolution #08-13