

## FUNDING and IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES

### **Measure WW**

In 2008, Alameda and Contra Costa County voters approved East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) Measure WW, the "Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond", which is an extension of Measure AA.

In summary:

\$500 million bond issue

\$125 million goes to cities, counties, and special park and recreation districts

\$375 million will fund Regional Park acquisitions and capital projects, of which 7% (\$26.2 million) will be held in reserve for unanticipated future needs and opportunities.

### Measure WW – Local Grant (to Albany) - \$771,363

The Local Grant portion of Measure WW allocates funds to cities based on population. The City of Albany has been allocated \$771,363, and has up to the year 2018 to use the funds. Cities are able to submit projects to East Bay Regional Park District in February and March of each year. This allows East Bay Regional Park District the ability to sell enough bonds, on an as-needed basis, to pay for the submitted eligible projects. The following projects have been or are being implemented:

○ Improvements to the Cove at the Albany Waterfront	\$ 50,000
○ Teen Center Expansion	\$120,000
○ Additional Rubberized Surface at Ocean View Park Playground	\$ 20,000
○ Unallocated	<u>\$581,000</u>
	\$771,000

### Measure WW – Eastshore State Park - \$27 million

Projects proposed by the City, to the EBRPD Board, for use of Measure WW – ESP funding:

- Bay Trail - Acquire land or easement for, and construct a Bay Trail extension through Golden Gate Fields property.
- Prepare a project area plan and implement plan for Albany Plateau
- Prepare a project area plan and implement plan for Albany Neck and Bulb

- Expand Albany Salt Marsh
- Expand the park area consistent with Albany’s recently concluded *Voices to Vision* waterfront planning process. The result is ‘A Community Vision for Albany’s Waterfront’ which includes Recommended Guidelines. Of note is that the Community Vision states that a minimum amount of new dedicated public open space shall be 75 acres (74% of the total land area of the 102 acre portion of Golden Gate Fields property located in Albany).

Measure WW – Bay Trail - \$12.3 (District wide)

A total of \$12.3 million in Measure WW funds is allocated to Bay Trail gap closures and improvements. In December 2010, the EBRPD Board allocated \$1.5 million of that amount toward design and construction of the trail through Golden Gate Fields property. No funds have formally been allocated for acquisition of the easement needed to build the trail, or the acquisition of the 2.8 acre property east of Albany Beach. However, the Board is expected to take action on April 5 to approve a Resolution of Need and Necessity that starts eminent domain process in acquiring the necessary easement.

- More information on Measure WW is available at: [www.ebparks.org/ww](http://www.ebparks.org/ww)

**TIGER Grant** \$1.5 billion nationwide

In 2009, Congress passed \$1.5 billion in TIGER grant funds for discretionary projects involving highways, bridges, public transportation, freight and passenger rail, port infrastructure, etc. TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) is administered by the Department of Transportation and part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). EBRPD submitted an application using TIGER funds for Bay Trail gap closures, including the gap through Golden Gate Fields. However, the project did not meet the “readiness” criteria, and therefore was deemed ineligible. An local example of a successful Tiger Grant recipient is the Doyle Drive project.

**Cosco Busan**

Litigation caused by the Cosco Busan oil spill in 2007 is moving slowly because the Trustee agency staff has been mostly diverted to the Deepwater Horizon Assessment in Texas. They are developing a short-list of preferred projects for their public process, but Regional Park District staff has not seen that list.

Albany projects submitted for remediation funds include:

- Albany Bulb – Safety Hazard Removal and Habitat Restoration - \$250,000
- Albany Salt Marsh Expansion - \$2.1 million
- Lagoon Reclamation at Albany Bulb - \$440,000
- Albany Plateau Recreational Enhancements - \$260,000
- Albany Neck/Bulb Emergency Access - \$60,000
- Albany Bulb/Neck Recreational Enhancements - \$95,000

EBRPD Projects submitted for remediation funds include (Note: Need to confirm with EBRPD):

- Albany Bay Trail through Golden Gate Fields (?)
- Albany Beach Restoration (go to EBRPD website link); Scenarios start on page 20  
[http://www.ebparks.org/files/Albany\\_Beach\\_Workshop\\_No-2\\_Handout.pdf](http://www.ebparks.org/files/Albany_Beach_Workshop_No-2_Handout.pdf)