

**CITY OF ALBANY  
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda date: March 7, 2012  
Prepared by: JB**

**ITEM: 5-5**

**SUBJECT: Report from Staff on East Bay Regional Park District Planning, Design and Permitting for Restoration and Public Access to the Albany Beach**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

No action required. For information only.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2011, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) completed the Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Feasibility Study (available online at [www.ebparks.org/planning#albany](http://www.ebparks.org/planning#albany)). In summary, the project will enhance and expand the beach, dunes and wetlands, stabilize eroding shorelines and improve public access. Interpretive exhibits, picnic facilities, restrooms and a staging area could also be provided.

Late in 2011, the EBRPD Board of Directors authorized District staff to seek California Coast Conservancy funding for the project. In addition, the District entered into a contract with Questa Engineering to complete the design and permitting for the project.

**DISCUSSION**

Most recently the District Board authorized District staff to apply to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for \$1,000,000 in grant funds for the project. The objective of the EPA program is to improve San Francisco Bay water quality through comprehensive watershed management. Attached is EBRPD Board of Directors Staff Reports for their Tuesday March 6, 2012 meeting.

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- k. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project: Eastshore State Park (Olson/Collins)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize an application for federal grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project at Eastshore State Park.

REVENUE/COST

This action proposes the submission of a grant application for up to \$1,000,000 to the EPA. This project will increase the long term operational cost of the District.

BACKGROUND

The EPA is soliciting proposals under the San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Fund to protect and restore the water quality of the San Francisco Bay and its watersheds through comprehensive watershed management. The program seeks to fund projects that will work to achieve significant improvement in water quality.

The Eastshore State Park General Plan identifies a number of habitat restoration and public access improvements for Albany Beach. The project will enhance and expand the beach, dunes and wetlands, stabilize eroding shorelines and improve public access and overall park user experience. Public access to the beach and water would be provided by installation of new ADA compliant walkways and fencing that would provide access to the beach while minimizing impacts to the dunes. Interpretive exhibits, picnic facilities, restrooms and a staging area could also be provided. This project could be implemented in phases as funds are provided.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012 – 03 -

March 6, 2012

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE ALBANY BEACH  
RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT: EASTSHORE STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals under the San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Fund to protect and restore the water quality of the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Eastshore State Park General Plan identifies a number of habitat restoration and public access improvements for Albany Beach; and

WHEREAS, restoration would include enhancement of the existing beach and sand dunes and can be implemented in phases as funds are provided;

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 of up to \$1,000,000 with the EPA; and
2. Appoints the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services 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 so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and
3. Authorizes the Chief Financial Officer 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: