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## BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 6, 2019

12:30 p.m.

**EBRPD - Administrative Headquarters  
2950 Peralta Oaks Court  
Oakland, California 94605**

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

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## AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
12:30 pm	1. Regional Parks Foundation – Support for Tilden EEC Capital Campaign	R	Carol Johnson
1:00 pm	2. 2020 Safe and Healthy Forests Program of Work	I	Aileen Theile, Brad Gallup, Jeff Rasmussen, Matt Graul
1:30 pm	3. Open Forum for Public Comments <i>Individuals wishing to address the Committee on a topic not on the agenda may do so by completing a speaker's form and submitting it to the recording secretary.</i>		
2:00 pm	4. Board Comments		

### Board Executive Committee Members

Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), Ellen Corbett, Dennis Waespi  
Dee Rosario, Alternate  
Robert E. Doyle, Staff Coordinator

R - Recommendation for Future Board Consideration  
I - Information  
D - Discussion

### 2019 Meeting Dates

January 10	July 11
February 7	August 1
March 7	September 5
April 4	October 3
May 2	November 7
June 6	December 5

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**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

**BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 6, 2019

TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager

STAFF REPORT  
PREPARED BY: Carol Johnson, AGM, Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Regional Parks Foundation – Support for Tilden EEC Capital Campaign

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AGM of Public Affairs/Executive Director of Regional Parks Foundation Carol Johnson, will present an overview of the Regional Parks Foundation interest to undertake its first capital campaign to raise private funds for Tilden Nature Area, Environmental Education Center and Jewel Lake.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Parks Foundation (“Foundation or RPF”) was founded and incorporated in 1969 as an independent California nonprofit corporation and qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, for the sole purpose of aiding the East Bay Regional Park District (“Park District”) with private fund development and land acquisition to achieve its public park objectives. In the past ten years alone, the Foundation has provided more than \$20 million in direct support to the Park District for youth development programs, special projects and environmental conservation. Recent projects the Foundation has financially supported include visitor center improvement projects at Black Diamond Mines, Sunol, Del Valle, Shadow Cliffs and Tilden Nature Area. All funding raised by the Foundation is approved in advance by the Park District’s General Manager and RPF Board, and directly benefits the mission of the Park District.

Now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year, the Foundation Board of Directors is supportive of pursuing a larger multi-million capital campaign for a Park District “legacy” initiative. The Foundation has invested three years of review with the General Manager and Park District staff, gathered information and ultimately rendered its recent capital campaign project decision.

The Foundation would like to raise funds for the Tilden Nature Area Environmental Education Center (EEC) and Jewel Lake. A letter dated March 2019 was sent to the Park District’s Board of Directors acknowledging this interest. The rationale in selecting this project was based on many things provided to Foundation staff from Park District staff, in part:

- Formal assessment of the poor existing condition of the EEC facility including the lack of ADA compliance inside the building.

- High volume of diverse school children from underserved urban communities, and multi-generational visitors to Tilden Nature Area, second only to Ardenwood in number of school children visits per year.
- Location of Tilden Nature Area as an original regional park.
- Cache with funders, including individual donors, corporate and other foundation support.
- The Tilden Nature Area has a full complement of staffing that does not require new staff.
- The District recently completed significant upgrades to utilities and paving through Measure CC.

On March 28, 2019 the Park District's Board toured Tilden Nature Area and EEC and received a report from Park District staff evaluating the status of the facility life cycle. The report revealed the structure is at the end of its useful life and in need of substantial repair or replacement. At this meeting, Peter Liu, chair of the Foundation's Capital Campaign Committee affirmed interest in undertaking a private fundraising effort to support the Tilden EEC. He added that the Foundation must be prudent with its project selection for its initial capital campaign to ensure success. The Tilden Nature Area funding needs to meet all the objectives. Further, the need to dredge and return Jewel Lake to its former habitat, another original feature of the Nature Area, would be considered part of the overall fundraising plan.

Before the Foundation invests resources to launch a capital campaign feasibility study for Tilden Nature Area EEC and Jewel Lake, we require assurances that the Park District concurs with this project and will partner with the Regional Parks Foundation to meet all goals.

While there are other very important visitor center sites within the Park District, such as Point Pinole, the Foundation strongly believes in their ability to raise funds first for Tilden Nature Area EEC and Jewel Lake. Point Pinole funding for a visitor center is of interest to the Foundation as a secondary focus pending the success of the Tilden campaign.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Parks Foundation requests the Park District's support of its selection of Tilden Nature Area EEC and Jewel Lake as a priority capital project and direct Park District staff to move forward expeditiously to provide the public input to and completion of a world class architectural design of a new Tilden EEC. Once a budget and schedule are defined by the Park District, the Foundation will execute a memorandum of understanding with the Park District regarding this capital campaign.

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

**BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 6, 2019

TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Robert E. Doyle, General Manager

STAFF REPORT  
PREPARED BY: Aileen Theile, Fire Chief  
Brad Gallup, Assistant Fire Chief  
Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer  
Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship

SUBJECT: 2020 Safe and Healthy Forests Program of Work

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Fire Chief Aileen Theile, Assistant Fire Chief Brad Gallup, Assistant Finance Officer Jeff Rasmussen, and Chief of Stewardship Matt Graul will make a presentation on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND

A. Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan

On April 20, 2010, the Park District's Board of Directors approved the *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan* (Plan) and the accompanying CEQA document which covers hill and shoreline parklands from Richmond to Castro Valley within the Measure CC funded area. The approved Plan is an integral component of the Park District's Safe and Healthy Forests efforts for wildfire protection, which recommends that a hazard reduction and treatment plan be prepared, updated annually, and provided to the Board for consideration in advance of the annual budget process.

The Plan is available in its entirety on the Park District's website in the Stewardship/Resources section under Wildfire Hazard Reduction. The website includes a detailed location map of all of the Recommended Treatment Areas (RTA's), with numerical identifiers that can be cross-referenced with specific information about each one. Over the past eight years, Fire, Stewardship, and Operations department staff have completed and posted vegetation management prescriptions for each upcoming RTA, consistent with the Plan and based on site investigations by professional Stewardship and Fire staff.

The Park District anticipates eventual entry and ongoing management of a total of 3,100 acres over the life of the Plan. Outside of the Plan area, the Park District manages another 289 acres of eucalyptus and other vegetation in other parks for wildfire hazard reduction purposes.

This report recaps the overall status of the vegetation management program (Program) work underway in 2019, and projects anticipated work for 2020 and beyond. The report is updated each year to reflect the continuing progress on permits, grant applications and awards, and discusses trends, funding sources, and management strategies. The report consists of this memo supported by exhibits providing additional details of the work plan.

B. 2019 Vegetation Management Projects

In 2019, several new vegetation management projects will be implemented, with funding from the Park District's FEMA hazard mitigation grants. Approximately 103 acres in Tilden, Wildcat Canyon, Claremont Canyon, Sibley, and Anthony Chabot parks will be treated. All work will be in accordance with the prescriptions and treatment protocols adopted in the Plan.

Additionally, approximately 800 acres of previously treated fuel breaks will be maintained in several parks both inside and outside of the Plan area.

Attachment A lists the 2019 initial treatment projects.

C. 2020 Vegetation Management Projects

In 2020, the Fire Department plans to undertake initial entry into several project areas in the Plan's wildland-urban interface regions, totaling 140 acres. The majority of these fourteen projects will be funded by FEMA grants.

Reaching this goal and completing the Plan's recommended treatments in future years presents a significant challenge. The Park District continues to review staffing needs and innovations, from methods of contracting to improving efficiencies. Accommodating work restrictions that comply with environmental conditions for wildfire hazard reduction labor presents another significant challenge. The Fire Department continues to evaluate the program to collect data that can be used to improve program implementation for long-term restoration, reestablishing natural habitat, and wildfire hazard reduction.

Attachment B lists the 2020 initial treatment projects.

D. Ongoing Annual Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance is a substantial component of the Program. Stewardship and Fire department staff revisit each treated RTA periodically to assess the condition of the vegetative cover as the tree canopy is removed or reduced and the latent seed bank emerges under the new conditions. As noted previously, per the Plan, staff appropriately updates and adjusts the prescriptions to maintain a safe landscape, and provides for stewardship of natural vegetation to improve forest health.

E. Grants and Permits

The Park District's Program is conducted in accordance with all applicable permits and is supported in part by financial assistance from federal and state grant funding through FEMA and CalEMA. FEMA has awarded the Park District \$6.9 million in grants for vegetation management work. FEMA prepared a Biological Assessment and completed an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the impact of endangered species for the entire Plan area. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Biological Opinion and the Park District acquired an Incidental Take Permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Service to provide regulatory authorization for the implementation of the Plan in endangered species habitat.

F. Funding

Below is a list of existing funding for initial treatment and maintenance:

- \$ 2,786,098 - Existing balance in 550000 Fuels Management Account
- \$ 2,223,377 - Remaining balance of Measure CC funds for Vegetation Management
- \$ 200,000 - Annual Fire Operations budget
- \$ 6,057,233 - Existing balance from FEMA and CalFire grants

Total \$11,266,708

Future Potential Funding - This list includes funds expected, but not yet appropriated from existing sources, and possible funding sources from grants, ballot measures, or other opportunities:

- \$ 800,000 - Annual General Fund base budget appropriated to account 550000
- \$ 100,000 - Increase in base budget each year up to \$1,000,000 annually
- \$ 2,800,000 - First 5 years of Measure FF
- \$ 4,122,000 - Pending grant applications

Total \$ 7,822,000

Staff will continue to monitor and update funding sources each year as the program moves forward. In the coming years, the Park District will modify its plans for initial entry work as funding allows. The Park District will pursue opportunities for additional grants, funding measures, and General Fund possibilities in order to meet the Plan's objectives and ensure vegetation management activities are continued on a sustainable, long-term basis to restore and reestablish natural, less flammable areas.

CONCLUSION

Staff responsible for the implementation of the Plan will answer questions and support the Committee's review of the program. Staff welcomes the Committee's comments and will seek to incorporate interests raised by the Committee into the 2020 Work Plan and the Preliminary 2020 Annual Budget.

## RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: 2019 Initial Treatment Fuels Projects  
Attachment B: 2020 Initial Treatment Fuels Projects

## ATTACHMENT A

### 2019 Initial Treatment Fuels Projects

Park	Treatment Area	Acres	Funding Source
Anthony Chabot	AC004	12	Measure CC Measure CC
Anthony Chabot	AC006	25	FEMA / Measure CC
Anthony Chabot	AC007	25	FEMA / Measure CC
Claremont Canyon	CC003	2	FEMA / Measure CC
Lake Chabot	LC010	5	FEMA / Measure CC
Leona	LE005	4	FEMA / Measure CC
Miller/Knox	MK001	3	FEMA / Measure CC
Miller/Knox	MK002	1	FEMA / Measure CC
Miller/Knox	MK005	1	FEMA / Measure CC
Sibley	SR004	6	FEMA / Measure CC
Tilden	TI012	12	FEMA / Measure CC
Wildcat Canyon	WC009	8	FEMA / Measure CC
Wildcat Canyon	WC010	6	FEMA / Measure CC
Wildcat Canyon	WC011	30	FEMA / Measure CC

## ATTACHMENT B

### 2020 Initial Treatment Fuels Projects

Park	Treatment Area	Acres	Funding Source
Claremont Canyon	CC001	16	FEMA
Huckleberry Preserve	HP001	2	FEMA
Huckleberry Preserve	HP002	13	FEMA
Huckleberry Preserve	HP003	1	FEMA
Huckleberry Preserve	HP004	1	FEMA
Sibley Reserve	SR003	4	FEMA
Tilden	T1012	27	FEMA
Tilden	T1013	16	FEMA
Tilden	T1014	2	FEMA
Tilden	T1015	20	FEMA
Tilden	T1016	1	FEMA