

SAVE THE POLLINATORS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the East Bay Parks District is to preserve a rich heritage of natural and cultural resources...and provide environmental education to the public about these resources and;

WHEREAS, pollinators, are essential for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species and, play an important role in the continual presence of beautiful landscapes and;

WHEREAS, maintaining and enhancing healthy native plant habitats and avoiding use of pesticides as much as possible will help improve pollinator populations; and

WHEREAS, thanks to pollinators, the introduced honeybees, and birds, bats, butterflies and 1,600 native bee species recorded in California, we are able to grow fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, numbers of bees and other pollinators are declining due to a combination of pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), habitat loss, poor nutrition, parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that as a parkland in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the Park District resolves to educate the public about the vital role of pollinators, and explain what each of us can do to sustain these pollinators and;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED the Park District wants to support conservation of pollinators and agrees to become a pollinator-friendly park system and commits to the following actions:

- a. **Pollinator Awareness Event:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase East Bay Regional Park District's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat and;
- b. **Materials:** Provide interpretive materials to inform visitors about the value of native pollinator species and;
- c. **Habitat and Nest Sites:** Continue to work to expand native and pollinator-friendly habitat on Park District lands, which may include but is not limited to, inventorying the East Bay Regional Park's property that can be enhanced to make it more pollinator-friendly; creating a recommended locally native plant list and documenting pollinator habitat created or enhanced and;
- d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** The Park District will continue to promote pollinator health and diversity through the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices and;
- e. **Education and Community Programs:** The East Bay Regional Park District shall continue to offer educational programs to raise awareness about the value of pollinators and;
- f. **Website Resources:** Maintain information on website on promoting pollinator health and diversity.