

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2018 – 06 - 148**

**June 19, 2018**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AB 2551 – FOREST AND WILDLAND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM (WOOD D-SANTA ROSA)**

WHEREAS, the 2017 fire season was devastating with over 1.3 million acres burned, over 10,000 structures destroyed and 44 people lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, from 1923 to 1991, there have been 15 major wildfires in the urban/wildland East Bay hills interface; and

WHEREAS, the 1991 East Bay hills fire cost 25 people their lives, destroyed 4,000 homes and apartment units, burned 1,500 acres and incurred \$1.5 billion in damages; and

WHEREAS, in response to the 1991 fires, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) developed a Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan (WHRARMP); and

WHEREAS, this legislation would foster prescribed burns and training opportunities consistent with the Park District's WHRARMP; and

WHEREAS, the Napa and Sonoma fires of October 2017 alone discharged harmful emissions equal to that of every car, truck and big rig on the state's roads in a year; and

WHEREAS, this legislation calls for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) monies to be allocated for forest and wildland health; and

WHEREAS, managing the intensity of a wildfire is both consistent the Park District's WHRARMP and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby support AB 2551 – Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program (Wood D-Santa Rosa); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.