

## 8 Infrastructure Package – Include Parks, Active Transportation

- District lands and trails provide flood control, water storage capacity and wastewater treatment, as well as soil formation and retention.
- The District's 150 miles of paved trails provide transportation connectivity throughout the East Bay.
- The District's large inventory of infrastructure includes a wide array of structures: water, sewer, electric and communication systems, paving, offices, shops, visitor centers, campgrounds and other buildings that are necessary for sustaining public use, including safe and efficient conditions for employees.
- The District's infrastructure replacement cost was calculated at nearly \$297 million. Therefore, the investment of funds necessary to provide for the renovation or replacement of these existing facilities in a serviceable condition is estimated to be approximately \$9 million per year.

• **The District is asking elected officials to support infrastructure funding which includes investments in land management and maintenance.**

## 9 East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

- The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) has constructed nine habitat restoration projects and protected over 13,000 acres since its inception in January 2008.
- The District's \$17.75 million investment has leveraged over \$65 million in funding, with up to 90% match in some cases, from the HCP.

• **The District is asking elected officials to support \$85 million in funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund to continue HCP and NCCP work.**

## 10 Alameda Point Regional Shoreline – Veterans Affairs

- The Veterans Administration (VA) plans to develop a health care complex and cemetery on the site of the long closed (since 1997) Alameda Naval Air Station.
- The District is working with the VA, City of Alameda, Navy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide law enforcement services, manage the Least Tern colony, provide public educational/interpretive opportunities, provide natural resource management and develop a 150-acre regional park which could include a Veterans Memorial.

• **The District is asking elected officials to support the creation of a new 150-acre park and funding for park development at Alameda Point.**



Alameda Point's San Francisco view

## 11 Tassajara Creek Trail – Army Camp Parks

- The District has a "reversionary clause" to acquire 457.3 acres of the Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area should the property become surplus by the U.S. Army.
- In the interim, the District has an easement over 25-acres for recreational trail purposes.
- The District is seeking to construct a trail within this easement to connect the Tassajara Creek Trail to the Wallis Ranch development.
- Completing the trail will require some adjustments and possible exchanges of the existing easement.
- The trail will connect the neighborhood to BART, shopping at Hacienda Crossing and Persimmon Place, and the 30-mile paved Iron Horse Trail corridor which parallels I-680.

• **The District is asking elected officials to encourage the Army to approve the trail easement adjustments requested by the District.**

## 12 Ozol Property – U.S. Air Force

- The District currently licenses a portion of the decommissioned Ozol Fuel Depot site (near Martinez, CA), owned by the Air Force to function as office space and a corporation (corp) yard.
- The corp yard serves parks such as Carquinez Strait and Radke Martinez Shoreline as well as paved active transportation trails.
- The licensed property includes a 30,000 square foot yard area and 3,000 square feet of office space.
- The District has been informed it can renew the corporation yard and office license annually until the demolition project is ready to commence.

• **The District is asking elected officials to support the continued license extension for use of the Ozol Air Force facility.**

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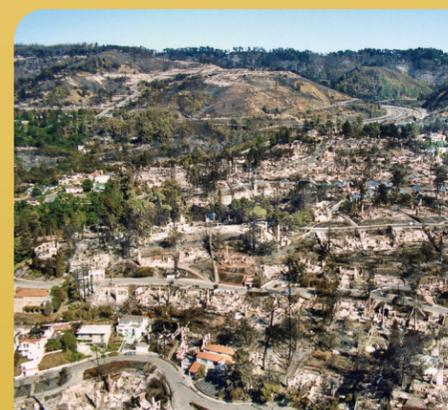
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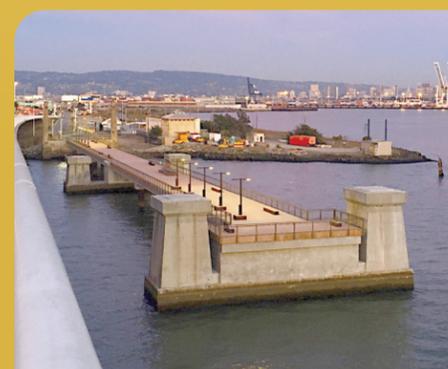
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Green transportation –  
BUILD Grant Program



Aftermath of the 1991 Oakland  
urban/wildland firestorm



Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline

# East Bay Regional Park District Federal and Legislative Priorities

FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS 2020

## 1 Green Transportation – BUILD Grant Program

- In 2010, the District received a highly competitive TIGER II grant of \$10.2 million for Green Transportation to close critical gaps in its 150 miles of paved active transportation trails.
- In 2020, the District intends to apply to the new Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Transportation Grant Program.
- The projects proposed in the District's BUILD grant application rank highly for: safety, traffic congestion relief, regional economic benefit, regional connectivity and readiness.

• **The District is asking elected officials to support the District's application to the BUILD Grant Program.**

## 2 Wildfire Protection – Safe Healthy Forests

- With continued extreme weather conditions, additional preparedness funding is necessary to protect against catastrophic fire. There is significant liability in a wildfire occurring in the East Bay hills.
- In 1991, the tragic Oakland hills fire – then the most destructive fire in California history – resulted in \$1.5 billion in initial damages, many lives lost and 4,000 homes destroyed.
- Since 2004, the Park District has devoted over \$1 million of local, state and federal investments annually to managing and diminishing hazardous vegetation in the East Bay hills. Minimizing the risk of wildfire on its 125,000 acres of urban-adjacent wildlands is a high priority of the District.

• **The District is asking elected officials to support at least \$1 billion annually for FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.**

## 3 Oakland Army Base Transfer – Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline

- The Army and the State of California need to come to an agreement about the cleanup of the property.
- The Bay Bridge bike/pedestrian pathway now connects the property to Treasure Island on the West.
- On the East, the trail lands adjacent to the Army property to be transferred to the District for the development of Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline.
- The District recently signed a 10-year lease with Caltrans to manage the renovated, 24,000-square foot Bridge Yard building directly next to Army property.
- A public viewing platform built on piers from the old eastern span of the original Bay Bridge is complete.

• **The District is asking elected officials to push the Army, California Department of Toxic Substance Control and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to settle cleanup issues on the property.**

#### 4 Miller/Knox Public Access Improvement

- The Bayshore Planning Area at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline is designated for additional San Francisco Bay Trail development through the East Bay Regional Park District's Measure CC program, approved by voters in 2004.
- Measure CC specifically committed to "remove tracks, fencing and re-grade railroad right of way to provide public access from the park to the beach."
- In order to fulfill the wishes of the voters and improve the trail, remnant rail lines running through the property need to be removed.
- The BNSF Railway Company claims it still has the right to use the former rail lines, which would prevent public access and potentially back up freight cars into the park blocking park users' view of the San Francisco Bay.
- In a legal settlement, the railroad agreed to relinquish its interest in the line when it stopped serving shippers, which ceased over 15 years ago.
- The comprehensive resolution may entail submission of the dispute to the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

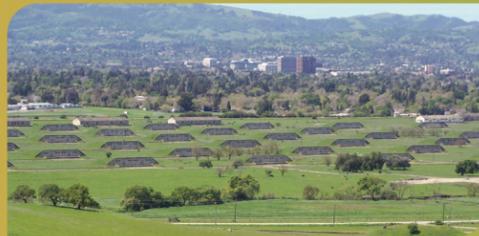


Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

**• If the STB takes up the issue, the District will ask elected officials to sign a delegation letter to the STB in support of the park.**

#### 5 Concord Hills Regional Park – Development

- The Navy transferred 2,516 of the 5,028 acres of deactivated Concord Naval Weapon Station property to the National Park Service (NPS) for conveyance to the East Bay Regional Park District in July, 2019.
- The District is working cooperatively with the NPS to increase education and public awareness about the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial.
- The NPS, District and Friends of Port Chicago are already identifying interpretive opportunities, and are beginning the planning for the joint visitor center.



Concord Hills Regional Park

**• The District is asking elected officials for support in securing federal funds for park development and a visitor center.**

#### 6 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- The District was encouraged to see the reauthorization of the LWCF, and strongly supports permanent full funding at \$900 million annually.
- Over the years, the District has received over \$16 million in stateside LWCF funding and used the funding to aide in the development of at least 15 parks.
- The District supports the national competitive grant program within the LWCF and has previously submitted competitive proposals, including the successful \$750,000 Bay Point Wetland Restoration and Public Access project awarded in 2017.
- Future LWCF dollars could be used to develop Concord Hills Regional Park, Alameda Point Regional Shoreline and Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline.

**• The District is asking elected officials to support full stateside funding of the LWCF and the LWCF national competitive grant program.**

#### 7 Nature-Based Flood Protection

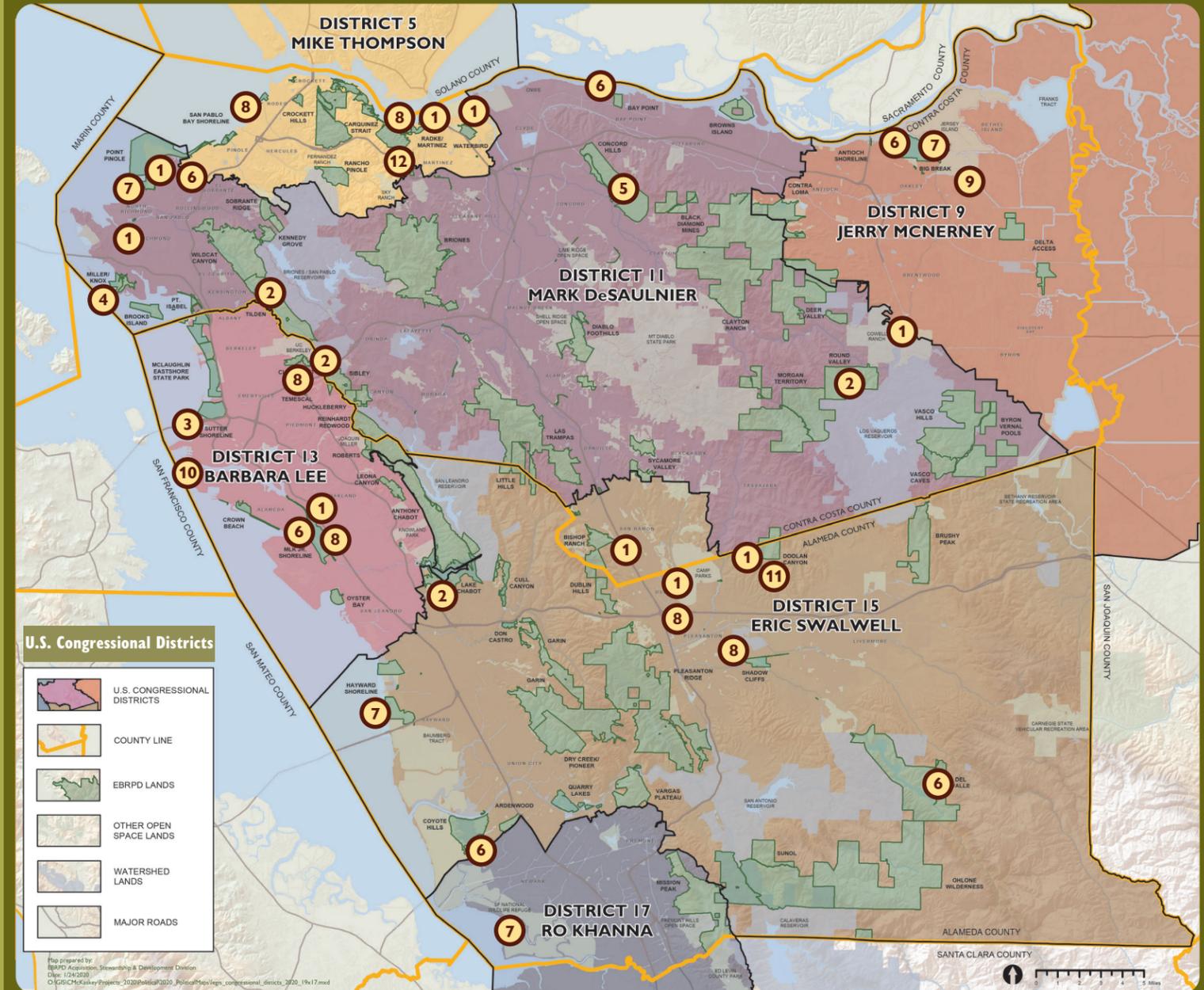
- At least \$46.2 billion in infrastructure exists within the 100-year flood plain of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Most of this infrastructure is "protected" by earthen levees built over 100 years ago which need critical repair and maintenance.
- The District manages 55 miles of shoreline and currently has approximately 3,200 linear feet of levee in need of repair.
- Funding for repairs, improvements and habitat restoration to protect inland infrastructure and homes from flooding is critical.
- Many disadvantaged communities reside along the shoreline and are vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise.

**• The District is asking elected officials to 1) Expedite permit approval for nature-based flood protection projects; 2) Request the Army Corps of Engineers prioritize nature-based projects; 3) Support \$400 million for the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program.**



Congressman Swalwell inspects an eroding levee

## East Bay Regional Park District Federal Legislative Priorities



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