



**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
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TO: Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)
Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II, Chair
Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District III, Vice Chair

FROM: John Kopchik, Director, Department of Conservation and Development
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SUBJECT: Measure WW Park Bond Extension - Proposed Work Plan for Allocating Funds
in the Unincorporated County Areas Not Within a Community Service Area or
Community Service District

RECOMMENDATIONS

ACCEPT report on the implementation of Measure WW Project List and Expenditure Plan for the Unincorporated Areas of the County and RECOMMEND the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution (see Exhibit A) providing Authorization to apply for local grand funds from the East Bay Regional Park District under Measure WW Park Bond Extension.

Background: In November 2008, Alameda and Contra Costa County voters approved the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) Measure WW Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond Extension. From that, a total of \$7.93 million is allocated to areas within the Unincorporated Area of the County. These funds were allocated to specific County Services Areas (CSA) (\$2.49 million), Community Service Districts (CSD) and Recreation and Parks Districts (\$2.39 million), and to unincorporated areas not in a CSA or CSD district (\$3.05 million). The latter of these categories, distribution of \$3.05 million, is the subject of this report before TWIC.

Measure WW guidelines allow for funding a project that is located within a CSA provided it serves the residents of the unincorporated area(s) outside the CSA's boundaries. All Measure WW funds must be fully expended by December 2018.

Pursuant to the Measure WW, the projects must meet the following standards:

- Insure equitable geographic distribution of the funds.
- Use of the property/facilities must be for at least 25 years.

- Provide lands and facilities for recreational activities and services and historic preservation. Capital projects may include acquisition of park land and development of recreational facilities, including renovation of existing facilities.
- Public art projects are eligible as long as they are in or adjacent to a parks and recreation facility.

The matrix below outlines the **proposed projects to be submitted to EBRPD for approval for areas in the unincorporated County not in a CSA or CSD.**

Proposed Project	Description	Estimated Amount
District 1 – Urban Tilth	Development of a 3.1 acre site into an agricultural park and riparian learning center in North Richmond. Property is owned by the County and leased to Urban Tilth, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.	\$450,000
District 1 – Mira Vista Fields	Improvements to an approximately 8 acre open space park located below Mira Vista Elementary School in East Richmond Heights. Property is owned by the West Contra Costa Unified School District and will provide an easement or lease to Contra Costa County	\$150,000
District 2 – Alternative 1: Olympic Corridor Connector Segment	Improvements of a linear park and path segment of the Olympic Corridor Connector between the Lafayette-Moraga Trail and the Iron Horse Trail. Property owned by the County.	\$600,000
District 2 – Alternative 2: Tice Valley Linear Park	Improvements of a linear park and path near Tice Valley road. Property will be owned by the County.	\$600,000
District 2 – Alternative 3: Bonita Path	Development of a linear park and path in the Saranap community. Property is privately owned and will either be purchased by or leased to the County.	\$600,000
District 3 – Excelsior Middle School Playfields	Renovation of the playfields at Excelsior Middle School in Byron. Property is owned by the Byron Unified school district and will enter into an agreement Contra Costa County for site control.	\$600,000
District 4 – Iron Horse Trail Improvements	Improvements along the Iron Horse Trail in the Contra Costa Centre area. Sites are owned by Contra Costa County and Contra Costa County Successor Agency.	\$600,000
District 5 – Las Juntas Elementary School Playfields	Renovation of playfields at Las Juntas Elementary School in unincorporated Martinez. Property is owned by the Martinez School district and will enter in a 25 year lease with Contra Costa County.	\$550,000
District 5 – Pacheco Creekside Park Trail	Improvements along the Pacheco Creekside Trail including, but not limited to, items such as ADA ramps, benches, and garbage containers.	\$50,000
Contingency	Funds set aside should a project need additional funding	\$50,000
Total		\$3,050,000

On July 9, 2013 the Board of Supervisors determined that \$600,000 would be allocated to each of the five supervisorial districts, with a \$50,000 contingency fund available as needed. The above named projects are in various stages of development and all are expected to be completed within the three-year period allowed by the funding criteria. Staff has worked with each of the District Supervisors to identify projects that meeting the funding criteria. Given some projects are early in the development phase, there may be some changes to the final project list before it goes before the Board of

Supervisors. Additionally, staff recommends the funding request to EBRPD include a provision to allow up to 10% of the total contract amount be transferred between projects at discretion of grant administrator. As these projects are further developed, changes to the master agreement with East Bay Regional Park District may be necessary to shift funds as needed.

Once the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed project list and adopts the attached Resolution, the County will enter into a master contract with EBRPD. Each individual project will then go through an application process for funding, once the specific design, environmental work, and construction budgets are more refined.

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