

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the East Bay Regional
Park District (EBRPD) on their 85th Anniversary

Resolution No. 2019/494

WHEREAS, The East Bay Regional Park District is a system of beautiful parklands and trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to the east of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the EBRPD is to preserves a rich heritage of natural and cultural resources and provides open space, parks, trails, safe and healthful recreation and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, the District envisions an extraordinary and well-managed system of open space parkland in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which will forever provide the opportunity for a growing and diverse community to experience nature nearby; and

WHEREAS, in 1934, EBRPD was founded when seven cities in Alameda County, from San Leandro to Albany, voted by a 2.5 to 1 margin to form a new park district; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1936, the park board agreed to purchase 2,162 acres from EBMUD, at a cost of \$656,000, for what would become the District's first three parks at Upper Wildcat Canyon (Tilden), Temescal, and Roundtop (Sibley); and

WHEREAS, in 1964, voters in West and Central Contra Costa County approved annexation to the EBRPD, and Kennedy Grove and Briones were soon developed and opened as the first Regional Parks entirely within Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the system comprises of 122,278 acres in 73 parks, including over 1,330 miles of trails, 235 family campsites, 40 fishing docks, and 10 interpretative and education centers; and

WHEREAS, Park naturalists operate 10 interpretive centers that provide exhibits and educational programs about the region's wildlife, natural features, and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, EBRPD recreation employees provide introductory classes and programs, Camping facilities and programs, day camps and group camps; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers annually contribute more than 110,000 hours serving on volunteer patrols to help keep parks and trails safe; and the District's Park Express Bus Program offers a subsidized bus service to any District park for groups of seniors, disabled residents, low-income residents, and school classes having funded lunch programs; and the EBRPD serves 2.5 million residents living in two counties, 33 cities, and 10unincorporated communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize the East Bay Regional Park District for their 85 years of service to our communities and dedication to preserving open space, trails and natural environments.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9th day of July, 2019.

ABSENT

JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen

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District II Supervisor

Diane Burgis

DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff

KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV Supervisor

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District V Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: July 9, 2019

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *Stephanie Melb*, Deputy