

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: **Celebrating the East Bay Regional Park District's 90th Anniversary.**

Resolution No. 2024-223

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District has reached a significant milestone, marking 90 years of public service as the largest regional park district in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has grown to encompass 73 regional parks, spanning 126,000 acres of parklands, 55 miles of shoreline, and over 1,300 miles of trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, offering diverse recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking, swimming, horseback riding, boating, fishing, picnicking, camping and discovering nature; and

WHEREAS, the Park District's commitment to environmental conservation and the provision of positive experiences in nature has been a cornerstone of its history and mission; and

WHEREAS, the visionary efforts of civic leaders in the late 1920s, who, faced with the sudden availability of watershed land in the East Bay hills, came together to preserve the land forever, balancing environmental conservation with public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration with renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. and National Park Service's Chief Naturalist Ansel Hall, resulting in the 1930 Olmsted-Hall report, laid the foundation for the East Bay Regional Park District, bringing national credibility to the cause; and

WHEREAS, during the challenging times of the Depression, civic leaders demonstrated unwavering dedication by placing a measure on the ballot in 1934 to establish the Park District and tax themselves for land preservation, with a resounding 71 percent approval on November 6, 1934; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1936, the District made its first land acquisitions from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, establishing the inaugural parks - Upper Wildcat Canyon (Tilden), Temescal and Roundtop (Sibley); and

WHEREAS, for nine decades, the East Bay Regional Park District has remained steadfast in its commitment to preserving and protecting open space, providing safe and welcoming parks for recreation, and enhancing the quality of life for the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby celebrates and commends the East Bay Regional Park District on its 90th Anniversary, recognizing its significant contributions to environmental conservation, recreation and community well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we extend our sincere gratitude to the Park District for its dedication to preserving natural beauty, fostering outdoor enjoyment and creating a lasting legacy for generations to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we encourage all East Bay communities to join in the celebration of the Park District's 90 years of milestones and history, participating in the various events and programs throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the East Bay Regional Park District as a gesture of our appreciation for its enduring commitment to public service and environmental stewardship.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 25th day of June 2024.

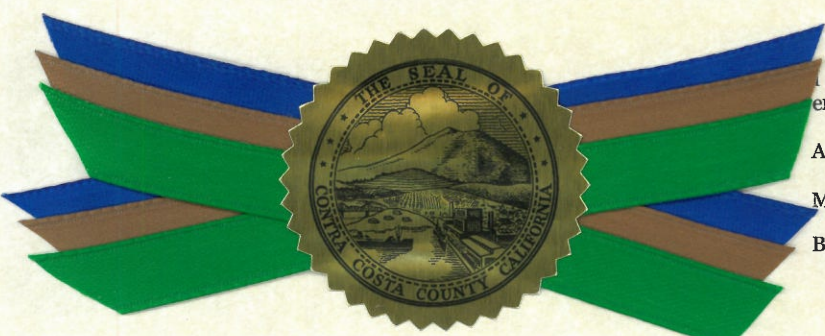
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hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: June 25, 2024

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By , Deputy