

SF BAY CHAPTER RESOLUTIONS ORGANIZED BY GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION
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ALBANY – ALAMEDA COUNTY

84.03.06 EAST BAY SHORELINE PARK TASK FORCE (passed 2/23/84)

Whereas the Bay Conservation and Development Commission has approved the City of Albany plan to close the Albany land fill so long as the City mitigates the fill by restoration of an equivalent area of marshland;

Whereas, the fill is intended to be the basis of a shoreline park and is the first step in the creation of such a park;

Whereas, the Sierra Club supports the idea of a park on the Albany fill site;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIERRA CLUB SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER,

That the Chapter supports the BCDC approval with the provision that the Albany marsh restoration be devoted to marsh and wetland areas within the shoreline park area.

The Task Force also voted to endorse Proposition 18 on the June ballot which is a bond initiative for State Park funding.

95.08.02 OPPOSE UNLEASHED DOGS AT CROWN BEACH

Whereas there is a proposal to allow off-leash privileges for owners of dogs for a portion of Crown Beach in Alameda within the lands administered by the EBRPD;

and Whereas this will require fencing that will be unsightly, create a negative image in the park, and establish a fenced area inconsistent with the open space character of the park;

and Whereas there will be increased maintenance costs to the Park District and increased patrol costs to enforce this policy;

and Whereas the Sierra Club recognizes that sound city planning

should incorporate recreational opportunities on city-owned land for a variety of recreational users, including dog owners;

And Whereas properly sited dog runs provide a location for dogs to exercise where they do not endanger wildlife,

Therefore be it resolved, the Sierra Club supports the creation of a dog run elsewhere in Alameda. where it interferes minimally with wildlife habitat and with general park use;

and be it further resolved that the SFBCSC opposes the proposed off-leash privileges for dog owners for Crown Beach, but supports establishment of an off-leash dog site elsewhere in Alameda.

BERKELEY – ALAMEDA COUNTY

98.08.10 Off-Leash Dogs on Cesar Chavez Park

The Sierra Club supports the original City wildlife biologist's recommendation that an off-leash dog area be no larger than 10-12 acres. Berkeley proposes a 17 acre area. We oppose Berkeley's proposal.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

86.05.04 ADDITION TO CHAPTER POLICY ON PARK & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST BAY SHORELINE

The following will be added to the existing Chapter policy statement:

Under Acceptable Development: Allow a limited amount of mixed use development on the Albany waterfront which would include a limited amount of office space uses as part of the mixed use concept.

MSC Bennett/Crawford

86.11.03 EAST BAY SHORELINE PARK POLICY

Whereas, open space and urban recreational opportunities are becoming an increasingly rare and valuable resource; and

Whereas, the Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Richmond waterfronts offer scenic views, recreational and environmental opportunities, open space and irreplaceable wildlife habitat within an urban setting; and

Whereas, the best use of that land for present and future generations is a publicly owned park which would provide for preservation of open space, human recreation and enjoyment and protection of natural features, wildlife areas, and views; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the SFBCSC endorses the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park plan to establish a publicly owned continuous shoreline park from the Oakland Bay Bridge to the Port of Richmond, to include all major undeveloped waterfront lands west of I-80.

86.11.04 SUPPORT FOR STATE PARK BOND ACT

Whereas the Eastshore State Park is an important goal of the Bay Chapter and would be a wonderful Regional Park for all Bay Area residents to enjoy and use; and

Whereas a Park Bond Act would provide money for the acquisition and development of the Eastshore State Park; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the SFBCSC supports, in concept, the initiative to place on the ballot a 1988 State Park Bond Fund Act and urges the Sierra Club as a whole to support this Act, provided that sufficient resources can be identified before the campaign begins.

92.03.01 ACQUISITION OF EASTSHORE STATE PARK THROUGH EBRPD

The SFBCSC supports authorizing the East Bay Regional Park District to act as the agent for the State of California and to be the lead agency in the acquisition, planning, and development of the Eastshore State Park subject to the following protections or provisions:

- (a) The \$25 Million in the State Park Bond Act (Prop. 70), earmarked for acquisition remain designated for that purpose only;
- (b) The \$15 Million in the Park District's Measure AA designated for acquisition remain designated for that purpose only;
- (c) The alignment of the Bay Trail remain in accordance with the alignment as approved by the Bay Trail Project;
- (d) Acquisition of private lands proceed without delay and without waiting to update the State's 1982 Feasibility Study and without waiting for any other planning documents to be completed;
- (e) Funding already earmarked for development of public lands in Albany and Berkeley and for the Bay Trail be released as soon as possible to the local agency requesting them.

00.02.04 SUPPORT PARK DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS ON DOGS IN PARKS

The Sierra Club supports the East Bay Regional Park District's recommendations regarding revisions to Ordinance 38 concerning dogs. The Club also believes the Park District needs to initiate an education campaign on the impact of unleashed dogs on sensitive and protected areas, ban unleashed dogs from along protected stream channels, and not create exclusive dog run areas which result in other park users feeling that those special areas are off limits for them and are a special preserve for a special user group.

00.02.05 SIERRA CLUB COMMENTS ON PARK DISTRICT RENEWED MEASURE "W" DISCUSSIONS

The Sierra Club makes the following comments on the continuing discussion at the Park District regarding a renewed Measure w or W-2.

1. The Club believes that the Board should have the final text of the measure ready for review by the public in early May, 2000. This will enable groups like the Sierra Club the time to review the measure and, if it appears to be supportable, take it through the levels of the Club for endorsement. The Club does not take a position at this time--either for or against the measure. This will also enable the public to know ahead of time what is proposed.

2. The Club notes that the District discussed issues concerning the measure and makes the following comments in the interest of constructive dialogue.

- a. East Contra Costa County should not be excluded. It is vital that a measure that benefits the entire district should also tax the entire district. Residents west of the hills should not feel that they are being taxed for the benefit of people in the far eastern portions of the district.
- b. The annual expenditure limit of \$2,000,000 from the existing budget appears to be good.
- c. The idea that new operations should be supported from the general fund has merit, but certain park units need additional funding out of W-2.
- d. The Club supports the idea that W-2 funds should be used for annual capital projects and opening up land-banked areas where appropriate and after the appropriate environmental review has been undertaken.

- e. The Club supports the idea that the Park District focus on infrastructure needs, research, and public access and safety in the use of the funds.
- f. For one-time projects more funds should go to resource enhancement and protection than the proposed 30%. Audubon's goal of 40% is more appropriate.
- g. The idea of a separate annual review of the W-2 funds is a good one.
- h. The idea of a 10% discretionary fund is a good one.
- i. The Park District needs to move forward now on the management study to show good faith with the public and the unions.