



March 9, 2011

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Sent via e-mail to pk@well.com,
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**Re: Response to February 28, 2011 E-Mail To Robert Doyle, General Manager,
East Bay Regional Park District**

Dear Mr. Kamen:

On behalf of East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Robert Doyle, I am responding to your questions and concerns regarding the Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Feasibility Study.

The Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Study is providing information to implement park improvements identified by the Eastshore State Park General Plan. In 2002, following a two-year public participation effort that involved you and over 4,000 other key stakeholders, the California State Park and Recreation Commission adopted the Eastshore State Park General Plan.

The General Plan establishes long-range goals and policies for Eastshore Park, including Albany Beach. It explicitly states that dogs will not under any circumstance be permitted in management sub-zones designated as preservation areas or on any beach (General Plan, p. III-50). Recognizing the need for an off leash dog facility, the General Plan allows dogs off leash at Point Isabel/North Point Isabel. The General Plan also identifies restoration and expansion of dunes at Albany Beach. Again, the focus of the Feasibility Study is on implementation of park improvements identified in the General Plan. The General Plan is available online at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/21299/files/eastshorestatepark-generalplan.pdf>.

Your comments and concerns regarding stability of the beach, sea level rise and complexity of dune restoration are noted. We take the dynamic factors that come with designing beach restoration and dune expansion seriously. Phillip Williams Associates (PWA), our consultant tasked with analysis of coastal processes, is a world leader in applied engineering and design of coastal restoration projects. The scope of the Feasibility Study covers analysis of existing data and application of engineering models to understand physical processes and potential restoration opportunities. Details of sand placement and dune expansion would be the subject of the design development phase of a future project.

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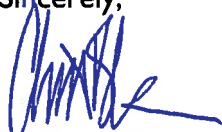
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The funding we have identified is earmarked for habitat improvements with a small amount for public access. Repairing the eroding shoreline at the south neck is required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. ADA access is also a high priority. For the reasons covered in the Opportunities and Constraints Report, potable water and sewer are not feasible due to capital and long term maintenance cost.

Sincerely,



Chris Barton
Project Manager

cc: Robert Doyle, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District
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