



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Ruth Coleman, Director

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Tom Gandesbery
State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Gandesbury:

California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and East Bay Regional Park District (District) share the goal of providing safe recreational access to San Francisco Bay and protecting water quality and have been working together on the implementation of the Eastshore State Park General Plan since 2002. Our agencies collaborated on the Eastshore Park Berkeley Meadow project that was successfully completed in 2009. The Berkeley Meadow now provides 72-acres of ecological habitat and public access over a former City of Berkeley landfill area.

The Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study) administered by the District was completed in April 2011 (available online at <http://www.ebparcs.org/planning#albany>). The Study analyzed the feasibility of implementing restoration and public access improvements identified in the Eastshore State Park General Plan. Seven public meetings, including two community workshops, were held for the development of the Feasibility Study.

State Parks supports the District's plan to proceed with implementation of Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access, and supports the District's efforts to secure grant funding for the project. Implementation of this project will greatly benefit Eastshore State Park and further the goals of State Parks to protect the environment of the San Francisco Bay and provide high quality outdoor recreation. Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for everything that the Coastal Conservancy does to support projects like this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danita Rodriguez".

Danita Rodriguez
Diablo Vista District Superintendent