



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

375 - 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607

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**AGENDA  
Planning Committee  
Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
9:00 a.m.  
William “Bill” Patterson Boardroom  
375 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94607**

**\*\*\* Please see appendix for public participation instructions\*\*\***

*Committee Members: Directors Valerie D. Lewis {Chair}, Luz Gómez, and Marguerite Young*

**ROLL CALL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Board of Directors is limited by State law to providing a brief response, asking questions for clarification, or referring a matter to staff when responding to items that are not listed on the agenda.

**DETERMINATION AND DISCUSSION:**

1. East Bay Stewardship Network Collaboration (Workman)

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# APPENDIX

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## Planning Committee Meeting

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- Each speaker is allotted 3 minutes to speak; the Committee Chair has the discretion to amend this time based on the number of speakers
- The Secretary will track time and inform each speaker when the allotted time has concluded
- Comments on **non-agenda items** will be heard at the beginning of the meeting
- Comments on **agenda items** will be heard when the item is up for consideration
- The Secretary will call each speaker in the order received

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- Fill out and submit a blue speaker card which is available in the meeting room

### Via Zoom

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## EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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DATE: June 4, 2026

MEMO TO: Board of Directors

THROUGH: Clifford C. Chan, General Manager *CCC*

FROM: Michelle L. Workman, Manager of Natural Resources *MW*

SUBJECT: East Bay Stewardship Network Collaboration

### SUMMARY

The East Bay Stewardship Network (EBSN) was formed in 2023 as a collaborative of 15 land management entities focused on stewardship of lands in the East Bay. The collaborative's mission is to build capacity for managing the East Bay's unique biodiversity and landscapes. The EBSN recently drafted a charter and requested voluntary contributions from core members. Contributions will be applied directly to the costs for regional projects and will help build capacity for providing matching funds when EBSN applies for grants. Administrative costs are currently funded through grants and private donations. EBMUD's proposed contribution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 is \$25,000 to begin implementation of several regional projects that will benefit EBMUD watershed resources. EBMUD's participation in the EBSN represents an opportunity to be a leader in the stewardship community of the East Bay. Staff will discuss the EBSN and its planning activities at the June 9, 2026 Planning Committee meeting.

### DISCUSSION

The EBSN was created so local land management agencies could more effectively partner and collaborate across agency boundaries. Formation of the EBSN has added capacity for larger projects through data sharing, increased funding opportunities, and the ability to accept private donations. EBMUD's participation will allow it to better manage invasive species such as wild pigs, bullfrogs, and endangered species like California red legged frogs. Additionally, the EBSN has created more opportunities for grant funding and management, providing EBMUD staff more time to implement projects. These projects are similar to past collaborations but are more regionally focused on each agency's interests and needs.

The EBSN has 12 core members and 3 collaborators. Core members have representation on the steering and executive committees. Collaborators are agencies that only participate in specific projects. EBMUD has been a core EBSN member since its inception in 2023. Other core members include:

- Alameda County Resource Conservation District
- California State Parks

- Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
- Contra Costa Water District
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System
- John Muir Land Trust
- National Park Service
- Regional Parks Foundation
- Save Mount Diablo
- U.C. Berkeley Natural Reserves

Core members contribute staff time and financial support for projects. The EBSN finances are managed by John Muir Land Trust, and participating agencies are asked to make voluntary contributions to support the management of EBSN and implementation of projects. The EBSN is working on five initiatives:

- NatureCheck Program: A database designed to create metrics to track long-term progress on improving or maintaining regional biodiversity.
- Fine-scale Vegetation Mapping: To assist with biodiversity monitoring and prioritizing wildfire management actions.
- Wildlife Crossings: Site and design three new wildlife crossing structures that link critical habitats across Alameda County's highways, ensuring ecological resilience while reducing risks for both wildlife and motorists.
- Integrated Wild Pig Management Program: To develop a coordinated wild pig management plan to protect watershed, vegetation, and wildlife health.
- Sudden Oak Death Prevention: To develop recommendations to prevent Sudden Oak Death.

EBMUD currently participates in the NatureCheck Program, Fine-scale Vegetation Mapping, and the Integrated Wild Pig Management Program projects.

The EBSN has requested that Executive Committee members sign the newly developed charter, which describes the purpose of EBSN; lists its core members and collaborators; describes the governance structure, decision making process, and legal/policy considerations; and identifies funding/resource sharing provisions.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff is recommending that EBMUD continue participating in EBSN and is seeking feedback and support from the Planning Committee prior to signing the EBSN charter and providing the \$25,000 financial contribution in FY 2027. EBMUD will continue to participate in the planning and implementation of regional projects that benefit its watershed resources.

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