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**East Bay Regional Park District Public Comments to Alameda City Council regarding the Alameda Point Project**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. For the last 18 years the East Bay Regional Park District has participated in the important base conversion process. We have worked cooperatively with the City of Alameda to develop and operate the popular Bay Trail improvements at a cost of \$300,000. The Park District continues to spend regional park funds to operate these improvements.

The Park District is willing to continue to make regional park investments in the City of Alameda as we have just done with the \$5.6 million restoration of Crown Beach. The Park District and the City should work together to bring important recreation and wildlife habitat investments to Alameda Point, which will greatly benefit Alameda residents.

The Park District has already worked with the Veterans Administration (VA) to successfully complete a complex 5-way multi agency negotiation for the required Biological Opinion that will protect special status species habitat. It will also allow the VA to move forward with their land transfer from the Navy and development of the VA outpatient clinic and columbarium.

The Park District is also willing to work cooperatively with the City in establishing a Northwest Territories regional preserve that will complement the VA facilities and the planned City sports complex. But we can only invest regional park bond money if we have an agreement to do so, and to do it wisely. And only if the City wants to work in partnership with the Park District, as it has for the past six decades.

If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 510-544-2621 or at [ltong@ebparks.org](mailto:ltong@ebparks.org).

Larry Tong,  
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Attachment: May 16, 2012 Letter from City Manager John Russo to EBRPD regarding the development of a regional park in the Northwest Territories

*Submitted by Larry Tong  
at the 2-4-14 EC meeting  
Re: G-B*

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May 16, 2012

Mr. Robert Doyle  
General Manager  
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Dear Mr. Doyle:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Mayor Gilmore and me on April 16, 2012 to discuss the possibility of East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) developing a regional park in the Northwest Territories (NWT) at Alameda Point in the City of Alameda. We believe that a successfully developed regional park in this area could be a great asset for the East Bay.

This letter is intended to summarize the City's understanding of our meeting:

1. EBRPD and the City remain committed to facilitating development of a regional park in the NWT at Alameda Point, despite a recent disagreement over the appropriate consideration for the long-term use of the property;
2. EBRPD will commission for the City's review an appraisal of the property intended for the regional park upon transfer of ownership of the property from the Navy to the City; and
3. EBRPD and the City will negotiate a long-term lease for the property, including the appropriate consideration for long-term use of the property, upon receiving the results of the appraisal. If staff agreement is obtained on a lease, both EBRPD and the City staff will recommend approval to their respective governing bodies.

If you have any further comments or questions, please contact me at (510) 747-4700 or at [jrusso@ci.alameda.ca.us](mailto:jrusso@ci.alameda.ca.us).

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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