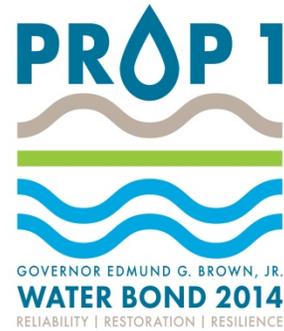




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Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program

2016-17 Concept Proposal Staff Recommendation

Project Title	Bay Point Restoration and Public Access Project		
Applicant	East Bay Regional Park District		
Project Number	Prop 1-1601	Category	1
County	Contra Costa	Funding Request	\$ Budget not included in the application
Score	67.0	Total Project Cost	\$ Budget not included in the application

Staff Recommendation:

Delta Conservancy staff does not recommend that the Board request the East Bay Regional Park District submit a full application for the Bay Point Restoration and Public Access (Prop 1-1601) to the Delta Conservancy’s Proposition 1 grant program.

Project Description:

The project defined in this concept proposal is a planning project to design habitat within the Bay Point Regional Shoreline, a 150-acre area located on the shore of Suisun Bay, approximately 1.5 miles outside the legal Delta. Of those 150 acres, approximately 27 are diked former marshland that has been used for sand dredging operations from the early 1950’s to the 1980’s. This 27 acre section is the focus of this planning project. The proposed planning process is for an implementation project that will provide long-term habitat value for key species by incorporating an adaptive retreat approach to sea level rise. Habitat design will ensure a mix of diverse habitat types, including transition zone and high marsh, to help offset sea level rise impacts to key species including salt march harvest mouse, and ridgeway’s rail. The planning process will yield a project that will contribute to the recovery of special status plant and animal species by creating or restoring tidal wetlands, seasonal wetlands, and coastal prairie. Due to the lack of a budget, it is unclear exactly what portions of the planning for this project would be funded by under a Proposition 1 grant from the Delta Conservancy.