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Mayor Tom Butt,  
City of Richmond Councilmembers  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 4046  
Richmond, California 94804-1630

**RE: Potential Shoreline Park at Point Molate**

Dear Mayor Butt and City of Richmond Councilmembers:

By way of this letter, the East Bay Regional Park District (District) is conveying its support for a regional park on some portion of land currently owned by the City of Richmond at Point Molate. The District's 2013 Master Plan (Master Plan) identifies a Potential Regional Shoreline at Point Molate. The Master Plan defines a Regional Shoreline as an area that "...provides significant recreational, interpretive, natural, or scenic values on land, water and tidal areas along the San Francisco Bay..." The District also participated with the City of Richmond in the development of the San Pablo Peninsula Open Space Study (May 2005). This study concluded that a permanently protected open space and park facility on the San Pablo Peninsula is appropriate and desirable.

The District's Measure WW Expenditure Plan has allocated \$4,296,000 for a potential park at Point San Pablo Peninsula (which is inclusive of Point Molate). Further, the District is already proceeding with design of a Bay Trail segment southerly of Point Molate on District land, and on City land through Point Molate Beach Park. The District is currently using District Measure CC funds to complete this design and will apply for additional grants and outside funds to proceed with construction.

These actions serve as the District's commitment to partner with the City on fulfilling the vision of the Master Plan and the Open Space Study for a Regional Shoreline at Point Molate. It would be helpful if the City would indicate what portion of the City lands would be made available for open space and park purposes. Should this mutual commitment of establishing a Regional Shoreline progress, the District would take steps to raise additional outside grants and funding sources to match the Measure WW funds to begin planning and development of the shoreline.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Doyle  
General Manager

cc: East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors  
Bill Lindsay, City Manager, City of Richmond

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