EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015 - 11 - 316

November 3, 2015

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE EXPORT OF COAL THROUGH
THE NEW OAKLAND GLOBAL TRADE AND LOGISTICS CENTER

WHEREAS, the mission of the East Bay Regional Park District includes a commitment to incorporate an environmental ethic to guide all that we do; and

WHEREAS, the District is an active, committed leader in the international Healthy Parks Healthy People movement; and

WHEREAS, the new eastern span of the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge features the very popular Alexander Zuckermann bicycle/pedestrian path along its southern edge which is now a destination of regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the pathway will connect to a segment of the Bay Trail on a spit of U.S. Army property located at the east end of the bridge, which is planned to be transferred to the East Bay Regional Park District for the development of Gateway Park; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of daily release of coal dust directly adjacent to a park is counter to the District’s mission to provide healthful recreation and include an environmental ethic in the District’s activity; and

WHEREAS, coal dust presents clear health risks to communities, as tests show that coal dust contains substances known to impact human health including arsenic, lead, chromium, nickel, selenium and other toxic heavy metals; and

WHEREAS, coal burning leads to as many as 13,000 premature deaths every year and more than $100 billion in annual health costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby express opposition to the export of coal through Oakland and specifically the Oakland Global Trade and Logistics Center at the former Oakland Army Base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.
Moved by Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, and adopted this 3rd day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

FOR: Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
AGAINST: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson

CERTIFICATION
I, Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2015-31 adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on November 3, 2015.

[Signature]
Board President