



MEMORANDUM

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TO: LARPD EBRPD Liaison Committee

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SUBJECT: Del Valle Ventek and Traffic Reduction Improvements

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PURPOSE

Provide an informational update on the Del Valle Ventek and traffic reduction improvements, including an initiative to implement self service pay machines to mitigate traffic concerns.

BACKGROUND

Del Valle Regional Park spans more than 4,700 acres across rugged hills and oak woodlands, surrounding Lake Del Valle, offering recreation opportunities including hiking, biking, swimming, boating, fishing, horseback riding, and camping. Highlights include the large reservoir, marina and boat rentals, two swim beaches, family and group campgrounds, miles of multi-use trails, and access to the 28-mile Ohlone Wilderness Trail.

Del Valle has one main vehicle entry point along Del Valle Road, which can become congested on weekends – particularly between Easter and Labor Day and on holiday weekends. In 2025, Del Valle had 477,086 visitors, of which 52% visited within the May – August timeframe. Addressing traffic challenges and improving entry accessibility is a priority.

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is committed to being a good neighbor and community partner, emphasizing the importance of safety along Del Valle Road and accessibility to natural landscapes for all. As such, the Park District has made many changes to improve entrance into the park.

Improvements have included changes to the entry fee, traffic control, and purchasing of self service pay machines to further reduce congestion at the entry kiosk. In 2024, the park switched to a \$10 flat entry fee to reduce transaction time at the entry kiosk. The same year, the Park District began hiring a traffic control company on major holidays to assist with park visitors and residents using Del Valle Road. On August 4, 2026, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of 10 self service pay machines, to be placed strategically throughout the park, enabling visitors to bypass the entry kiosk. These will begin operation in 2027.

Previous efforts included a request by Alameda County to restripe the ingress lane into two lanes. However, preliminary discussions found a slurry seal, a thin protective coating, would be required as part of the project.

The cost was estimated between \$100,000 and \$370,900. The Park District has invested in Ventek automated fee collection stations and is not pursuing restriping at this time due to the associated cost and potential impacts on cyclists entering and exiting the park.

For more information and continued updates on Del Valle entry improvements, visit ebparks.org/parks/del-valle.

Lake Del Valle Traffic Mitigation Update: Self Service Pay Machine Initiative

- On August 4th, 2026, the Board approved the purchase of 10 self service pay machines
- The machines will be placed strategically throughout the park
- All of the machines are anticipated to be up and running prior to the start of the 2027 Summer Focus

