

A Long-Term Vision

The Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline was the long-term vision of former EBRPD Director John Sutter. He saw the potential for a future waterfront park in the 1960's while the area was still active as the Oakland Army Base and proposed its designation as future parkland in 1967 in a letter to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Director John Sutter continued advocating for the creation of this park until its opening in 2020.

“While the area just south of the Bay Bridge is held by the Army, its possible eventual release and public use for recreation should be contemplated. With good views and good access to the water it could be usefully developed and provide an attractive gateway to Oakland.”

Quoted from a November 24, 1967 letter signed by Citizens for Regional Recreation and Parks president John H. Sutter.



John Sutter

Photo: Anda Chu



Bridge Yard Building

Photo: Karl Nielsen



Observtion Pier

Photo: Terry Sims



Bridge Yard Interior

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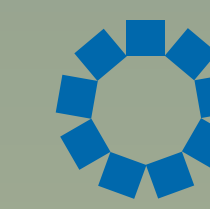


Cable Compactor

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The Gateway Park Working Group

Formed to advance and manage the park planning effort, The Gateway Park Working Group enabled a collaborative and comprehensive approach to the development of the site, which includes several property owners with a number of ongoing plans, regulations and permitting requirements. The Group consists of the Association of Bay Area Governments, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, CalTrans, California Transportation Commission, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Port of Oakland, the City of Oakland, the Bay Area Toll Authority, and the East Bay Regional Park District.



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