

Daniel Lurie, Mayor



Kat Anderson, Commission President  
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TIDA Board President Tsen and Esteemed Directors,

I am writing to present the proposed two-year budget for the management and operations of Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island parks and open spaces. San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (Rec and Park) staff have worked diligently, in cooperation with TIDA staff, to provide this comprehensive budget proposal.

As we begin this exciting new partnership, I want to express how proud I am of the expertise and dedication of Rec and Park staff. It is thanks to our incredibly skilled gardeners, arborists, custodians and other personnel, that San Francisco's Park system is one of the top-ranked in the nation.

The proposed budget is designed to effectively and thoroughly address the operations and maintenance needs of TI/YBI parks over the coming years. This model is based upon a thorough analysis of park acreage, park/landscape type, park facilities and department staffing. We have built upon established park-staffing models, including the one developed for the management of Mission Bay Parks which the Department successfully assumed management of in 2023.

Key areas of focus in this budget proposal include:

1. **Early Coordination and Support** – RPD staff is meeting monthly/regularly with TIDA staff, to review future park designs, and review horticultural practices and planting decisions.
2. **Staff Onboarding** - One dedicated Park Services Manager position will be onboarded six months prior to the official start-date of RPD operations at TIDA parks to gain sufficient knowledge of the park system and plan for its maintenance and operational needs. Fourteen (14) full-time staff will begin two months prior to the official start date, to complete their training and onboarding. RPD will be fully prepared to begin operations on the islands on July 1, 2026.
3. **Specialized Staff** – Provide 8 different job categories (gardener, custodian, arborist, natural resource specialist, painter, plumber, supervisor and manager) to ensure all park operations and maintenance needs are met.
4. **Dedicated Vehicles** – Providing sufficient vehicles on-Island, so staff can effectively and swiftly accomplish their duties

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department is fully committed to extending the expertise and care of San Francisco's world-class park system to the parks and open space on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island. We are proud and excited to join you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Ginsburg".

**Phil Ginsburg**  
General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

