



**Napa County Regional Park
and Open Space District**

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday May 14, 2012 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agenda items will generally be considered in the order indicated below, except for Set Matters, which will be considered at the time indicated. Agenda items may from time to time be taken out of order at the discretion of the President.

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Any member of the audience desiring to address the District on a matter on the Agenda, please proceed to the rostrum and, after receiving recognition from the President, give your name, address, and your comments or questions. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit you comments to the specific subject under discussion. Time limitations shall be at the discretion of the President.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

In this time period, anyone may address the Board of Directors regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction but which is not on today's posted agenda. In order to provide all interested parties an opportunity to speak, time limitations shall be at the discretion of the President. As required by Government Code, no action or discussion will be undertaken on any item raised during this Public Comment period.

3. Set Matters

None

4. Administrative Items

- A. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors regular meeting of April 9, 2012.
- B. Consideration of the following matters related to the operation and management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park:
 - a. Public Hearing and potential adoption of resolution approving rate changes for the Bothe-Napa Valley State Park including the Bale Grist Mill.
 - b. Status report (oral report; no action)
- C. Consideration and potential adoption of resolution supporting the proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area (oral report; draft resolution in agenda packet)
- D. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
- E. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

In this time period, members of the Board of Directors and staff will announce meetings, events and other matters of interest. No action will be taken by the Board on any announcements.

6. Agenda Planning

In this time period, members of the Board of Directors and staff will discuss matters for possible consideration at future meetings. No action will be taken by the Board other than whether and when to agendize such matters, unless specifically noted otherwise.

Set Special Meeting in May and June for Budget deliberations.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, June 11 2012, 2:00 p.m., 1195 Third Street, 3rd floor

7. Adjournment



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STAFF REPORT

Date: May 14, 2012

Agenda Item: 4.B

Subject: Consideration of the following matters related to the operation and management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park:

- a. Public Hearing and potential adoption of resolution approving rate changes for the Bothe-Napa Valley State Park including the Bale Grist Mill.
- b. Status report (oral report; no action)

Recommendation

- a. Hold hearing to take public comment, close hearing, and adopt Resolution 12-2.
- b. Receive staff report on the status of operations and improvements at the state parks.

Background

The District's operating agreement with the State indicates that, before we change any fees at the parks, the Board will hold a hearing to provide an opportunity for public input. State law requires that fees be adopted by a resolution of the Board. Staff is recommending the following changes at this time:

1. Grist Mill Tour Fee. The Association has requested the following fee change:

Adults (18 and over)	\$5	(currently \$3)
Children (6 to 17)	\$2	(no change)
Children (5 and younger)	free	(no change)

For comparison purposes, examples of fees charged for other facilities are as follows:

Sutter's Fort SHP: adult \$6 youth \$4, 5 and under free

Bidwell Mansion SHP: adult \$6, youth \$3, 4 and under free

Jack London SP: entrance fee to park \$8/vehicle. Also docent fees for group tour \$20 for first 20 people, then \$1 extra per person.

Di Rosa preserve: tour \$10-15 per person, free under 12. Gatehouse gallery entrance adults \$5, under 12 \$2

Castello di Amarosa: adult \$18 (includes tasting), children up to 20 yr. \$8

As the above examples demonstrate, even with the proposed fee increase rates for the Bale Grist Mill will be less than comparable facilities. In addition, even with the increase, past experiences indicates that revenues collected from fees will still be less than the total cost of operating the Bale Grist Mill.

2. Yurts. The state is installing three 21 foot diameter yurts in the campground. These are expected to come on line by the end of June. The District is also installing up to nine 16

foot diameter yurts. These will come on line in the June-July period. The District needs to adopt rates for these new facilities. Rates for yurts at other state parks vary from about \$60 to about \$90 per night, depending on location. Staff recommends the following rates:

21 foot diameter yurts: Friday-Sunday \$75/night; Monday-Thursday \$60/night

16 foot diameter yurts: Friday-Sunday \$70/night; Monday-Thursday \$55/night

Whatever rates are adopted, the District should evaluate usage levels this fall and consider adjusting the rates to reflect actual experience. Even with the above proposed rates, the cost of operating Bothe-Napa Valley State Park will be more than the revenues generated by park operations. The higher rates for yurts compared to campsites is justified because a greater level of comfort is provided by the yurts, and there is a greater cost to construct, maintain and clean the yurts than is the case for traditional campsites.

3. Discounts.

<u>Annual Day Use Pass.</u>	\$70/year	New pass good for entry fees, but not camping, tour or other special activity fees.
<u>Promotional Rates</u>		Staff authorized to offer discounts for bulk purchases of passes and for off-peak period and other promotions
<u>Volunteer Appreciation</u>		Staff authorized to offer day use and tour passes and off-peak overnight stays to thank exceptional volunteers.

4. Cabins and Houses. Over the next year the District intends to work on repairing many of the cabins and houses that are located within Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. The long-term goal is to make them available for overnight rental by the general public, but in the short term the District hopes to improve them sufficiently to make them available as month-to-month rentals for either the public or employees. Staff requests authorization to set these rents at levels which are consistent with comparable accommodations in the general area, and to adjust them as needed to respond to market conditions.

Resolution No: _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD
ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR BOTHE-NAPA VALLEY STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (“District”) operates Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park (“Parks”) pursuant to an Operating Agreement (“Operating Agreement”) between the District and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Valley State Parks Association (“Association”) has an agreement with the District to assist with the operation of the Parks, and in particular to take the lead in operating the Bale Grist Mill; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement, prior to setting or adjusting fees charged at the Parks, the District must hold a hearing, take public comment, and adopt the changes by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the fees currently charged at the Parks are not sufficient to cover the costs of operating the Parks; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees do not exceed the cost of providing services at the Parks, do not meet the definition of a tax under California law, and may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Board of Directors adopts the following fees and adjustments.

1. Grist Mill Tour Fee.

Adults (18 and over)	\$5	(currently \$3)
Children (6 to 17)	\$2	(no change)
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Volunteer Appreciation

Staff authorized to offer day use and tour passes and off-peak overnight stays to thank exceptional volunteers.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED MAY 14, 2012.

By: _____

Tony Norris, President, Board of Directors
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 12-02 was duly adopted by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Attest: _____

District Secretary

APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Date:	_____
Processed by:	_____
District Secretary	

APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Office of District Counsel	
By: <u>Chris R.Y. Apallas (e-signature)</u>	
Date: May 9, 2012	

Resolution No: 12-01

RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

WHEREAS, Tuleyome and supportive business owners, anglers, elected officials, private landowners, and other community members seek to permanently protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain public lands as a National Conservation Area and increase economic opportunities for surrounding communities and has approached the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (“District”) for a resolution of support: and

WHEREAS, designation of the Snow Mountain National Conservation Area is consistent with the goals and adopted Master Plan of the District the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to permanently preserve and provide recreational opportunities on public lands within Napa County; and

WHEREAS, National Conservation Area designations have been shown to help communities diversify their economies and increase tourism, thereby generating economic benefits for nearby communities through local employment and tax revenue: and

WHEREAS, National Conservation Area designation would permanently protect some of the most biologically diverse public land in the nation, from the oak woodlands around Lake Berryessa in the south, stretching 100 miles north to the 7,000 foot peak of Snow Mountain Wilderness in the Mendocino National Forest: and

WHEREAS, permanently protected public lands will provide local residents and visitors with opportunities for many recreational activities including hiking, swimming, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, photography, camping, orienteering, wildlife viewing, scientific research, motorized recreation on authorized routes, and nature study

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Board of Directors asks Congress to designate public lands within the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Conservation Area and authorizes the Board President to send letters to California Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Congressman Mike Thompson, and John Garamendi asking for the permanent protection of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2012.

Tony Norris, President, Board of Directors
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 12-01 was duly adopted by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Attest: _____

District Secretary

<p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Processed by: _____ District Secretary</p>

<p>APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of District Counsel</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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STAFF REPORT

Date: May 14, 2012
 Agenda Item: 4.D
 Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager

Recommendation

Receive the report, and authorize General Manager to make recurring payments associated with the operation and management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, without further reporting to the Board of Directors. Recurring expenses include electric service, phone and internet services, garbage and recycling service, and payments into the State contingent account for staff contracted through the State.

Background

Section III.A (7) authorizes the General Manager to bind the district for supplies, materials, labor and other valuable consideration, in accordance with board policy and the adopted District budget, up to \$10,000 for non-construction purposes and up to \$25,000 for construction purposes, provided that all such expenditures are subsequently reported to the Board of Directors. Section III.A(8) of the By-Laws authorizes the General Manager to apply for grants and receive donations, subject to reporting such actions to the Board of Directors. Pursuant to this authorization, the following information is provided to the Board.

Date	Journal #	Purpose	Recipient	Amount
4/4/2012	AP00227195	SP office expenses reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$45.37
4/11/2012	AP00227405	SP Parks aide contingent account	DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION	\$817.00
4/11/2012	AP00227405	SP liability insurance	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES	\$642.84
4/23/2012	AP00227769	SP objects insurance	MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY	\$1,340.00
4/23/2012	AP00227769	SP expense reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$89.33
4/30/2012	AP00227939	SP PG&E (March/April)	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$94.79
4/4/2012	AP00227195	SP Transportation reimbursement - March	JOHN WOODBURY	\$49.95
4/4/2012	AP00227195	GF transportation reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$3.33

4/23/2012	AP00227769	GF BAOSC conf fee reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$180.00
4/4/2012	AP00227195	MC transportation reimbursement March	JOHN WOODBURY	\$23.31
4/11/2012	AP00227405	NRBT dump fee	NAPA-VALLEJO WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$165.95
4/23/2012	AP00227769	NRBT expense reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$2.57
4/26/2012	AP00227858	NRBT iZone panel fabrication reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$2,084.54
4/30/2012	AP00227939	CB –water quality testing	CALTEST ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	\$345.00
4/4/2012	AP00227195	NRER - field trip 3/8	NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$249.00
3/26/2012	AP00226908	NRER – audio interpretation script & docent reimbursement	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$600.00
4/4/2012	AP00227195	PC – Additional Insured fee	LAKE BERRYESSA ESTATES	\$100.00

In light of the new ongoing expenses which the District will be incurring due to taking over management of the state parks, and consistent with the District's practice with other recurring expenses,

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Plan of Projects
Status Report

14-May-12

Name of Project	Description	Status
Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment	Amendment to the proposed alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail extend north to the Oat Hill Mine Trail	Ridge Trail Board has approved evaluating the amended alignment. District staff is working with the Ridge Trail and other partners to prepare the evaluation. Sonoma County agency staff have prepared an initial analysis of trail alignments on the Sonoma side of the Napa-Sonoma border. A proposed realignment for the Napa portion of the route has been prepared and is now under review by Ridge Trail and Sonoma staff, and should be available for BOD review in the near future.
Bay Area Ridge Trail Tuteur Loop	Assignment of Tuteur Loop Ridge Trail easement from the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the District	The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council obtained a donated easement from the Tuteur family and constructed a section of Bay Area Ridge Trail adjacent to Skyline Park. The Council wishes to transfer this easement to the District. Staff for the District and Council have gathered all the relevant documents, and initiated discussion with the Tuteur family to determine if there are any issues or amendments that should be considered. Next steps are to complete legal review of the documents, make amendments if warranted, obtain the consent of the Coastal Conservancy (who funded the trail construction), and then execute the assignment.
Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa	An 8+ mile recreational trail between the cities of American Canyon and Napa generally following the Napa River and interior levees of associated wetlands.	<p>Phase One--Euclptus Drive to Green Island Road <u>The project is complete, and the final inspection by the granting agency is scheduled for May 11, 2012. A formal opening ceremony is scheduled for June 2, 2012.</u></p> <p>Phase Two--Green Island Road to Soscol Ferry Road Questa has completed a revised the draft PUC permit application for a public crossing of the SMART tracks. SMART, NRCA and the PUC have verbally agreed to allow the railroad crossing; formal concurrence is now being sought. District staff is continuing to work with SMART to get their formal approval. LSA Associates has completed a biological survey for the Fagan Marsh area; based on the results, DFG has indicated they do not want the trail alignment to follow the levee on the north side of Fagan Marsh; District staff is now reviewing the feasibility of an alternative alignment. DFG, the Bay Trail Project and the Coastal Conservancy are funding the preparation of the supplemental environmental analysis for the section of the trail next to DFG's ponds 9 and 10; this work is being handled by Ducks Unlimited on behalf of DFG. District staff met with the involved parties on May 25, 2011 and again on November 9, 2011 to resolve questions, and is continuing to meet to address questions about the scope of additional CEQA review. DU has completed their draft review, including cost estimates. District staff together with Napa Sanitation District staff toured two other water treatment facilities that have segments of the Bay Trail going through or past their facilities.</p> <p>Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe All permits and permissions have been obtained, and construction bid documents are done. Caltrans has determined the project is eligible for federal Transportation Enhancements grant funds, and has approved NEPA review for the project. Staff is now completing Caltrans' extensive paperwork needed to obtain the funds. The goal was to to construct the project May-June 2012, but Caltrans approval will not be ready in time. Hopefull the funding can be extended, but this is not guaranteed.</p>
Berryessa Estates	Acquire 480 acres next to Berryessa Estates from BLM at no fee through their Recreation and Public Purpose Act procedure. Would serve as a wilderness park for local residents eventually be the northern trailhead for a trail between Berryess Estates and Pope Canyon.	The District met with BLM in mid-January 2011 to discuss how to speed up BLM's process for the no-fee transfer of this property. Another meeting was held August 5, 2011 to try and speed up the BLM processing of this application. CDF and the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department have added a proposal to construct a fire substation on a corner of the property. A community meeting was held March 2009 to get input from the community. The District has completed the donation to the District of a small, 0.2 acre property that provides critical access to the northeast corner of the property. The District has allowed excess soil from a nearby public project to be disposed of on this property, which saves them money and facilitates the eventual construction of the fire substation; staff is working on a drainage easement to the County to assure the County takes care of the extension of the storm drain under this new fill. CDF crews did extensive fire break work in 2009 through 2011 to protect the residences next to the BLM land.
Berryessa Vista	Planning and stewardship of this 224 acre wilderness park.	Volunteers working with the District have completed detailed GIS mapping showing all existing roads, creek crossings, vista points and potential campsites. Continuing damage by off-road vehicles trespassing on the property was noted; staff is developing a plan for how to stop the trespass. As a first step, a letter was sent to all property owners in that area introducing the District, explaining the deed restriction prohibiting off road vehicles, and asking for their cooperation. No further work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed by Berryessa Trails and Conservation. District staff has been meeting with Reclamation, their consultants and interested parties on the trail planning and prioritization. An inholding between the District's property and BLM property is available for purchase; the land trust has agreed to pursue purchase of the property, with the understanding that the District is interested in acquiring the property from the land trust at a futrue date when funding is available.

<p>Blue Ridge/Berryess Peak Trail</p> <p>Obtain right of way and construct trail to provide public access to extensive federal lands on Blue Ridge and to Berryessa Peak</p>	<p>Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. Undertook a reconnaissance of the trail route in December 2008. Based on this reconnaissance, a revised easement description was drafted, approved by the landowner and recorded. Botanical surveys field work needed for CEQA review is complete. At Negative Declaration and Use Permit hearing was approved December 16, 2009 by the County Planning Commission. An Operations and Management Plan has been approved by the property owner and the District. There were volunteer trail building work parties in November 2010 and January, February and March and April 2011 working on the easement section of the trail. BLM staff on April 11th inspected the proposed trail alignment where it crosses BLM land. District and BLM staff meet on August 5, 2011 to determine how to speed completion of BLM review of this project. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. Volunteer work parties were led by Yolo Hiker in December 2011 and January, February and March 2012. <u>The District has requested a meeting with Fish and Game to discuss signage at the trailhead on DFG property.</u></p>
<p>Camp Berryessa</p> <p>Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a group/environmental education camp.</p>	<p>CEQA and NEPA review is complete, as is the Use Agreement between the District and Reclamation. A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction has been provided by the Mead Foundation, together with a \$1.5 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. The contract for preparation of plans and specifications with Psomas was approved by the Board at its October meeting, and Psomas is now in the first phase of the design work. A meeting of potential future users was held September 22, 2011. A coordination meeting with Reclamation was held in November, 2011. The District has contracted for labor compliance monitoring for the construction work. <u>Efforts to reuse the existing well proved unsuccessful, though water quality tests did demonstrate the groundwater in the area is of acceptable quality.</u> The camp will likely open in the fall of 2013.</p>
<p>District Non-profit Foundation</p> <p>Organize a non-profit foundation to raise funds for District projects</p>	<p>The District Board has approved the goals, objectives and basic structure for a non-profit foundation to assist the District with fundraising. Formation of the foundation will likely be timed to the opening of Camp Berryessa.</p>
<p>Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails</p> <p>Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct approximately 1 mile of new single track trail, into a loop trail system on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the planned Moore Creek Open Space Park trail system.</p>	<p>The Napa City Council in November, 2009 directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails. A plant survey of the new section of trail was completed on April 3, 2010. City and District staff have come to an agreement on the extent of improvements and operational parameters, and the District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 14, 2011. The City and District are now working to complete a draft agreement for approval by both agencies; the City's legal department has completed its review of the draft agreement. <u>District and City staff met April 11th to resolve differences with the draft. Based on this meeting, District staff has modified the draft agreement, and the City is reviewing these changes.</u> The earliest this area could be opened to the public is fall of 2013.</p>
<p><u>Master Plan Update</u></p> <p>First scheduled update to the Master Plan adopted in January 2009</p>	<p>Board adhoc committee appointed. Methodology for doing update has been agreed upon. Project was delayed due to competing demands on staff time (primarily the effort to keep Napa's state parks from closing. A draft update has been prepared by staff working with the Board ad hoc committee for the Master Plan update and <u>released by the Board at the April 9, 2012 meeting for public comment. The plan is scheduled for consideration and adoption by the Board at its June 2012 meeting.</u></p>
<p>Moore Creek Open Space Park Development</p> <p>Development of open space park on 673 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessey to protect habitat, provide recreational trails, and overnight camping facilities.</p>	<p>All discretionary permits have been obtained, and park improvements are underway. The County road department completed paving of the entryway driveway in November 2012. The plans and specifications for the restroom facilities are complete, and the building permit application has been submitted. The design of the new septic system for the ranch house has been approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and is now before the County for permits. The eastern boundary survey is complete except for a small amount of flagging, and several fencing contractors are preparing bids for the work. More trailwork and french broom pulling was done at the December 2011 and <u>January and February 2012 volunteer work weekends. The ranch house was used by VOCAL for a crew leader training in March, and a Land Trust first aide training in February.</u> The park is expected to open to the public in the summer of 2012.</p>
<p>Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration</p> <p>Remove invasive plants and restore native vegetation in the entryway meadow, replace damaged signage and information panels, restore the interior trail and interpretive elements, and if feasible install a seasonal bridge, using a \$100,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy.</p>	<p>The CCC did mechanical and chemical weed removal and installed an all-weather surface on the trail from the parking area to the river levee, in May and June 2010. Additional invasive weed removal, mapping, and cleanup was done by volunteers on numerous occasions in 2010 and 2011. The District has used grant funding to bring several thousand students to the site to study ecology of the area and assist with the habitat restoration. Staff met with invasive plant control specialists on June 3, 2011 to evaluate eradication efforts to date and plan next steps. Native plant cuttings gathered from the reserve were propagated and planted by volunteers in Dec 2011 and Jan 2012. Supplemental grant funding for the restoration work was awarded by the County Wildlife Commission and the Conservancy is willing to extend the termination date for their grant, in light of the delays to the project caused by the State's budget problems. DFG has agreed to a simplified approval process. District staff met with DFG on December 8, 2011 to agree on work plans for 2012. <u>Several school field trips have been held since the beginning of the calendar year.</u></p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Improvements to first 1/2 mile of trail next to Calistoga</p>	<p>The litigation holding up this project has been successfully concluded, meaning the District can now complete repairs to the first 1/2 mile of the trail. Because of the cash flow needs of the Napa River and Bay Trail project, completion of the work on the Oat Hill Mine will be delayed until summer of 2012. Several of the trail sign posts have been vandalized and will need to be replaced. <u>The District is working with Tulevome on a project to clean up the Twin Peaks and Corona Mines, in the hopes this may enable the District to safely open the northern Oat Hill Mine Trail for public use.</u></p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Transfer of 40 acre parcel from BLM</p>	<p>The District in 2008 applied to BLM for a non-fee transfer to the District of a 40 acre parcel at Maple Springs on the Oat Hill Mine Trail; this application is pending. Staff met with BLM in February 2011 to discuss how to speed up this transfer; another meeting with the same topic was held August 5, 2011.</p>

<p>Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail</p> <p>Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.</p>	<p>CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--staff is preparing an update to the Negative Declaration due to the passage of time since the original approval. The project concept has been approved by the District Board, and is being positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. Veterans Home staff have been having difficulty figuring out what approval process is needed, because of ongoing discussions at the state level about the appropriate roles and future programs for the Veterans Home. District and Veterans Home staff have discussed possible short-terms steps that can be taken to get the project moving. Key management staff at the Veterans Home retired in November 2010, so progress is delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions.</p>
<p>River to Ridge Trail</p> <p>Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it currently encroaches on private property in two locations)</p>	<p>Deeds accomplishing the adjustment in property boundaries between Syar and the State have been recorded. If the County ends up not being able to purchase Skyline Park, including the area with the River to Ridge Trail, then the County and the state will need to record a new trail alignment easement description.</p>
<p>Skyline Park Protection</p> <p>Purchase of Skyline Park from the State</p>	<p>Three past legislative efforts to authorize sale to the County failed due to unrelated disagreements between the state legislature and administration. Separately, the County in September 2009 approved a new park overlay zone and an updated Master Plan for Skyline Park. A fourth legislative effort by Assemblymember Evans in 2010, sponsored by Napa County and supported by the District, was approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The County and state General Services have agreed on an appraisal process for determining the fair market value purchase price. The County has retained an appraiser acceptable to the State and a draft appraisal is now being reviewed by the County and the State. <u>In late April 2012 the state indicated they were rescinding their offer to sell the park even at the unencumbered estimated value, and were going to prepare their own appraisal.</u></p>
<p>Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral</p> <p>Planning for 3,400 acres of open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trincherio</p>	<p>Staff met with key community leaders from Lake Berryessa Estates on February 6 and March 6, 2011. A public session was held April 21st at the Pope Valley Farm Center. The District has negotiated an easement across the District's Stone Corral property to resolve one of the clouds on the title to this land; this easement was approved by the Board at its October meeting, and has now been finalized and recorded. Staff met with the LBRPOA Board on November 13th and again on December 4, 2011 to discuss use of the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral areas. The District took full possession of the properties on January 1, 2012. The District is working with a well driller to make the existing well in Spanish Valley functional. The District has contracted for botanical <u>and bird surveys</u> over the course of this year, and is also in the process of contracting with a biologist to prepare animal surveys needed for the environmental review process.</p>
<p>State Parks</p> <p>Operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park</p>	<p><u>The Park Manager has been hired, the assistant manager position has been offered to a candidate and the offer has been accepted, a part-time community outreach professional is under contract, and two seasonal park aides have been hired. Camp hosts are in place. Staff is still seeking permission from the County to reopen the swimming pool. The state is nearly complete with installing 3 yurts, and the District has completed site prep in anticipation of installing an additional 7 yurts. Numerous volunteer projects were held in April (PG&E event improving the Mill, firewood splitting, hazardous tree removal, mowing, pool cleaning, native plant garden maintenance, historic orchard restoration, and lots of trash removal).</u></p>
<p>Vallejo Lakes</p> <p>Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County</p>	<p>Discussions between the District, the Land Trust of Napa County, the County of Solano and the Solano Land Trust indicate a common desire to work together to purchase this property adjacent to Skyline Park. The City Council of the City of Vallejo has officially authorized staff to pursue surplusing of the property. The City of Vallejo has hired an appraiser to prepare an estimate of the property's fair market value, but this has not yet been released. District staff met with Solano Land Trust staff on September 7, 2011 to discuss project status and next steps. The District GM, together with the County of Solano EO, in February 2012 each sent letters to the City of Vallejo expressing interest in the property and requesting notification per state law of any planned surplusing of the property. The District's analysis of County ROW's with potential for recreational trails identified a potential ROW through the Vallejo Lakes property; however, it appears that one short section of the historic ROW is in Solano County and appears to not have been properly established.</p>
<p>Vine Trail</p> <p>A Class I bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal sponsored by the Vine Trail Coalition, of which the District is a participating member.</p>	<p>The District has entered into an MOU with the Vine Trail Coalition to provide assistance as requested by the Coalition in receiving funds, preparing plans and environmental documents, constructing and operating the trail. The District, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Vine Trail Coalition have prepared a joint Case Statement for the combined trail network for fundraising purposes. The District on February 5, 2010 submitted an appropriations request for FY 2011 to Senator Feinstein, and a similar request to Congressman Thompson on February 26, 2010 on behalf of the Vine Trail Coalition. Approximately \$235,000 in federal Transportation Enhancements fund is available to construct the section of the trail under the Butler Bridge. NCTPA will act as pass-through for both of this grant, since Caltrans has not been willing to enter into a Master Agreement with the District. Staff is currently working through the paperwork required by Caltrans for this grant. Delays in getting the paperwork processed mean the project will not happen this fiscal year; a funding extension will need to be requested, though the extension is not guaranteed.</p>

Completed Projects

Berryessa Vista Acquisition	Purchase of 224 acres from the Land Trust of Napa County for use as a public park completed in early 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
Connolly Ranch	Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
Oat Hill Mine Trail	The Oat Hill Mine Trail was formally opened in May Of 2008, after a major volunteer work party doing signage installation, brush removal and erosion control.
Historic ROW Analysis	Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those which have greatest potential. Study to determine location and status of historic road Rights-of-Way and whether they have value as non-motorized recreational trails
Linda Falls	Conservation easement accepted in spring 2008 from Land Trust of Napa County to provide additional protection for this 39 acre property, which is owned by the land trust
Master Plan Development	The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study	The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on the Milliken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running. Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area
Moore Creek Open Space Park	Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008. Trail reroute to remove two stream crossings mostly completed in May 2009. New heater installed in gatehouse in April 2009.
Napa River Ecological Reserve Improvements	Parking area paved, and rock barrier installed to control vehicular access in 2007. Trash enclosure constructed and entry signs restored by volunteers in 2008. Deteriorated kiosk removed in 2008. The District in July 2008 assumed the County's role in managing the preserve under the joint management agreement with DFG. A new maintenance contract with the non-profit organization Options 3 was started in January 2009. The old deteriorated information kiosk, which had become a serious eyesore, was removed in November 2008.
Napa River Flood Control Easement	Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding
Newell Preserve Improvements	As part of the arrangement with the land trust on the District's purchase of Berryessa Vista, the land trust was willing to use some of the proceeds from the transaction to fund a well pump and distribution system at the Preserve. However, the first well drilled by the City of American Canyon came up dry. The City has dropped plans for digging any more test wells. Provide on-site water supply for group campground for cattle
River to Ridge Trail Enhancements	Installation of animal silhouettes along the entryway fence illustrating the types of birds and mammals that can be found in the area completed by Eagle Scout candidate in 2008. In November 2008 five Valley Oak trees were planted at the Highway 221 entrance to the trail with the assistance of a volunteer from CNPS.
River to Ridge Trail Entrance Enhancements	A new information kiosk was installed at the entrance in December 2008 as part of a Boy Scout project. Several Live Oak seedlings were donated by CNPS and have been planted at the entrance to improve its appearance.
Skyline Park Road and Trail Improvements	Erosion control work on Lake Marie Road, and paving of campground loop road, completed in 2007 using State Prop 12 funds.
Skyline Park Concessionaire Agreement Renewal	District staff negotiated renewal of concessionaire agreement on behalf of the County. The renewal involved changes to the fee schedule and amendments to and approval of subagreements with three non-profit partner organizations.
Skyline Park Trail Improvements	Staff worked with SPCA and V-O-CAL to sponsor a weekend work party on October 15-17, 2010. Approximately 110 volunteers worked to reroute and repair trails experiencing serious erosion problems. SPCA is donating \$1,000 toward expenses. Major volunteer event to reroute and repair trails
Skyline Park Facility Improvements	The proposals for a second greenhouse and a covered arena were approved by the Department of General Services and by the County Board of Supervisors. The sponsors of these projects are now raising funds for implementation. Partner-sponsored improvement include a second greenhouse and a covered equestrian arena.
<u>River to Ridge Trail</u>	Correct drainage problems to trail can be used year-round. Two volunteer work weekends in March and April and two more in May of 2010 were organized by the District to clear brush, improve drainage, and surface about 300 feet of the trail with quarry fines to control problems with mud. <u>Volunteers completed additional work in August 2011.</u>
South Napa Wetlands Habitat Area	Transfer was approved in concept by the flood control district, and Park District staff prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. Subsequently, attorney's for the

	Transfer to the District those wetlands owned by the Napa County flood control district between the Napa River, Highway 29 and Newport Drive for use as habitat and nature-based recreation.	flood district concluded it would be better from their perspective for the flood district to retain ownership of the property, due to their ongoing maintenance obligation:
State Parks	Assume management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and keep it and the Bale Grist Mill open	The District took over operations of the parks on April 1, 2012, and have a 5 year agreement with the State to continue operating the parks.
Trichero Open Space Acquisition	Donation of 3,400 acres of open space to the District by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero	The donation was completed on December 29, 2010. A related granting of an access easement to the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District was completed in mid-January 2011.
Wild Lake Ranch	Assist land trust with planning and possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas.	The District participated in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that was led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust has decided, at least for the near term, to manage the Wildlake-Duff property itself.