



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

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 14, 2011 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

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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

2:05 PM Vine Trail Presentation by Chuck McMinn

4. Administrative Items

- A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of February 14, 2011.
- B. Receipt of 8 month budget report and consideration of recommended budget adjustments.
- C. Receipt of status report on Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral planning activities, and direction to staff on process going forward.
- D. Receipt of oral report from the Board's Master Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Directors Norris and Finigan) on the proposed process for updating the Master Plan, and potential direction to the Subcommittee.
- E. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
- F. 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.

7. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by President Myrna Abramowicz.
Directors Harold Kelly, Tony Norris, Guy Kay, Dave Finigan and Myrna Abramowicz present.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Set Matters

None

4. Administrative Items

A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of January 10, 2011.

Minutes were approved as presented.
TN-GK-DF-HK-MA

B. Public hearing on and consideration of and potential decision to: adopt Moore Creek Park Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to authorize the General Manager to apply for a County Use Permit and a City of Napa agreement to construct and operate the project.

Directors voted to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, amended as recommended by the General Manager based on public comment.
DF-TN-GK-HK-MA

Directors voted to authorize the General Manager and/or Board President to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to apply for and obtain a County Use Permit and a City of Napa agreement to construct and operate the project.

DF-TN-HK-GK-MA

- C. Public hearing on and consideration of and potential decision to adopt the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Camp Berryessa, and to authorize the Board President to execute a Resolution accepting a grant of \$1.5 million from the State Coastal Conservancy to construct the facility.

Directors voted to adopt the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

GK-DF-HK-TN-MA

Directors voted to approve Resolution accepting a grant of \$1.5 million from the State Coastal Conservancy.

GK-TN-HK-DF-MA

- D. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager, and approval of ongoing expenses for Moore Creek internet service.

Directors received the report, and voted to approve the ongoing expenses for Moore Creek internet service.

DF-GK-TN-HK-MA

- E. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on Napa River Bay Trail, Camp Berryessa, Oak Hill Mine Trail, and Rector Ridge/Stags Leap.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

Directors Dave Finigan and Harold Kelly gave a report on the Flyway Festival.

6. Agenda Planning

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned to the regular Park & Open Space District Meeting of March 14, 2011.

MYRNA ABRAMOWICZ, Board President

ATTEST:

MELISSA GRAY
District Secretary

Key

Vote: HK = Harold Kelly; TN = Tony Norris; GK = Guy Kay; DF = David Finigan; MA = Myrna Abramowicz

The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.

Notations under vote: N = No; A = Abstain; X = Excused



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STAFF REPORT

Date: March 14, 2011
 Agenda Item: 4.B
 Subject: Receipt of 8 month budget report and consideration of recommended budget adjustments.

Recommendation

Receive 8 month budget report and approve adjustments to the budget as shown in the attached spreadsheet and as summarized below.

Background

The attached spreadsheet shows the adopted budget, actual expenditures through the end of February 2011 (8 month review), and recommended adjustments. Note that the General Manager is authorized to make adjustments to the budget between line items within each department (eg, park unit), whereas changes to the total revenues and/or expenses for each department must be approved by the Board. The line item detail is included for informational purposes only.

Overall, the recommended budget revision drops both total revenues and total expenses by nearly \$1 million. This is nearly all due to postponing most of the construction of Phase I of the Napa River/Bay Trail until the start of the next fiscal year.

The budgetary bottom line is that despite some unexpected expenses (such as those associated with the Trinchero donation), due to careful budgeting the District is on track to end the fiscal year without having to drawn down reserves. This compares favorably to the original budget, which projected a deficit of \$44,000. However, it should be noted that as revised there is no room for unexpected expenses. As a result, after third quarter results are complete, it may turn out that some use of District reserves may still be necessary.

Budget Adjustments Requiring Board Approval

Overall District budget: Reduces both revenues and expenses to \$819,394.

Moore Creek: Reduce revenues and expenses to \$258,000.

Napa River and Bay Trail: Reduce revenues and expenses to \$118,070. Savings to be rolled into the next fiscal year.

Camp Berryessa: Reduce revenues and expenses to \$75,100. Change is result of savings on environmental review contract.

Napa River Ecological Reserve: Reduce conservancy grant revenues and construction contract expenses to \$49,000.

Summary of All Budget Adjustments

Moore Creek

- Construction contracts reduced by \$31,190; Contract Professional Services (non-county) increased by \$31,190.
- County operating grant revenues reduced by \$22,000 construction contract expenses also reduced by \$22,000

Oat Hill Mine Trail

- Shift revenues of \$39,824 from the County special projects grant to the county operating grant.

Napa River and Bay Trail

- County operating grant increased by \$500, and transportation expense increased by \$500.
- County operating grant increased by \$12,570 and contract professional services expense increased by \$12,570 (this expense should have been carried over from the prior fiscal year, but wasn't, so needs to be shown under this year revenues.
- Resources grant funded construction reduced to \$105,000. Except for fencing, which may be done this fiscal year, construction is scheduled to start July 1, 2011, and be completed next fiscal year.
- Resources grant funded Interpretive elements for this year reduced to \$5,000
- County operating grant increased by \$12,570 to cover remaining costs on Phase II environmental review by LSA.

Camp Berryessa

- \$21,000 of the Mead grant of \$50,000 added to this year's budget; use of reserve funds of \$44,000 eliminated.; County operating grant revenues reduced by \$13,000.

Berryessa Vista

- No change

Napa River Ecological Reserve

- Add \$500 for transportation; reduce contract professional services by \$500.
- Conservancy grant revenues and associated expenses reduced by \$20,000 this year; saved revenues to be carried over into 2011-12

General Fund

- Insurance increased by \$225. Contingencies and special projects reduced by \$225.
- Office expense reduced by \$500
- Contract Professional Services (County) reduced by \$5,000
- Legal expenses increased by \$5,500

Budget 2010-11 Recommended Revision March 14, 2011

Revenues

Description	Recommended Revised Budget 2010-2011								8 Month Actuals							
	Moore Creek	Oat Hill Mine Trail	Napa River and Bay Trail	Camp Berryessa	Berryessa Vista	Napa River Ecological Reserve	General Fund	Total	Moore Creek	Oat Hill Mine Trail	Napa River and Bay Trail	Camp Berryessa	Berryessa Vista	Napa River Ecological Reserve	General Fund	Total
	0 Interest								\$0							
1 Operating Grant from Napa County		\$41,924	\$13,070	\$54,100	\$2,000	\$14,000	\$255,300	\$380,394	\$25,152	\$413	\$12,574	\$50,766		\$6,269	\$137,006	\$232,179
2 Elections Cost Grant from Napa County							\$0	\$0								\$0
3 Special Projects Grant from Napa County								\$0								\$0
4 State Coastal Conservancy Grant						\$35,000		\$35,000								\$0
5 Resources Agency Grant			\$105,000					\$105,000								\$0
5a Mead Foundation				\$21,000				\$21,000				\$50,000				\$50,000
6 Donations								\$0							\$1,400	\$1,400
7 Program Income	\$8,000							\$8,000	\$6,524							\$6,524
8 Special Projects Grant for Moore Creek	\$250,000							\$250,000								\$0
9 Use of District Reserves				\$0				\$0								\$0
10 Total Revenue	\$258,000	\$41,924	\$118,070	\$75,100	\$2,000	\$49,000	\$255,300	\$799,394	\$31,676	\$413	\$12,574	\$100,766	\$0	\$6,269	\$138,406	\$290,103

Expenses

Description	2010-2011								8 Month Actuals							
	Moore Creek	Oat Hill Mine Trail	Napa River and Bay Trail	Camp Berryessa	Berryessa Vista	Napa River Ecological Reserve	General Fund	Total	Moore Creek	Oat Hill Mine Trail	Napa River and Bay Trail	Camp Berryessa	Berryessa Vista	Napa River Ecological Reserve	General Fund	Total
	11 CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (COUNTY)							\$210,000	\$210,000							105431.42
12 CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NON-COUNTY)	\$53,190	\$2,000	\$17,570	\$75,000	\$1,000	\$33,000	\$10,000	\$191,760	12325.52	402.19	12570.65	51120.26		12212.49	8977	\$97,608
13 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	\$146,810	\$39,824	\$100,000			\$15,500		\$302,134	20920.08					2226.54		\$23,147
14 LEGAL EXPENSE	\$1,000						\$10,500	\$11,500							6939.81	\$6,940
15 INSURANCE:LIABILITY	\$1,500						\$2,225	\$3,725	644						2200.1	\$2,844
16 MEMBERSHIPS							\$1,500	\$1,500							1000	\$1,000
17 OFFICE EXPENSE							\$1,000	\$1,000							319.91	\$320
18 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$50,000				\$1,000			\$51,000		10.76						\$11
19 UTILITIES	\$500							\$500	457							\$457
20 AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES							\$9,000	\$9,000							7393.54	\$7,394
21 ELECTION SERVICES							\$0	\$0								\$0
22 CONTINGENCIES/ SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$4,500						\$9,775	\$14,275	1334.63			2044			9683.55	\$13,062
23 TRANSPORTATION & TRAV	\$500	\$100	\$500	\$100		\$500	\$800	\$2,500	126		3			11	510.71	\$651
24 TRAINING							\$500	\$500								\$0
27 Total Expenditures	\$258,000	\$41,924	\$118,070	\$75,100	\$2,000	\$49,000	\$255,300	\$799,394	\$35,807	\$413	\$12,574	\$53,164	\$0	\$14,450	\$142,456	\$258,864

Notes

Yellow highlight indicates change from adopted budget
 Red highlight indicates department total which requires Board approval



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STAFF REPORT

Date: March 14, 2011
 Agenda Item: 4.C
 Subject: Receipt of status report on Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral planning activities, and direction to staff on process going forward.

Recommendation

- (1) Receive the status report
- (2) Approve the recommended planning process.

Background

The approximately 3,400 acres of land donated to the District by the Trinchero family consists of three distinct geographic units: Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral.

Since acquiring the property at the end of 2010, District staff has begun the process of assessing the resources on the property, as well as the opportunities and constraints associated with each unit. Research has involved two site visits for general reconnaissance purposes, preparation of a winter plant inventory, and review of County records related to vegetation, historic and archaeological resources, mining activity, hazardous materials, and geology.

Staff has also met twice with the leadership of the Lake Berryessa Estates Association. The first public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at the Pope Valley Farm Center. The intent of this first meeting is to explain the planning process and how people can become engaged, and to start the public process of receiving information and input on the future of these lands.

While some of the opportunities and challenges presented by the property apply to all three units, each of these units has its own unique challenges and opportunities.

Summarized below is a very preliminary identification of each unit's potential opportunities and challenges. This list will undoubtedly change significantly through the upcoming planning process. The Board is not at this time being asked to make any decisions on potential future uses of the three units; the purpose of this list is simply to demonstrate how each of the three units is unique.

Spanish Valley

Opportunities:

- Restoration of native grassland habitat using grazing, controlled burns, and other techniques.
- Hiking, mountain bicycling and horseback riding.

- Connects to extensive BLM lands with potential for trail connection south to Pope Canyon Road, and future connections (with additional limited property acquisition) to Butts Canyon Road and to Putah Creek in the vicinity of Camp Berryessa.
- Camping.
- Cattle grazing.
- Hunting.
- Nature Observation

Challenges:

- Access is via Spanish Trail, which has been abandoned as a County road. District either needs to work out a maintenance agreement with the other properties that use this road, or have the County exercise its right to reestablish the road as a public road.
- Not clear if water well meets water quality standards for private (camp host) use; some form of upgrade necessary before public use could be allowed.
- Risk of wildfire.

Crystal Flats

Opportunities:

- Hiking; good for mountain bicycling and horseback riding.
- Water play.
- Camping.
- Picnicking.
- Hunting.
- Nature Observation

Challenges:

- Lake Berryessa Estates property owners have the right to camp in this area, but this right is poorly defined in terms of the location of the campground, whether their rights are exclusive, the extent to which the Association has the right to manage the campground on behalf of all of the individual property owners, the extent to which property owners can bring outside guests to use the campground, etc).
- Risk of rock collectors removing the quartz crystals which give this area its name.
- No potable water.
- Previous owner leased this area to a person who used it for target shooting; some cleanup may be required.
- Risk of wildfire

Stone Corral

Opportunities:

- Take-out location for Putah Creek kayakers and rafters.
- Water play.
- Picnicking.
- Potential for future trail heading south along western side of Putah Creek (additional minor land acquisition required to go south of the mouth of Stone Corral Creek.
- Nature observation.

Challenges:

- Lake Berryessa Estates property owners have the right to a boat launch and picnic area, but this right is poorly defined in terms of the areas which they have the right to use, whether their rights are exclusive, the extent to which the Association has the right to manage the access on behalf of all of the individual property owners, and the extent to which property owners can bring outside guests to use the facilities.
- Once the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District determines how many acres of the property that Trincherro donated to them is actually needed to correct deficiencies with their sewage treatment evaporation ponds, they will transfer to the park district the remainder of the land that was donated to them. Until this happens, it is not possible to design and complete a trail connection between the Spanish Valley and Stone Corral units.
- The owners of two parcels immediately to the south have accessed their property by driving across the existing dirt road that runs through our property. They have been doing this for more than three decades, but their legal right to do so is unclear. If they can establish the legal right to drive across the property, then the District will need to negotiate a fair method for sharing the costs of maintaining the road with LBRID and the owners to the south. If they cannot establish that they have a legal right to cross our property, then the District will have to decide whether to grant an access easement, and if so the terms for granting the easement.
- Risk of wildfire and need for continued vegetation management.

Recommended Planning Process

Because of the unique circumstances associated with each of the units, staff recommends that:

- (a) The three units should be thought of as three distinct areas, each with its own set of allowed uses, policies, and time frame for implementation.
- (b) Each unit should go forward with its own environmental review and Use Permit, although if the timing coincides and the issues overlap, two or even all three units may be combined for environmental review and/or permitting if that will result in cost savings or other efficiencies.
- (c) The District should work closely with the Lake Berryessa Estates Property Owners Association and other interested parties to develop plans for Crystal Flats and Stone Corral that are fair to the directly affected property owners as well as to the general public.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: March 14, 2011
 Agenda Item: 4.E
 Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager

Recommendation

Receive the report.

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 Purpose Source / Recipient Amount

Expenses

2/14/2011	Membership BAOSC	SF Parks Foundation	\$500.00
2/15/2011	Camp Berryessa enviro review fee	Dept of Fish and Game	2,044
2/22/2011	Moore Creek expense reimbursement	CY Yip	\$964.80
2/1/2011	Camp Berryessa legal notice	Times Herald	\$220.40
2/1/2011	Camp Berryessa legal notice reimbursement	John Woodbury	\$133.79

Plan of Projects

Status Report for March 14, 2011

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. District staff is working with two volunteers to prepare the analysis for the Napa County side.
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.	Phase One--Euclptus Drive to Green Island Road Feasibility study completed. Phase one (American Canyon to Green Island Rd) CEQA review and Use Permit done. The contract for a \$1,032,300 California River Parkway Grant has been signed. Agreements between the Waste Management Authority, City of American Canyon and the District for the landfill loop have been signed. The District-DFG Agreement has been signed. The Authority has approved the necessary amendment to the landfill closure permit. DFG expects to complete levee repair work by early September. Questa Engineering was awarded the contract to prepare plans and specifications in November, with the goal of starting construction in June 2011. <u>Staff has developed and provided contract specs to the CCC to see if it is possible for them to install the fencing around the landfill now in response to concerns about trespassing.</u> Construction of the Phase One trail is scheduled for the summer of 2011, with the interpretive elements completed by early 2012.
	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. 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 have tentatively agreed on funding to prepare the supplemental environmental analysis for the section of the trail next to DFG's ponds 9 and 10; this work will be handled by Ducks Unlimited on behalf of DFG, who in September 2010 submitted a grant request to the Conservancy.
	Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe	All permits and permissions have been obtained, and construction bid documents are done. The project is ready to go to construction as soon as funding can be obtained. Funding for this project is included in the draft regional Transportation Improvement Plan, which will be voted on by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in November or December of 2010. Caltrans staff has decided they are opposed to entering into a Master Agreement with the District for the receipt of this and expected future grants using federal transportation funds, so staff is working to route the grants through NCTPA. It is hoped that construction will occur in the summer of 2011, but this may slip depending on how long it takes to resolve the Master Agreement issue and for Caltrans to complete their federal environmental review. <u>NCTPA has agreed to act a pass through for the Caltrans grant, and staff has begun submitting the necessary paperwork.</u>
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 residentseventually be the northern trailhead for a trail between Berryess Estates and Pope Canyon.	<u>The District met with BLM in mid-January to discuss how to speed up BLM's process for the no-fee transfer of this property.</u> 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 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. <u>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.</u> No further work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed by Berryessa Trails and Conservation.

Blue Ridge/Berryess Peak Trail

Obtain right of way and construct trail to provide public access to extensive federal lands on Blue Ridge and to Berryessa Peak

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. District staff and volunteers have flagged the route of the trail through the Ahmann property. There have been volunteer trail building work parties in November 2010 and January and February 2011. Further work parties are scheduled monthly between March and May to complete the easement section of the trail.

Camp Berryessa	Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a group/environmental education camp.	MOU with Bureau of Reclamation gave the District an 18 month period to develop a feasibility study for the camp. The District has completed the feasibility report, and BOR has reviewed and supports the conclusions. <u>The District and staff are finalizing a land use agreement.</u> The draft combined NEPA/CEQA document has been <u>completed</u> ; no comments were received. A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction has been provided by the Mead Foundation. Staff submitted a \$1.5 million grant/loan request to the State Coastal Conservancy for construction of the camp; <u>this grant goes to the Conservancy Board on March 17, 2011.</u> The camp is hoped to be ready to open by fall of 2012.
District Non-profit Foundation	Organize a non-profit foundation to raise funds for District projects	The District Board has approved the goals, objectives and basic structure for a non-profit foundation to assist the District with fundraising. Board members are contacting potential future members of the foundation governing board.
Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails	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.	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. <u>City and District staff have come to a agreement on the extent of improvements and operational parameters, and are now working to complete a draft agreement for approval by both agencies. The District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 14, 2011. The earliest this area could be opened to the public is summer of 2012.</u>
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area	Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area	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.
Moore Creek Open Space Park Development	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.	Wells at the gate house and ranch house dug, pumps installed and water quality tested, and the gate house well connected up. An agreement for surveying the boundary between the District property and adjacent private property to the east has been signed <u>the survey is approximately 50 percent complete.</u> Volunteers have demolished a large old shed, constructed a new boundary/pool fence at the ranch house, planted and irrigated 250 willows, oaks and buckeyes to stabilize a section of creek bank; demolished 3 additional decrepid structures, removed thousands of invasive French broom plants, and done a lot of tree pruning and weed removal to reduce fire risk, and hauled off more than 50 yards of trash. <u>A Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved by the District on February 14, 2011, and the Use Permit was approved by the County on March 2, 2011.</u> Contracts for engineering and architectural services were approved in June 2010 <u>and the work is underway.</u> The County road crew did extensive drainage improvements to the dirt access road in August and September 2010, and water meters were added to the subcreek wells to comply with new state regulations. The ranch house driveway and parking area was surfaced with gravel in October. <u>The Feb 12-13, 2011 volunteer work party removed brush from approximately 1 mile of the proposed Vista Trail alignment.</u> The park is expected to open to the public by fall 2011.
Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration	Remove invasive plants and restore native vegetaion in the entryway meadow, replace damaged signage and information panels, restorate the interior trail and interpretive elements, and if feasible install a seasonal bridge, using a \$100,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy.	The California Conservation Corps completed a first round of mechanical weed removal and installed an all-weather surface on the trail from the parking area to the river levee, in May 2010. In June the CCC did follow up chemical spraying and completed construction of the interpretive path. Staff is continuing to work with local teachers to development curriculum and set up educational field trips for the next school year. Additional invasive weed removal was done by volunteers on two weekends in September 2010. The District assisted Audubon coordinate a volunteer project on November 6, 2010 to prepare new maps showing the location of invasive species on the southwest side of the river and continue removal of invasive plants. The District in Oct and Nov coordinated four student field trips to the Reserve to study ecology of the area and assist with the habitat restoration; a total of 11 such field trips are planned through June 2011.
Oat Hill Mine Trail	Improvements to first 1/2 mile of trail next to Calistoga	The project is on hold pending resolution of litigation. The judge hearing the legal challenge to the trail in December 2008 denied the substance of the issues raised by the plaintiff. The plaintiff in late April 2009 selected new legal counsel to represent him; this was the third legal counsel he has used on this case. The court case was scheduled to be heard on December 16, 2009, was postponed until February due to the judge's illness, was postponed until March due to plaintiff's illness, and on March 1st in the courtroom the plaintiff fired his attorney and obtained a continuance until June. At the June court hearing the judge threw out the lawsuit for failure of the plaintiff to have an attorney and to pursue the litigation in a timely way, and final court actions were completed in early January. <u>As soon as the final documens are properly recorded, the next step is to complete repair work on the first 1/2 mile of the trail in the area affected by the litigation.</u>
Oat Hill Mine Trail	Transfer of 40 acre parcel from BLM	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. <u>Staff met with BLM in February 2011 to discuss how to speed up this transfer.</u>
Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail	Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.	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, so progress is delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions.

River to Ridge Trail	Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it currently encroaches on private property in two locations)	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.
River to Ridge Trail	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. About 50 feet of the trail still needs to be surfaced with quarry fines.
Skyline Park Protection	Purchase of Skyline Park from the State	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 next big step is for the County and state General Services to agree on an appraisal process for determining the fair market value purchase price. Negotiations with DGS over determining the purchase price are underway.
South Napa Wetlands Habitat Area	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.	Transfer approved in concept by the flood control district. Park District staff has prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. The Flood District and staff are continuing to research details related to completing the transaction. Attorney's for the flood district have concluded it would be better from their perspective for the flood district to retain ownership of the property, but to grant an access and habitat restoration easement to the district.
Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral	Planning for 3,400 acres of open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero	Staff met with key community leaders from Lake Berryessa Estates on February 6, 2011, as well as with one of the owners of property who is seeking a formal access easement across the District's property. <u>A second meeting with community leaders was held on March 6, 2011. A public session is scheduled for April 21st. Staff has made two field reconnaissances.</u>
Vallejo Lakes	Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County	Staff-level 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. District staff and our partners are continuing to research issues related to the property, including potential public access locations, potential trail alignments, and easements and other encumbrances which affect the property. The State Coastal Conservancy has indicated an interest in assisting with the funding necessary to purchase the property. The City of Vallejo has hired an appraiser to prepare an estimate of the property's fair market value. The surplusing process has slowed down due to new discussions between the City and residents of Green Valley over overall water supply arrangements. The District is working with the American Land Conservancy to find funding for the acquisition.
Vine Trail	A Class I bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal	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. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has included \$211,000 in the draft Transportation Improvement Plan for FY 10-11 to fund preliminary engineering work on the trail, and the Coalition in September voted to provide the grant's required \$28,000 non-federal match. <u>NCTPA will act as pass-through for this funding.</u>
Wild Lake Ranch	Possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas through agreement between the Land Trust, which acquired the property.	The District is participating in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that is being led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The advisory committee has met once, and completed a field trip to inspect the property. The planning process was put on hold due to the freeze in the state bond-funded grant; however, the freeze was mostly lifted in August and the planning process has restarted. A community input meeting was held on March 24, 2010. The Wildlife Conservation Board approved purchasing a \$6 million easement from the Land Trust at its August meeting, this purchase will enable the Land Trust to repay its outstanding loans and start an endowment for managing the property. The Advisory committee on which the District serves met in October to review the draft plan. Next steps will depend on how the Land Trust decides to proceed.

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.
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
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
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 and so cattle can be restricted from access to riparian areas.
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	Major volunteer event to reroute and repair trails 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.
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
Trichero Open Space Acquisition	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. Donation of 3,400 acres of open space to the District by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero