



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

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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

County of Napa Board Chambers, 1195 Third Street Third Floor, Napa, CA

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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 the Board of Directors regular meeting of July 13, 2015
- b. Consideration and potential approval of a professional services agreement with Trailhead Labs, Inc., for digital mapping and website development services. Cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- c. Consideration and potential approval of actions associated with acquisition of Phase 1 of the Suscol Headwaters Preserve.
- d. Consideration and potential approval of District comments on the draft Final EIR and application for the proposed Syar Quarry expansion
- e. Update on implementation of Advisory Committee recommendations (oral report)
- f. Update on process and potential direction to staff for appointment to fill the Ward 3 Director vacancy (oral report)
- g. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff
- h. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park
- i. Review of the District Projects Status

### 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. Other than to determine whether and when such matters should be agendized, no action will be taken by the Board on these items unless specifically noted otherwise.*

### 7. Adjournment



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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 13, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

County of Napa Board Chambers, 1195 Third Street Third Floor, Napa, CA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present: Karen Bower-Turjanis, Barry Christian, Tony Norris, Michael Haley

Directors Absent: Dave Finigan

Staff present: John Woodbury, Chris Cahill, Dylan Roy, and Lashun Fuller.

Consideration and potential approval of the addition of item 4H to the July 13, 2015 NCRPOSD agenda.

Directors voted to approve the addition item 4H to the July 13, 2015 NCRPOSD meeting agenda, finding that it was an urgent matter that arose subsequent to the preparation of the agenda.

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2. Public Comment

Bob Russell, member of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, offered suggestions in regards to increasing public outreach. It was suggested that there be an upgrade to the NCRPOSD website to offer more links to the public parks as well as to list the details of each park such as history of the park, park layout information which details the entrances, parking, bathroom locations as well as where the hiking trails are located, and what wildlife resides there.

The next suggestion provided was to find new levels of public outreach by casting a wider net to inform people of what NCRPOSD does, and who the members are.

3. Set Matters

None

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of June 8, 2015

Minutes were approved as presented

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X

- b. Consideration and potential approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement, Certificate of Acceptance, Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, and other documents related to the District acquisition of Napa County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 025-220-016, 017 and 018, totaling 443.42 acres

more or less, on the Knoxville-Berryessa Road in the vicinity of Cedar Roughs and Smittle Creek Day Use Area.

Directors voted to find the proposed action is exempt from CEQA; to authorize the Board president to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Certificate of Acceptance for acquisition of the property; to authorize the board President and /or General Manager to sign all other documents necessary to complete the acquisition, and approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funding for the purchase from the Wildlife Conservation Board.

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- c. Update on the proposed Syar Quarry expansion and potential direction to staff (oral report)  
John Woodbury reported the Syar hearing will be held August 12, 2015. Recommendation for approval will include a smaller footprint than what was initially proposed by the applicant. There will be no removal of existing trails, even the ones that encroach onto Syar property. Skyline Park will be granted license for the continued use of the trails.  
In regards to the mitigation involved with the project, due to a smaller foot print than originally proposed, mitigation for oak woodland destruction will be less; most of the mitigation will take place on site as well as some off site.
- d. Update on implementation of Advisory Committee recommendations (oral report)  
John Woodbury gave report. No formal action taken.
- e. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff  
John Woodbury gave report. No formal action was taken.
- f. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park  
John Woodbury gave report. No formal action taken.
- g. Review of the District Projects Status  
John Woodbury and Chris Cahill gave the report with discussions on Blue Ridge Berryessa Peak trail, Camp Berryessa, Cedar Roughs, Lake Hennessey North Shore, Moore Creek, Suscol Headwaters, Skyline Wilderness Park, and State Parks.  
Tony Norris commented on City of Napa installation of new foot bridge over Tulocay Creek so that the Vine Trail and River Trail connection could be made.
- h. Consideration and potential approval to authorize staff to start the process to fill Ward 3 vacant position.  
Directors voted to approve the authorization for staff to start the process for filling the vacant Ward 3 position.  
TN-BC-MH-KT-DF  
X

#### 5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- Michael Haley announced his resignation and commented on how much he enjoyed his position on the Board
- Introduction by John Woodbury of Dylan Roy, the new County Counsel assigned to the District
- Dylan Roy gave brief introduction of himself to Board and staff
- Barry Christian reported that the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation had a booth out for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The celebration was very successful with community outreach

and new member signup. American Canyon Community Parks Foundation also has a family hike coming up in August.

- The Harold Kelly plaque, bench, and pathway has been installed; a date for the presentation to Harold is pending.

#### 6. Agenda Planning

- Suggestion made to have a standing agenda item for updates on the implementation status of recommendations from Advisory Committee.
- At next meeting consider questions for upcoming interviews up candidates for the Ward 3 Director position.

#### 7. Adjournment

Adjourned to the Regular NCRPOSD Board Meeting August 10, 2015

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DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

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LASHUN FULLER, Acting District Secretary

#### Key

Vote: MH = Michael Haley; TN = Tony Norris; BC = Barry Christian; DF = David Finigan; KBT= Karen Bower Turjanis

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

*By:* Chris Cahill  
*Date:* August 5, 2015  
*Item:* 4b  
*Subject:* Consideration and potential approval of a professional services agreement with Trailhead Labs, Inc., for digital mapping and website development services. Cost not to exceed \$30,000.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Find that this action is not a project under CEQA.
2. Approve a professional services agreement with Trailhead Labs, Inc. for a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000 and authorize the General Manager to sign all necessary documents.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Not a Project.** The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### BACKGROUND

As the Board is well aware, updating the District's functional but aesthetically challenged website is one of staff's main priorities this fiscal year. On a separate track, we have been exploring the creation of a web-based mobile mapping application that would make it easier for the public to find and use the trails, parks, and open spaces of Napa County. Research into maps quickly led us to Trailhead Labs (<http://www.trailheadlabs.com/>) and their Outerspatial application (<http://www.outerspatial.com/>), which has rapidly become the open source mapping application of choice for the Bay Area park and open space community and, increasingly, open space managers elsewhere throughout the country.

We had fruitful initial conversations with Trailhead and, as we started to describe our hope that the mapping application would become the heart of our new website, lightbulbs went off around the (figurative... as it was a conference call) table as we realized that maybe what we had been seeing as two projects was really a single task- building a beautiful, useful, and portable mapping application and then constructing a website around it.

In a previous life, Trailhead Labs' principal Ryan Branciforte had experience assembling the team that rebuilt the Bay Area Open Space Council's website and Trailhead Labs has relationships with web designers, photographers, and programmers that will allow them to quickly and cost effectively build a new and improved website for us.

Because this contract would make Trailhead Labs responsible for the whole of the combined project, District staff will be relieved of some of the project management and quality control tasks which might otherwise eat quite a bit of our time as the work proceeds.

We are currently finalizing the schedule and scope of work for this agreement, but we hope to take the website and mapper live by the end of this calendar year.



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## STAFF REPORT

*By:* Chris Cahill  
*Date:* August 10, 2015  
*Item:* 4c  
*Subject:* Consideration and potential approval of actions associated with acquisition of Phase 1 of the Suscol Headwaters Preserve.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Find the actions are categorically exempt under CEQA.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a funding agreement with the County of Napa concerning the transfer and use of \$1,107,000 in grant funds for the Suscol Headwaters Preserve.
3. Authorize the creation of new revenue and expense budget subdivisions for the Suscol Headwaters Preserve.
4. Fund the Suscol Headwaters Preserve revenue account with \$1,107,000 in grant funds.
5. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Option Agreement with the Napa Sanitation District and any other documents necessary to implement the purchase of a trail and trailhead staging area easement on their sprayfields property.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Categorically Exempt.** The acquisition of land or interests in land to create parks is exempt from the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines, Class 16 (*Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks*) and the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's Local CEQA Guidelines, Class 5, Sub 2 (*Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations - Acceptance of Interest in Property*). No management plan has been prepared for the park; the District must secure a Napa County use permit prior to opening the facility to the public and a management plan will be developed at that time. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the acquisition of the subject property that would cause it to have a significant effect on the environment.



## BACKGROUND

At its June meeting the Board approved the purchase of the Suscol Headwaters Preserve. This item implements a number of necessary steps towards that purchase including:

- Approving the grant agreement by which the County of Napa would transfer the previously committed \$1,107,000 in MTC/ABAG-derived funds for the purchase of Phase 1 and associated projects and improvements.
- Adding the Suscol Headwaters Preserve to the District budget by creating revenue and expense budget subdivisions and funding the budget with the \$1,107,000 County grant upon receipt.
- Clarifying the Board’s June, 2015 action to; “Authorize the General Manager to execute any other documents necessary to implement the purchase and sale agreement, including (without limitation) an easement option agreement with Napa Sanitation District” to allow the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Option Agreement with Napa San.

With regard to the Memorandum of Option Agreement, District Counsel is concerned that without a fixed price or fixed easement boundary an easement option agreement with Napa San would likely not be enforceable via specific performance (an order of a court which requires a party to perform a specific act, usually what is stated in a contract.) While it would be optimal to have a fully enforceable contract with Napa San in place before closing on the Suscol Headwaters purchase on September 15<sup>th</sup>, it isn’t practically possible to have the easement surveyed, to finalize terms on the easement itself, and to have the easement appraised within that timeframe.

Napa San has repeatedly voiced their support for the Suscol Headwaters project and their willingness to provide access through a trail and parking lot easement across their Kelly Road sprayfields property. At their July meeting, the Napa San Board voted to approve an easement agreement with our District. While that agreement may not allow for specific performance, the General Manager and I are comfortable relying on the evident good faith of Napa San’s board and staff in removing the access contingency in our purchase agreement with Mark Couchman’s group. However, in light of District Counsel’s concerns, we are proposing to relabel the easement option agreement with Napa San a “memorandum of option agreement” to clarify that, like any other memorandum of understanding, it may not be enforceable via specific performance.



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## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 10, 2015  
 Agenda Item: 4.D  
 Subject: Consideration and potential approval of District comments on the draft Final EIR and proposed permit for the proposed Syar Quarry expansion

### Recommendation

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project under CEQA.
2. Take no position on the overall project.
3. Indicate that the County-staff recommended hybrid alternative appears to be a substantial improvement over the initially-proposed project in terms of impacts on Skyline Wilderness Park.
4. Request that consideration be given to excluding the Pasini property from the quarry permit, with the understanding that this issue could be revisited in 20-25 years when the rest of the quarry runs out of rock.
5. Request that, if the Pasini property is included in the quarry permit, a minimum setback of 300 feet from the park boundary be maintained for mining operations along the northern boundary of the Pasini Property.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### Background

In response to the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the expansion of the Syar quarry adjacent to Skyline Wilderness Park, the District Board in July 2009 requested that analysis of the project consider various potential aesthetic, noise, air quality, ground water and biological impacts. The County of Napa released a Draft EIR in August 2013, and in October 2013 the District Board of Directors authorized the Board President to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR.

Napa County staff released the draft Final EIR in November of 2014. The draft Final EIR included the Draft EIR plus responses to comments made on the Draft EIR, as well as any changes to the Draft EIR made in response to comments received. The District Board in December 2014 authorized comments on the draft Final EIR. When the Napa County Planning Commission subsequently held the hearing on the draft Final EIR, they voted to continue the matter to give staff adequate time to respond to various comments they received.

In March of 2015 the District Board authorized supplemental comments to be submitted to the County Planning Commission.

The County Planning Commission is scheduled to consider adoption of the Final EIR and approval, approval with conditions or denial of the project on August 12, 2015. The staff report for this item can be found on the County web site at <http://www.countyofnapa.org/Pages/DepartmentContent.aspx?id=4294984260> (the report is not attached here due to its length). Other current documents regarding the proposed project can be found at <http://www.countyofnapa.org/Syar/>.

The District Board's approach from the beginning has been consistent in asking questions and making comments related to the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project on Skyline Wilderness Park, but not taking a position on the project itself. Whether the project overall should be approved or denied involves balancing potential adverse impacts of a project against potential economic or other benefits, which goes beyond the expertise of the District to decide. Staff therefore recommends the Board not take a position on the project itself, but continue to solely focus on evaluating the environmental impacts on Skyline Park.

Discussed below are the questions and observations previously made by the District, and how the project, as currently proposed by the applicant and as recommended for modification by County staff, responds to those questions and observations:

- (1) Trails. The modified proposal does not require the relocation or closure of any of the existing Skyline Park trails, and the project as recommended by County staff would require the project sponsor to offer a license for Skyline Park to continue to use the trails located on Syar property. Thus, this no longer appears to be an issue.
- (2) Pond Hydrology. The original proposal would have allowed mining in the watershed that feeds the pond located on the Pasini property. The hybrid project recommended by County staff would not allow mining in this area. Thus, this no longer appears to be an issue.

- (3) Alternatives. The DEIR identified two alternatives to the project as proposed: a reduced rate of production alternative and a reduced footprint alternative. The reduced footprint alternative was not described or mapped in the DEIR, so the District last year asked for more detail. The draft Final EIR provides a detailed map showing the extent of mining proposed by the project sponsor, as well as the extent of mining under a reduced footprint and a hybrid reduced footprint-reduced rate of production alternative. The recommended hybrid alternative appears to have fewer overall environmental impacts than either the reduced rate of production or the reduced footprint alternative, and has been identified by County staff as the environmentally superior alternative. By reducing the area allowed for quarry expansion in the northeast portion of the property, the hybrid alternative would substantially reduce visual and noise impacts on the northern, developed portion of Skyline Wilderness Park as well as the residential, educational and institutional uses along Imola Avenue. The hybrid alternative is a definite improvement compared to the original proposal in terms of impacts on Skyline Wilderness Park.

However, the County-staff recommended hybrid alternative does not provide as much protection to the wilderness portion of the park that is adjacent to the Pasini property as would the reduced footprint alternative, in terms of noise and visual impacts. As discussed below, the hybrid alternative could provide better protection for Skyline Wilderness Park by further reducing the footprint in this area.

- (4) Off-site mitigation. The proposed project would require some off-site mitigation for the loss of oak woodlands. The District has previously requested that any off-site mitigation should be focused on protecting oak woodland in close proximity to the quarry, that the actual location be subject to County approval, and that the mitigation be implemented before the mining that needs to be mitigated actually occurs. County staff is recommending these three conditions be adopted. With these changes, the off-site mitigation requirement would be consistent with generally accepted planning principles.

The District also previously requested that, in addition to the specific off-site mitigation for oak woodland loss, the project sponsor partially mitigate for generalized impacts to Skyline Park and the outdoor recreation experience of park and trail uses, by agreeing to provide an easement for the Napa River Trail proposed to connect Kennedy Park and Napa Pipe, over property the project sponsor owns next to the Napa River. The project sponsor has done this.

- (5) Noise. The DEIR identified locations within Skyline Park that could experience noise levels in excess of 70 dB, but did not consider this a significant impact. The District questioned this conclusion since such noise levels substantially exceeded

the noise level standards adopted by Napa County. The draft Final EIR contains substantial new noise data, which shows that the recommended hybrid alternative would reduce noise impacts to the northern, more developed portion of Skyline Park. The data however still shows noise impacts (80 dB at the property line) in excess of County standards for those sections of the park closest to the Pasini parcel. This continues to be a significant impact even for the hybrid alternative recommended by staff. Thus, it appears the project in its current form, or even under the hybrid alternative, would not be able to be approved unless the County were to make a finding of overriding consideration.

- (6) Pasini Knoll. Prior District comments paid most attention to the Pasini property, which is adjacent to the wilderness portion of Skyline Wilderness Park. Of particular concern was the Pasini Knoll, a east-west trending ridge that separates the Pasini property from Skyline Park along the northern boundary of the Pasini parcel. The project as initially proposed would have allowed mining to within 50 feet of the park boundary. This was a concern both because this knoll provides a visual separation between the park and the quarry, but also appears to be essential to shielding the park from quarry operations in terms of noise, and to a lesser extent air quality. The hybrid alternative recommended by County staff would increase the setback from the park boundary from 50 feet to a minimum of 100 feet, as well as protect the pond and old rock walls on the Pasini property. While this provides some additional protection for the park, and is a definite improvement, the upper part of the Pasini Knoll would still be removed, thereby reducing its ability to block quarry noise and deflect dust and odors. To retain the top of the Knoll, and thus retain its effectiveness as a noise barrier, the minimum distance between the park boundary line and the mining footprint should be 300 feet. This would assure that mining equipment never operate, on the Pasini property within the direct line of sight of any of the trails within Skyline Park (except for one location on a spur trail to an overlook that currently already has a view of the quarry).

In terms of the wilderness experience at Skyline Park, the least impact would be to not expand the quarry into the Pasini property at all. Increasing the setback along the northern boundary of Pasini to 300 feet would reduce the impact, but there would still be some degradation of the park experience. The Pasini property itself also contains valuable habitat, much of which would be lost even under the hybrid alternative.

The proposed permit would provide at least 35 years, and potentially as much as 45 years, of rock for quarrying. This is a long period of time, and it is difficult to have much faith in projections of supply, demand and regulations that far into the future. If the County decides that on balance the quarry is needed, one way to minimize disruption to the park would be to not include the Pasini property in

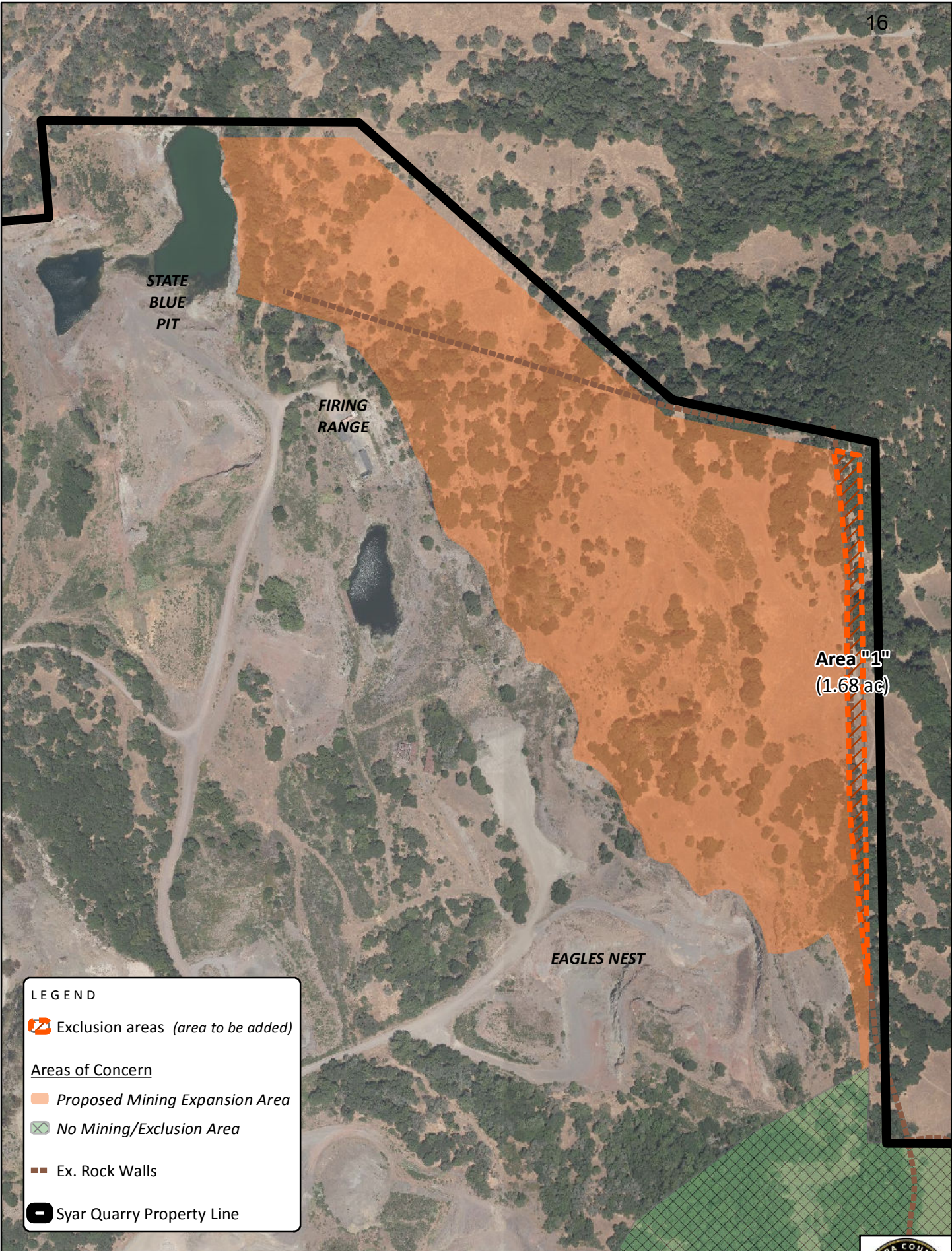
the expansion permit that would be approved at this time. The County could then revisit the issue when other areas of the quarry are depleted, which may not be for 20-25 years, to determine if mining in that area is still necessary to meet local demand for rock.

- (7) Threat of Future Mining Within Skyline Wilderness Park. The Pasini parcel into which the quarry is proposed to expand is not designated in the County General Plan as a mineral resource area. At the time the General Plan was last updated, this area was not identified by the State as a mineral resource area. The project sponsor has made the argument that because the State has now modified its maps to include the Pasini property as a mineral resource area, the County is required to modify the County General Plan to recognize this and to approve their mining expansion permit. In fact, State law requires the County to consider the State maps whenever it amends the County General Plan, but it is not clear that this requires the County to approve quarry operations any place that State maps show as having mineral resources. Considering that Skyline Wilderness Park is State-owned land, that the County lease to the land runs out in 2030, that the State has already made two efforts to surplus the land and sell it for a profit, and that the State maps now show part of Skyline Park as also having significant mineral resources, the project sponsor's argument, if not addressed and refuted, could end up facilitating the State's sale of Skyline Park in 2030 for even more expanded quarry operations.






In light of the above background, staff recommends the following:

1. Take no position on the overall project.
2. Indicate that the County-staff recommended hybrid alternative appears to be a substantial improvement over the initially-proposed project in terms of impacts on Skyline Wilderness Park.
3. Request that consideration be given to excluding the Pasini property from the quarry permit, with the understanding that this issue could be revisited in 20-25 years when the rest of the quarry runs out of rock.
4. Request that, if the Pasini property is included in the quarry permit, mining be limited as proposed in the hybrid alternative but modified to maintain a minimum setback of 300 feet from the park boundary along the northern boundary of the Pasini Property.
5. Request that the County clarify whether State mineral resource maps override the County General Plan, require the County to amend its General Plan to reflect the State maps, or otherwise present a threat to the continued existence of Skyline Wilderness Park when the current lease expires in 2030.



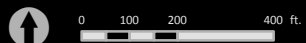


**LEGEND**

-  Exclusion areas (area to be added)
- Areas of Concern**
-  Proposed Mining Expansion Area
-  No Mining/Exclusion Area
-  Ex. Rock Walls
-  Syar Quarry Property Line

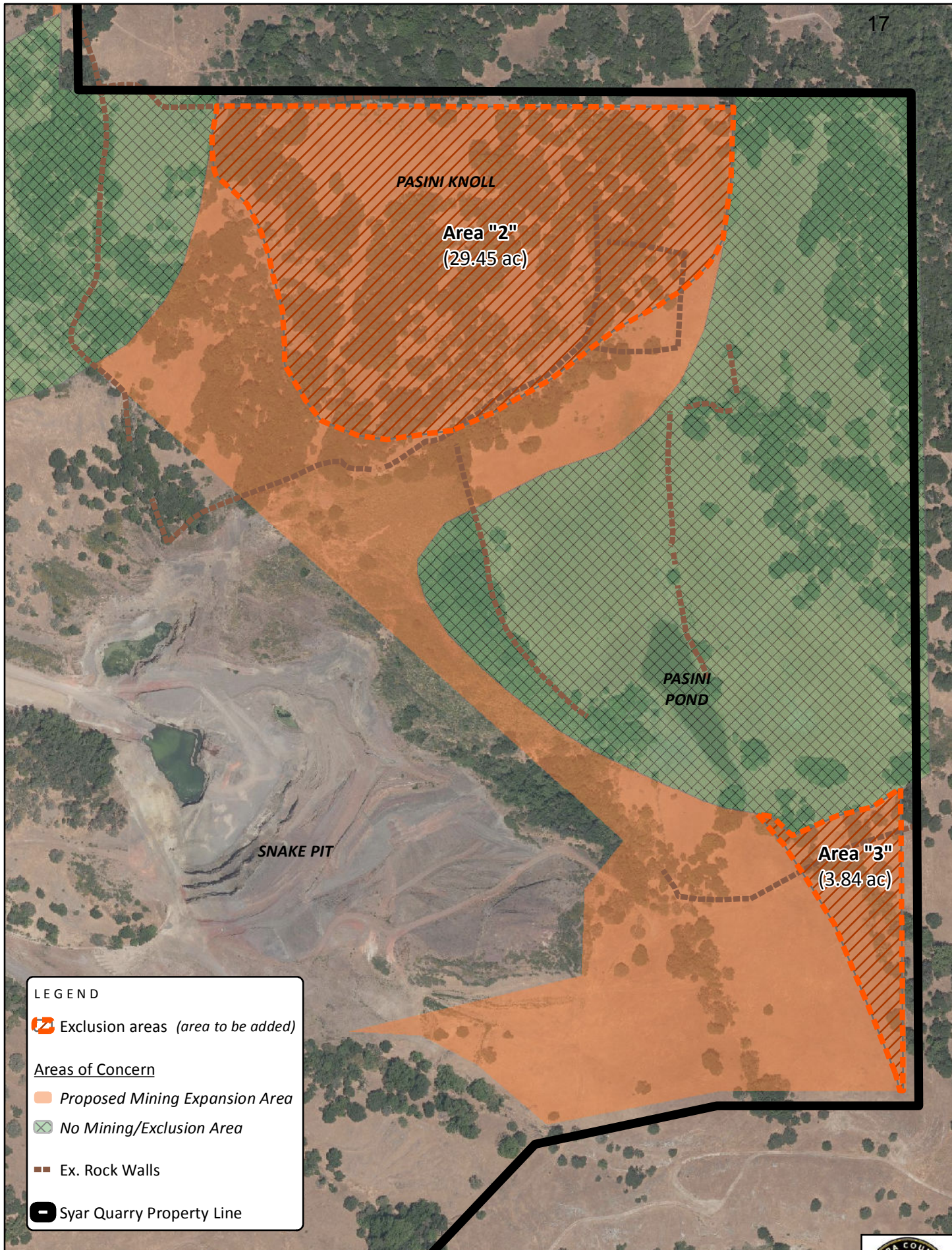
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**Figure A1a: Reduced Footprint/Conservation Alternative**







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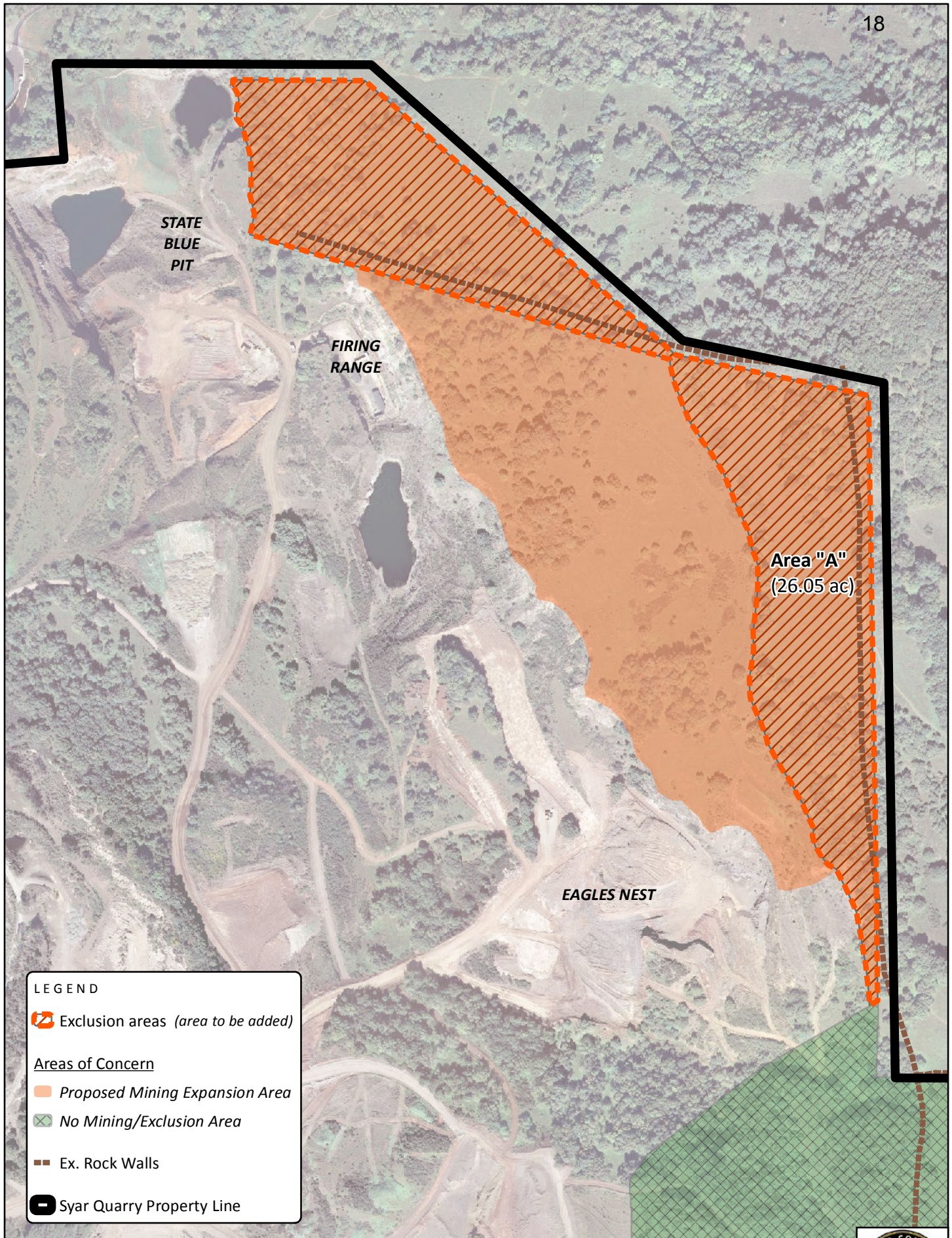
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-  Exclusion areas (area to be added)
- Areas of Concern**
-  Proposed Mining Expansion Area
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-  Ex. Rock Walls
-  Syar Quarry Property Line

**Figure A1b: Reduced Footprint/Conservation Alternative**



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Exclusion areas (area to be added)

Areas of Concern

Proposed Mining Expansion Area

No Mining/Exclusion Area

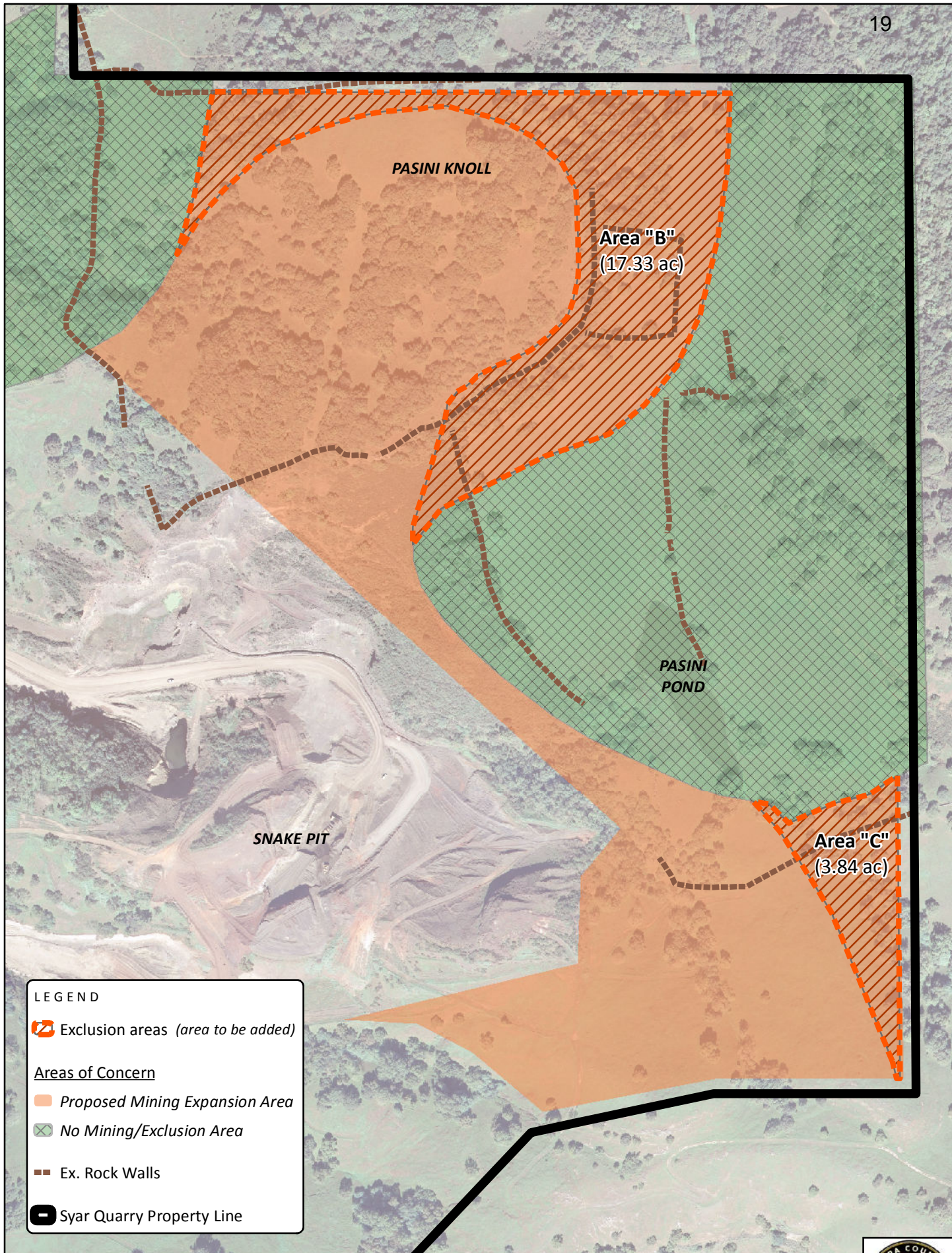
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**Figure A2a: Reduced Production and Reduced Footprint (Hybrid) Alternative**



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**Figure A2b: Reduced Production and Reduced Footprint (Hybrid) Alternative**

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## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 10, 2015  
Item: 4.G  
Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff

### Recommendation

Receive the report.

### Background

Section III.A.(7) of the District By-laws 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 \$25,000, 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.

Attached is a report showing all District expenditures for July 2015. Note there were very few expenditures reported because processing of invoices was postponed by the County to facilitate fiscal year-end account closings/

In addition to these expenditures, the General Manager has authorized the following contracts using his signature authority:

No new agreements were signed during July 2015

## PARKS &amp; OPEN SPACE DISTRICT - JULY 2015 EXPENSE REPORT

## Gen Admin Dept - 85000-00

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
07/16/2015	Escrow Knoxville Rd Property	Escrow# 139002LF APN: 025-220-016, -017 & -018	FIRST AMERICAN TITLE	\$ 15,000.00
07/23/2015	Mileage 7/5/15 ChamberlainSite	Mileage Chamberlain Site Visit 7/5/15	CHRISTOPHER CAHILL	\$ 18.40

## State Park - 85010-08

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
07/02/2015	Heartland credit card fees-WFB			\$ 66.46

Park Report July 2015

Submitted by Ranger Sandy Jones and Jeanne Marioni

### Bothe-Napa Valley

Bothe has been hoppin' with happy campers. The campground is very clean - little carts with our friendly staff are buzzing all about like busy worker bees.

Both weeks of Nature Camp and Teen Camp went well. Our Junior Rangers are also having a great time this summer hiking along Bothe trails and exploring Ritchie Creek with the guidance of our trained staff (Saturday mornings 10:00-11:30). Adult hikers are coming to Bothe Saturday mornings 10:00-11:30 for our naturalist led hikes. We had 16 hikers last Saturday. The pool is always full of happy splashers every weekend all summer. These outdoor education programs and fun times are supported by the San Francisco White Family Foundation.

Cabin work continues. The inside walls are stained and shellacked. Exterior walls primed, holes filled and painted. Light fixtures purchased and installed. Decks are being built. Some tear out and hauling away has begun on Cabin One.



Montelli's created an ADA parking space and wheelchair accessible pathway to one of the rear Visitor Center entrances. Handicap lines are painted.



Eagle Scouts did a great job cleaning up the group camp area and lining the immediate trails with logs.

Marilou continues to pull her weight. Her video is posted on Bothe's Facebook page - she is hoping to "go viral"!

We continue to notice a large increase in email inquiries about the parks. There is also a marked increase in the number of visitors that go to our website and social media sites. We recently claimed our GOOGLE pages and were surprised by the numbers in just one month. A continued push via the Internet could help keep visitation (and revenue) up during the slow season (if we ever get one!)

Grapes in the Historic Orchard are ripening. They are hot and delicious!



Bale Grist Mill – we are grateful for all our community support!

We have a volunteer making wood folding tables out of scrap wood we had squirreled away from other projects. These will be used at our period events.

Our volunteer lighting expert will be completing the last of our three-year plan to have attractive lighting at our evening events. This phase we will light the outdoor kitchen area so our Chef and staff can work without detracting from the mood lighting over the dinner tables.

The Kiwanis of St Helena have volunteered to make the much needed repairs to the flight of stairs from the parking lot down to the asphalt walkway that leads to the mill. This project will be supervised by our staff. The required lumber will be delivered by Central Valley who waived their delivery fee. The stairs will be safe again and will look good too.

Ardenwood Farm, an Eastbay regional park, donated our annual supply of dried corn on the cob that we run through our corn sheller and the tall stalks of wheat that we use during mill tours. Everything was grown at Ardenwood – a great place to go visit.

Preparations for Harvest Dinner have long been underway. Ticket sales are steady and ahead of last year. Watch for an article about this important fundraiser that will be out soon. While milling around before the dinner, we hope to show the short films about the mill and its programs that we created this

year using the funds from a Napa County Arts and Culture Grant we received.

St Helena Soroptimists, park supporters and donors, will host their annual fundraiser this year at the mill - September 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-10:00. You will not want to miss this one! A German Oktoberfest done Napa Valley style with locally produced artisanal sausages, beer, wine, and breads. Come celebrate the fall while helping raise scholarship and educational grant funding for women and children living in the Napa Valley. For tickets \$60 and more information: [www.sishelena.org](http://www.sishelena.org)

Preparations for Old Mill Days have also begun with new re-enactors coming and new activities to be added. Over 50 volunteers help put this event on.

NVSPA will be hosting the national SPOOM conference this November 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be tours of mills not usually open to the public, miller trainings and a banquet at the mill. For more information about all the great activities, food and day trips we have planned please visit [www.spoom.org](http://www.spoom.org). Everyone welcome - levels of participation can vary.

The NVSPA trailer has been organized and inventoried.



Robert Louis Stevenson

State Parks is working on removal of exotic plants.

Fire truck – research is underway to verify if the truck is an artifact tied to either RLS or the Silverado Ranch. If it is determined the truck is not an artifact, the truck can be donated to a group that would fix it up. If the truck is an artifact, it remains State Park's responsibility to protect what is left of the truck.



## Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

Plan of Projects  
Status Report

10-Aug-15

Name of Project Description	Status
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. Staff has resumed work on transferring the easement to the District now that the option agreement for purchasing a portion of the Kirkland Ranch is about to be executed. <u>Staff has reviewed with Mr. Tuteur the results of our survey for the Soscol Headwaters acquisition and together have arrived at a common understanding of property boundaries; Tuteur has agreed to modify the trail easement, as part of the transfer of the easement to the District, to reflect the actual property boundaries.</u>
Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa An 8+ mile recreational trail generally following the Napa River and interior levees of associated wetlands.	Phase Two--Green Island Road to Soscol Ferry Road Questa has largely completed a revised 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. 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 reviewing the feasibility of an alternative alignment. After 4 years of back and forth, in July 2014 DFW informed the District that it would comply with the BCDC condition for public access north of Green Island Road by removing a fence and graveling the surface of the existing levee, despite concerns about this alignment expressed by the Napa County Airport and the FAA. DFW put this project out to bid in late August, has awarded the bid, and is now waiting for sufficiently dry weather to do the work. The fence was removed and gravel installed by DFW around February of 2015.
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 Berryessa Estates and Pope Canyon.	The District in 2009 applied to BLM for a no-fee transfer of this property to the District for the no-fee transfer of this property; while this transfer has received conceptual approval by BLM staff, the formal approval has dragged; several meetings have been held over the past three years to try and speed to process, but BLM staff has so far had higher priorities. CDF crews did extensive fire break work in 2009 through 2011 to protect the residences next to the BLM land. The Fire Marshall and the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department have added a proposal to construct a fire substation on a corner of the property. The Fire Marshall has identified funding for the fire station, and the County Board of Supervisors is now strongly supportive. 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. District staff in January 2013 met with the Napa County Fire Marshall and the the Calfire Battalion Chief for the area and agreed to jointly advocate for BLM action. In February staff talked with BLM and was assured that processing of the transfer was now beginning. BLM did a series of site visits June-August, 2013. The Bureau of Reclamation in June 2013 asserted that Reclamation has property rights such that BLM is not permitted to transfer the property. BLM is now projecting the transfer will be complete by the end of this calendar year. In late August Reclamation determined they still retained jurisdiction, but they have committed to completing the transfer in the same time frame as BLM would have. Staff has submitted additional materials to Reclamation which is now processing the permit. Reclamation provided a draft agreement to the District in February 2014 which will lead to Reclamation eventually transferring its interests in the property; District staff responded with comments to the draft in early March 2014. Not willing to keep waiting for the federal agencies to resolve their differences, Napa County has acquired a property within the Lake Berryessa Estates subdivision for constructing the fire sub-station. Reclamation says they have done their work and it is now up to BLM to finish the transfer. Staff is waiting for a response from BLM.
Berryessa Vista Planning, stewardship and expansion of this 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. The District sent 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. Since then there has been less observed damage, although the problem is not resolved. Staff was planning on installing a gate to restrict OHV access, but this has proven infeasible. After observing more OHV damage in the summer of 2013, staff is exploring options other than a gate to prevent unauthorized OHV use. The latest plan is to install remote cameras in an attempt to determine who is causing the damage. No other work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed, as that is a key step in gaining overland access to the property. District staff has been meeting with Reclamation, their consultants and interested parties on the trail planning and prioritization. Staff in late June 2014 toured an adjacent parcel with the owner of the property; in September the owner indicated they are interested in selling the property for addition to Berryessa Vista Wilderness Park. The Land Trust of Napa County has obtained the appraisal of the property, and the land trust and the sellers have agreed on the appraised value as the sales price. The District Board in November 2014 agreed to acquire the property from the Land Trust at a later date when funding is available. Escrow closed and title transferred in early 2015.

<p>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</p>	<p>Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. A 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. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. There have been volunteer trail building work parties have been held numerous times between 2011 and the present, and the trail is now done except for signage and a fence crossing. District staff met with Fish and Game on June 15, 2012 to discuss signage at the trailhead on DFG property, and in November 2012 submitted signage language for DFG review. Staff contacted DFG (now DFW) in February of 2013, again in early April, and again in late summer to determine the status of their review. In January 2014 DFW staff responded with an alternative entry sign design, and accepted our fence stile design. Volunteers installed the fence stile in March 2014. DFW installed the trail sign in late June 2015, though the sign copy is missing some information required by the trail easement that the trail uses after leaving DFW property. See attached picture. <u>Staff has prepared two new signs to be placed at the termini of the private land trail easement that clearly state the rules for using the easement; these will be installed by volunteers once the weather cools off.</u></p>
<p>Camp Berryessa 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. A new water well was dug in October 2012--production is great, and quality is acceptable with minor treatment. Reclamation completed their review of the 90% plans and had a very positive meeting with District staff in late March 2014. The 100% plans were submitted to the District and Reclamation in early July 2014 and were verbally ok'd in mid August. To meet budget constraints, work on the planned black water leach field will be deferred to phase two or it may be deleted altogether. A \$1.7m construction contract was awarded to G.D. Nielson Inc on Napa in November 2014 and Ron Critchley, a retired County engineer, has agreed to serve as our construction manager &amp; inspector on the project. District staff had a kickoff meeting with G.D. Nielson on December 2nd at which it was decided to break ground on April 1st; under the revised schedule construction will be complete in mid to late fall 2015. The Coastal Conservancy has agreed to extend the grant until January 1, 2016. Groundbreaking occurred on April 13th and the contractor has been making steady progress. Ron Critchley's help and guidance have turned out to be invaluable. <u>The tent cabins are in place, with only finishing work required, and the combination shower/bathroom building is at the 50-60% stage. Work is continuing at a good pace.</u></p>
<p>Cedar Roughs Acquisition of 443 acres providing public access to Cedar Roughs from Smittle Creek Day Use Area</p>	<p>Working with land trust to acquire 443 acres to be managed by district, and 144 acres to be managed by BLM. PTR has uncovered a title issue that needs resolution. Appraisal completed in December 2014 and forwarded to WCB and State Dept of Real Estate for review and approval. The question of whether the property has legal access was resolved in December 2014 and the title company has issued a revised Preliminary Title Report indicating they will insure the right of access. Pending approval of the appraisal, the Wildlife Conservation Board is prepared to provide \$1.6 million toward the purchase. Additional funding is expected from the Wilderness Land Trust and from Tuleyome, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$50,000 for improvements. District staff has been negotiating a purchase and sale agreement with the owners of the property, which may be ready for Board consideration at the March Board meeting. The state Dept of General Services in April 2015 rejected the appraisal; the appraiser has revised the appraisal to address their questions, and in early May the appraisal was resubmitted to DGS for review. The revised appraisal was approved by DGS in late May 2015. <u>The owner of the property has accepted the appraisal and signed the purchase and sale agreement, and the District Board approved the agreement on July 13, 2015. Escrow has been set up, the seller has provided required disclosures, staff has reviewed these disclosures, as well as completed a site inspection, and lifted these contingencies. The Wildlife Conservation Board is scheduled to meet September 3, 2015 to approve the grant which will fund the purchase.</u></p>
<p>District Non-profit Foundation 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. Director Turjanis in early 2015 began the process of preparing articles of incorporation and identifying potential Board members. Before proceeding further, <u>Director Turjanis and staff have been meeting with other interested organizations about about potential collaboration on fundraising and programming.</u></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>In November, 2009 the Napa City Council directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails. The District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 14, 2011. A final lease agreement and operations plan was approved by the District Board in August 2012, and by the City Council in September 2012. Work was completed on the connector trail to Moore Creek in June 2013 and public response to the new trail has been very positive. Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails formally opened with a ribbon cutting on October 18, 2014. The Sam the Eagle Trail was completed in April 2015 and, in staff's opinion, turned out wonderfully. Forest Trails Alliance is donating a hand carved wooden trail sign to be installed at the northern terminus of the new trail. District staff patrol the North Shore several times a week. District staff and volunteers installed the Harold Kelly bench in early June <u>and constructed a short ADA-compliant access trail to it on July 11, 2015.</u> The County Wildlife Conservation Commission awarded the District a +/- \$2,000 grant to fund installation of an interpretive birding trail developed in partnership with Napa Solano Audubon along the north shore of the lake.</p>
<p>Linda Falls Conservation Easement Expansion of conservation easement to cover all of the property at Linda Falls owned by the Land Trust of Napa County</p>	<p>The District currently holds a conservation easement on one of several parcels owned by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust desires to expand this conservation easement to include all of the land trust's holdings at Linda Falls. The purpose is to provide an additional layer of protection for the property. This is a continuation of a long-term project for the district and land trust to hold easements over each other's properties to protect against unforeseen circumstances that could threaten the conservation values of the properties. <u>District and land trust staff are working on the actual text of the easement to be donated to the District.</u></p>
<p>Moore Creek 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.</p>	<p>The park opened on June 30, 2013. The eastern boundary survey and fencing project was completed June 2014. Construction of the remainder of the Valentine Vista Trail was completed by the Forest Trails Alliance in April 2014. With the help and support of the County Fire Department and County communications technicians, the District has installed an emergency communications radio and antenna at the Ranch House (which has neither landline nor cellular phone service). The next big project is the construction of the Madrone Trail, a roughly 2 miles footpath on the western side of Moore Creek canyon north of the ranch house. In February and March volunteers helped flag and brush the first part of the Madrone Trail. A VO-CAL event with approximately 100 volunteers gathered May 15-17, 2015 to continue this construction. In April we purchased an ATV for use at Moore Creek Park and other facilities, primarily with funds granted by the Wildlife Conservation Commission. The County in May 2015 kindly donated a used but well cared for full-size Ford F250 pickup to the District to allow us to move the ATV from property to property; the truck will be stationed in downtown Napa and will also be available for other District projects. <u>The District put out the word among its volunteers that we were looking for a new caretaker; interest was very strong, staff interviewed the three strongest candidates, and staff selected David Pruett and his wife to be the caretakers for 12 months starting in mid-August of 2015.</u></p>

<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail Various improvements to the historic Oat Hill Mine Road</p>	<p>The litigation holding up this project has been successfully concluded. Several of the trail sign posts have been vandalized and will need to be replaced. The District is continuing to work with Tuleyome 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. A volunteer crew did erosion control work on the trail in January 2013. Staff and volunteers in February 2013 to did a comprehensive evaluation of erosion issues on the trail, and experts from the RCD joined staff for another evaluation in early April. The City of Calistoga and CalTrans have restarted discussions about constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 29 and Silverado Trail; the District is tracking these discussions to ensure that whatever design as adopted will provide adequate and safe access to the Oat Hill Mine Trail. The Bay Area Ridge Trail did some cleanup and minor improvements in late October 2013 to the staging area, and the lower 4 miles of the OHMT was dedicated as part of the Ridge Trail on November 10, 2013. The 40 acre Randy Lee Johnson property donation was completed in December 2014. Chino and a hardy group of volunteers made drainage improvements on the trail in late January 2015.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail 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. The District is still waiting on BLM to process the application.</p>
<p>Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail 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 has prepared a draft 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 was positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. However, Veterans Home staff had 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, and then key management staff at the Veterans Home retired in November 2010, so progress was delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions. The District will restart the process when other priorities are under control.</p>
<p>Skyline Park Permanent protection of Skyline Park</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 agreed on an appraisal process for determining the fair market value purchase price, the County retained an appraiser acceptable to the State, and a draft appraisal was prepared. In late April 2012 the state indicated they did not accept the value as determined by the appraisal and negotiations stalled. A Draft EIR was released in late September 2013 for the proposed expansion of the adjacent Syar Quarry. The District Board approved comments on the DEIR at its October 2013 meeting. The Final EIR was released in November of 2014, a public hearing was held on January 7, 2015, the matter has been continued to April 1st, and at that time was continued to an unspecified date. <u>The hearing is scheduled for August 12, 2015.</u></p>
<p>Suscol Headwaters Kirkland Ranch Acquisition of land and easements to protect Suscol Headwaters and construct Ridge Trail from Highway 12 to Skyline Park.</p>	<p>The Purchase and Sale Agreement was adopted by the District Board at its June 8, 2015 meeting. Phase I of the acquisition is scheduled to close in September 2015. Funding for Phase I will come from Napa County in exchange for the County receiving an equal amount from the Priority Conservation Area program administered by MTC. Caltrans and the US Fish and Wildlife Service are seriously looking in to the possibility of turning a portion of the property into red-legged frog mitigation area, which could involve substantial grant funding for property purchase and wildlife improvements. <u>Survey work, the costs of which are split between buyer and seller according to our purchase agreement, is underway and has been somewhat complicated by the lack of monumentation along the Napa/Solano county line. We continue to negotiate with the Suscol property owner about some changes that they would like to make to the current agreement affecting the "spite strip" at the top. Staff may or may not end up recommending that the Board accept the proposed changes. On July 1st the board of the Napa Sanitation District approved an easement option agreement which should allow us to construct a trail and trailhead parking lot on their Kelly Road sprayfield property.</u></p>
<p>Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats, and Stone Corral Planning for open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero</p>	<p>The District took full possession of the properties on January 1, 2012. 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 approval by the Board at its October meeting, and has now been finalized and recorded. Staff met with the LBEPOA Board many times in 2011-2013 to discuss use of the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral areas. District staff has prepared a draft agreement between the District and the Association, which the Association has informally rejected. The well serving Spanish Valley was repaired in November 2013. The District also sealed up an abandon dry well bore discovered on the property. A group of 10 boyscouts GPS'd old ranch roads and 4-wheel drive tracks on the Spanish Valley property for us over the weekend of April 26-27 so that we can create a map of existing roads and trails. A contract for archeological surveying (a required part of the CEQA process) was completed by Tom Origer and Associates in in June, 2014. Staff completed a preliminary survey of the Spanish Valley access road in late July 2012 and, while legal access to the property has been established, it does not appear that the existing road is located within the Spanish Valley Trail easement. In early January 2014 staff learned the affected parcels are for sale. Staff's cash offer to purchase half of the property in mid March was rejected and we have decided to be patient while the property owner attempts to find a better buyer (as we think it unlikely that there is one). In February 2013 several no trespassing signs were installed in response to some evidence of illegal OHV use. The Crystal Flats sign was immediately removed and the lock on the gate removed; a more secure temporary lock has been installed, and staff is researching a new gate that will exclude ATV's and motorcycles while allowing hikers, bicyclists and equestrians. The District is partnering with Tuleyome to investigate and come up with the trail alignment connecting Spanish Valley to the Pope To Putah Trail on BLM land which is under construction by Tuleyome. An abandoned trailer in Spanish Valley was removed in July 2014 at no cost to the District using an abandoned vehicle program administered by the County. The Butts Canyon fire did not reach District property, but CDF graded several emergency roads and firebreaks through Spanish Valley. CDF did some remediation work after the fire to address grading damage. The Board in March 2015 adopted interim policies for the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral holdings regarding hunting, shooting, fires and motorized vehicle use. The District has agreed to reimburse the Lake Berryessa Estates Property Owner's Association for half the cost (~\$4,000) for pruning hazardous trees in the small campground within the Crystal Flats property (which has been used by the Association since the 1970's).</p>

State Parks	Operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park	<p>The District, with assistance from the Napa Valley State Parks Association took over management of the parks on April 1, 2012. A County permit for the pool was obtained in July 2012. The state completed installing 3 yurts in October 2012. The District has installed 7 additional yurts. Numerous volunteer projects have been organized (PG&amp;E event improving the Mill, firewood splitting, hazardous tree removal, mowing, pool cleaning, native plant garden maintenance, historic orchard restoration, lots of trash removal, and in September/October a footbridge on the History Trail was repaired by the St Helena Kiwanis). A volunteer forestry management group has been formed and the District has acquired a boom truck and other equipment to facilitate hazardous tree removal and pruning. Utility service accounts have been transferred from the state to the District. An improved recycling system has been implemented. Every septic tank in the park has been pumped clean, and sewer lines were located and cleared of root blockages. Two additional failed septic tanks were discovered in March 2013 and pumped clean. Nearly \$270,000 in gifts, grants and pledges have been obtained to assist with improvements at the parks. The District and State Parks have finalized an agreement regarding the "found" state money that provides up to \$537,800 in State funds being granted to the District to cover some salaries and two capital improvement projects (replacement roofs and AC overlay to the picnic area road). The District sponsored SB 170 (Wolk) which would exempt the mill from state food processing facility requirements so that flour from the mill can be sold as a food item; the bill passed the legislature, but unfortunately opposition from the Department of Public Health resulted in the Governor vetoing the bill. Senator Wolk reintroduced the same legislation in the 2015 session; the bill has passed the Senate, but has been turned into a two year bill due to continued opposition from the Department of Public Health. Architectural plans for the repair of the cabins were submitted in February 2014 for State Parks approval, and were approved in December 2014. In March 2014 the district was approached by several organizations and individuals requesting that the District consider taking over management of Robert Louis Stevenson State Park; after approval from the Board, staff in June 2014 submitted a proposal to State Parks to manage some aspects of RLS; this proposal has received favorable response, the necessary legislative authorization was approved as part of the proposed State budget for 2015-16 and a draft Agreement is expected from State Parks in mid-July 2015; <u>district staff is still waiting for the draft</u>. A free admission day including the dedication of the Ridge Trail/Vine Trail junction was held on July 27, 2014. State-grant funded roof repairs and day use area roadways were completed in November 2014. <u>Cabin repairs and improvements continue to proceed.</u></p>
Vallejo Lakes	Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County	<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. The District GM, together with the County of Solano EO, in February 2012 each sent letters to the City of Vallejo formally expressing interest in the property and requesting notification per state law of any planned surplusing of the property. Sale of the property by the City has been delayed because of complications related to questions about how best to supply water to residents in Green Valley. The Trust for Public Land has expressed interest in assisting with the purchase of this area. Staff from the District and its partners met with the Vallejo City Manager in April 2014; the surplusing process has become more complicated and the City does not anticipate any action in the near future, but meanwhile the City Manager appears open to working with us to figure out a mutually beneficial outcome. Staff had a very interesting meeting with City of Vallejo water division staff and a tour of Lake Curry in late May. The Lake Curry property can only be described as a jewel, and the City of Vallejo would clearly like to divest it. District staff is presently exploring a broad array of options.</p>
Vine Trail	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>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 District in April 2013 approved and sent a letter of support for the City of Calistoga's request for a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to plan the trail through Calistoga. The Board President in early June 2014 sent a letter of support for a Vine Trail federal "Tiger" grant to help construct the section of trail between Yountville and Napa. The District continues to coordinate with the Vine Trail on plans to route the Vine Trail through Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. A joint Vine Trail/Ridge Trail dedication event was held at Bothe on July 27, 2014. In March 2015 the Vine Trail initiated discussions with district staff about the possibility of the District providing maintenance for the entire Vine Trail. Syar Industries in March 2015 entered into an agreement with Napa Pipe and the Vine Trail to provide an easement for the trail connection between Napa Pipe and Kennedy Park.</p>

**Completed Projects**

<p>Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment          Amendment to the proposed alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail extend north to the Oat Hill Mine Trail</p>	<p>In December of 2012 the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council approved the proposed realignment of the Ridge Trail through Napa County as requested by the District.</p>
<p>Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa Phase I          Phase One--Euclytus Drive to Green Island Road            Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe</p>	<p>Constructed approximately 5 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of American Canyon along the Napa River was completed in April 2012, in partnership with the City of American Canyon, Department of Fish and Game and Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.</p> <p>Completed construction in spring of 2015 of 0.7 miles between Soscol Ferry Road and the Napa Pipe property in the Napa Valley Corporate Park. The contractor will need to return in the summer of 2015 to reapply stabilizer in those spots where it didn't set up due to cold and wet weather.</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Connolly Ranch          Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.</p>	
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail          The Oat Hill Mine Trail was formally opened in May 0f 2008, after a major volunteer work party doing signage installation, brush removal and erosion control.</p>	
<p>Historic ROW Analysis            Study to determine location and status of historic road Rights-of-Way and whether they have value as non-motorized recreational trails</p>	<p>Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those which have greatest potential.</p>
<p>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</p>	
<p>Master Plan Development          The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009</p>	
<p>Master Plan Update          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 released by the Board at the April 9, 2012 meeting for public comment. The plan update was adopted by the Board at its June 2012 meeting.</p>
<p>Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study          Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Moore Creek Open Space Park          Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration          This multi-year project resulted in the removal of the bulk of the invasive teasel that had taken over the 5 acre meadow at the entrance to the Reserve, and the construction of a short native plant interpretive trail. Work was done by volunteers, students, and paid contractors. In doing this work, several thousand students received a day of environmental education about native and invasive plants and riparian ecology.</p>	
<p>Napa River Flood Control Easement          Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding</p>	
<p>Newell Preserve Improvements          Provide on-site water supply for group campground for cattle</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	

River to Ridge Trail	Deeds accomplishing the adjustment in property boundaries between Syar and the State have been recorded.
Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it curenly encroaches on	
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.	
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. Volunteers completed additional work in August 2011.
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 oranzizations.	
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	
Partner-sponsored improvement include a second greenhouse and a covered equestrian arena	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.
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 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 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 obligations.
State Parks	
Assume management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and keep it and the Rale Grist Mill	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.