



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

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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday August 13, 2007 2:00 P.M.  
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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

The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. Assistive listening devices and interpreters are available through the District Secretary. Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations, aids, or services may be made to the Secretary's office no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting date by contacting (707) 259-8603.

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

State law requires agency officers (Directors and Officers) to disclose, and then be disqualified from participation in, any proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, if the officer has received from any participant in the proceeding an amount exceeding \$250 within the prior 12 month period. State law also requires any participant in a proceeding to disclose on the record any such contributions to an agency officer.

1. Call to Order

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

2:10 pm

A. Public Hearing on proposed District Budget for FY 2007-08, and consideration and adoption of Final Budget.

#### 4. Administrative Items

- A. Approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of July 16, 2007.
- B. Discussion and potential action regarding District memberships in other park, recreation, open space and special district organizations.
- C. Receipt of report from the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Directors, and discussion and potential approval of Table of Contents, Guidelines and Schedule for the Development of the First District Master Plan for the Period of 2008-13.
- D. Discussion of the Association of Bay Area Government's Priority Conservation Area (PCA) planning process, and potential nomination of PCA's for Napa County
- E. Discussion and possible action on request by the San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to pursue implementation of the Stags Leap section of Ridge Trail leading from the Silverado Trail easterly up Rector Ridge for a distance of approximately 6 miles.
- F. Discussion and possible adoption of procedures for providing input into the annual performance review of District Officers.
- G. Discussion of and possible action on outreach efforts by Directors and staff.
- H. 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.

- A. Consideration of cancellation of the September Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, and potential calling of a Special Meeting in September.

#### 7. Adjournment



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## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 13, 2007  
Agenda Item: 3.A  
Subject: District Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08

### Recommendation

- (1) Open public hearing, receive testimony, close public hearing, discuss, and adopt District Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08.
- (2) Authorize General Manager or his designee to bind the district, pay invoices and take any and all other actions consistent with the adopted budget and the District's adopted By-Laws.

### Background

The proposed budget at this time only includes basic district operating expenses. The budget will be amended periodically during the year to reflect any other revenues which are received during the year.

Government Code Sections 29066-29093 specifies the process under which counties approve their annual budgets. While these code sections do not apply to the District, the District's Controller, who also serves as Napa County's Controller, has asked that the District utilize the same procedure. Consistent with this direction, the Board of Directors on July 9<sup>th</sup> authorized release of the draft budget for public comment. Notice of the availability of the draft budget for public review and the public hearing scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, was published in the Napa Register on July 18, 2007.

Included in the proposed budget is sufficient funding to maintain current staff services contracted through the County, including General Manager, District Secretary, Auditor-Controller, Treasurer, District Counsel and miscellaneous other professional services. The proposed budget also includes sufficient funding to cover insurance and independent audit costs, and to contract for professional services to assist with developing and managing a District volunteer program.

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**Proposed Budget 2007/08**

Revised draft for August 13, 2007

<u>Accounting Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2007/08 Proposed</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
48500000 O/FS:OPR Trans In	County Special Project Fund	\$264,863
48042000 O/R:Donations	Donations	\$1,156
	Other Revenues	\$5,000
	Prior Year Carryover	\$16,963
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$287,982</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
52186300:PSS-Admin	County Staff Services (GM, Secretary, Auditor-Controller, other)	\$203,000
52180510:PSS-Audit and Accounting	Independent Audit	\$5,000
52250000	Transportation and Travel	\$2,500
52170000	Office Expense	\$1,500
52180500	Legal Services	\$8,000
	Professional Services Contract (volunteer coordination and facility management)	\$37,500
52235000:SDE-other	Reserve/contingency/special projects	\$27,482
SDE-other	Insurance: Liability	\$1,500
52100300	Memberships	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$287,982</b>



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## MINUTES

### NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday July 9, 2007 2:00 P.M.  
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Kay. All Present.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

A. 2:15 p.m.

Presentation by Eliot Hurwitz and Bob Russell representing the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency on the development of the County's strategic transportation plan.

Eliot Hurwitz presented report. Discussion on topics that the Board would like to have included in the Plan. No action taken.

4. Administrative Items

A. Approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of May 31, 2007.

Minutes of May 31, 2007 approved as revised.

TN-DF-GK-MA-HK

B. Discussion and approval of amendment to Grant Agreement with the County of Napa (Agreement No. 6782) for fiscal year 2007-08 and consideration of District Budget for fiscal year 2007-08.

John Woodbury presented report.

Dave Finigan moved to release the Draft Budget and publish notice for a public hearing on August 13, 2007.

MA-DF-TN-HK-GK

- C. Discussion and approval of Resolution 07-03 authorizing signatories for District actions.  
John Woodbury presented report and recommendation. Board voted to approve Resolution #07-03 authorizing signatures for District actions, and authorizing staff to make minor changes to the Resolution if deemed appropriate by the District Controller or District Counsel.  
TN-HK-TN-MA-GK
- D. Authorization to submit grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for restoration grant for the Napa River Ecological Reserve.  
John Woodbury presented report. Board voted to authorize General Manager to submit the Grant Application.  
TN-DF-HK-MA-GK
- E. Consideration and approval of agreement with and acceptance of easement from the Napa County Flood Control District for County Assessor's Parcel 005-180-019.  
Board voted to authorize Board President to sign an agreement with and to accept a conservation easement from the Napa County Flood Control District, with the ability to reconvey the easement to another agency at a later date.  
TN-DF-GK-MA-HK
- F. Discussion and potential approval of scope of work for professional services contract for developing a District volunteer program and managing and operating District parks and trails.  
John Woodbury presented report. Proposing a half time position to begin in September/October to assist with coordinating of volunteers and related tasks. Discussion on the type of qualities that will be ideal for this position. Board approved the scope of work for the District Volunteer Program.  
MA-TN-HK-GK-DF
- G. Projects Status Report  
John Woodbury presented report. No action taken.

#### 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.

Dave Finigan - will not attend the September 10, 2007 meeting.

Myrna Abramowicz - may not be able to attend the September 10, 2007 meeting - will know in a couple of weeks.

Tony Norris - questioned having memberships for the District as a whole as opposed to his individual membership. Will place on agenda. California Association of Park Rangers had a nice write up in their paper.

John Woodbury - Discussion on having evening meetings.

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.

Board discussed the possibility of changing the September meeting date.

7. Closed Session

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

TITLE: General Manager

No Reportable Action.

8. Adjournment

Board voted to adjourn at 4:21 p.m.

TN-HK-MA-DF-GK

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GUY KAY, Board President



ATTEST:

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C. RENEE' LEDERER,  
Acting 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: August 13, 2007  
Agenda Item: 4.B  
Subject: District memberships in other park, recreation, open space and special district organizations

### Recommendation

Select the park, recreation, open space and special district organizations the District should join.

### Background

There are a variety of regional, state and federal organizations which provide information, research, networking and other support for park, recreation, open space and special district public agencies. All have merit, but they are not equally beneficial for the District. In addition to the cost of dues, a considerable investment of time by staff and board is necessary if membership benefits are to be realized. Therefore, staff recommends limiting membership only to the most useful of the organizations, as measured by the needs of the District at this stage in its development.

Listed below are several organizations which the District may wish to consider joining, together with background information. Staff currently actively participates with the Bay Area Open Space Council and the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Partnership. Both provide invaluable and directly relevant assistance on matters related to the District.

### Bay Area Open Space Council

The Council consists of over 50 public agency and non-profit land conservation organizations active in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. The Council holds bi-monthly meetings and an annual conference, undertakes research on park and open space issues, and advocates for legislation favorable to parks and open space. The Council provides excellent networking opportunities, both to other practitioners in the region doing similar work as well as potential grant funders. Membership dues are on a sliding scale; currently, District membership would be \$500/year. Active participants in the Council are primarily professional administrators from their respective agencies and organizations, but elected and appointed policymakers are welcome to attend and participate in meetings.

### Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Partnership

The BRBNA Partnership is an informal collaboration of public agencies, land trusts, recreation groups, property owners and other individuals who have interests and/or responsibilities in the natural landscape that extends from Solano County to northern Lake County along and around the Blue Ridge mountains. The Partnership holds bi-monthly regular meetings, plus numerous smaller



group meetings on specific subjects. The Partnership has been instrumental in several major land acquisitions, has been closely involved with the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation in their development of new master plans, is promoting a variety of enhanced recreational opportunities, and is pursuing stewardship projects such as the removal of invasive species. The Partnership does not do projects itself, but works through its members. The Partnership is offers excellent networking opportunities. Membership dues are on a sliding scale; currently, District membership would be \$500/year.

#### California Park and Recreation Society

CPRS is a statewide organization of public agencies, primarily cities and counties, that have park and recreation departments or similar functions. CPRS has about 4,000 members including over 500 agency members. CPRS address a full range of park and open space issues, but as a practical matter the focus is on organized recreation and developed park facilities. CPRS undertakes research, disseminates information, takes positions on state legislation, offers training courses and sponsors an annual conference. Agency membership is currently \$415/year.

#### National Recreation and Park Association

NRPA is similar to CPRS except that it operates at the national rather than state level. District membership dues are currently \$510/year.

#### California Association of Regional Park and Open Space Administrators

CARPOSA is an organization for professional park and open space administrators. CARPOSA is active in state and federal legislation, provides networking opportunities, and organizes various meetings including an annual meeting. District membership dues are \$300/year.

#### California Special Districts Association

CSDA is comprised of approximately 1,000 special districts throughout California, covering everything from mosquito abatement districts to public utility districts to park districts. CSDA provides education and training, insurance programs, legal advice, industry-wide litigation and public relations support, legislative advocacy, capital improvement and equipment funding, and collateral design services. Both professional staff and policy makers participate in CSDA activities. District membership dues are currently \$498/year.



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## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 13, 2007

Agenda Item: 4.C

Subject: Receipt of report from the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Directors, and discussion and potential approval of Table of Contents, Guidelines and Schedule for the Development of the First District Master Plan for the Period of 2008-13

### Recommendation

Adopt the recommendations of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee regarding the table of contents, guidelines and schedule for the development of the first District Master Plan for the period of 2008-2013.

### Background

The Board of Directors at its February 22, 2007 meeting appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Board members Dave Finigan and Tony Norris, to work with staff in preparing a Master Plan for the District. In a subsequent report to the Board the Committee proposed that the first step of this process would be the development of a table of contents for full Board review indicating what the plan would cover. The Committee with the assistance of the District General Manager have completed this first step and are submitting a proposed outline of general guidelines, schedule and table of contents for the development and update of the first district master plan to the full Board for review and approval.

### **Master Plan Primary Purpose – What it is Proposed to Be and Not to Be**

It is important to first review the Ad Hoc Committee's definition of what this first District master plan should be and should not be with its' proposed completion in 2008. The Committee reviewed a number of plans from other county park systems in developing its recommended table of contents and concluded that this first master plan will need to focus on the specific identification, prioritization and implementation of countywide projects and programs for the district for a short term time frame of five years. It will need to be flexible and subject to changing project circumstances and funding opportunities. It would not be appropriate or practical at this time for the first master plan to be a comprehensive document with detailed chapters on resource management, park design standards, wildlife preservation, recreational needs analysis, etc. The plan is also not proposed to be a strategic plan, detailed facilities plan or a plan with just some general plan goals, priorities and objectives.

It is recommended that the primary purpose of this first District master plan covering the first phased period of 2008-2011 be as follows:

**The primary purpose of the Master Plan is to identify, prioritize, and present an implementation plan for the preservation, development and public use of a countywide system of regional parks, trails, water resources, open spaces and associated recreational and educational opportunities for Napa County residents and visitors.**

### **Proposed Master Plan Development and Review Time Frame**

As mentioned in a previous report of the Committee it is recommended that this first master plan be prepared by the Committee members and District staff and not through use of a consultant. It is proposed that a draft of this Plan be finished by April, 2008 with final Board approval by the following July or August. It is also proposed to be a five year plan focusing on specific project and program objectives. Due to the strong likelihood of changing project priorities and funding opportunities the plan must be flexible and should be updated within three years in 2011 with a full update in 2013. After 2013 the Plan should be updated every five years with interim updates within this time period if necessary.

It is recommended that the full Board conduct public hearings for Master Plan review and comments leading up to April, 2008 and do the same for each subsequent phased update for 2011, 2013 and each five year interval thereafter. It is customary for a full Board in other agencies to hold public hearings on Master Plans in the absence of or in addition to an advisory committee's planning work. We believe it is helpful that Board members have initiated the process in order to expedite the planning business of the District at little cost. In future phases of Master Plan development the Board may assign this planning work to a consultant and/or a standing committee as they think warranted. In addition to one or more formal public hearings on the draft Master Plan, it is recommended that the District offer to make special presentations on the draft Plan to the County Board of Supervisors, the county's four cities and one town, as well as other agencies and organizations which request presentations.

It is also proposed that this first plan be called Phase One to emphasize that changes in projects and funding are likely in the early planning period. Prior to, or during, the plan updates in 2011 and 2013 specific or expanded plan elements addressing areas such as wildlife management, safety plans, equestrian uses, bird habitat protection and other concerns pertinent to the scope of regional parks can be developed and incorporated into the plan.

### **Review of Table of Contents or Master Plan Content**

The table of contents, attached as Exhibit A, outlines the proposed content of the first master plan under the general guidelines previously mentioned. The Plan would start with an executive summary followed by an introduction that would define the purpose of the plan, what the plan is (and is not) and how to use the plan. The next section on policy foundation would cover existing County and other government policies that the plan would need to take into consideration. This would be followed by a plan vision statement.

Section V would include a series of more general goals, principles and policies used to develop the plan's objectives and work program. This would be followed by identifying and listing the existing

(and emerging) regional County park and open space facilities and most importantly the short and long term regional Countywide needs in these areas. The plan will need to incorporate the analysis and identification of park, open space and recreation needs developed in the new County General Plan and associated Conservation and Recreation and Open Space Elements.

### **Principal Master Plan Objectives**

The next section would then identify the principal objectives of the Master Plan which would serve as the basis for the subsequent development of specific project objectives and associated action objectives in the following sections. We identified six principal objectives for the plan that deal with the following major areas:

1. Regional park facilities that include camping, picnicking, trail and/or other related recreational and educational opportunities
2. Public access and recreational use of the Napa River, Lake Berryessa and other County water resources
3. Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails
4. Preservation and protection of open space and natural resources
5. Recreation, cultural and environmental education programs
6. Management, operation and funding of the District

It is important to note that the mayor area of access and use of the County's water resource facilities were identified as a separate principal objective because of the special importance of these facilities for Napa County residents and visitors. Although some project objectives may fit into more than one principal objective each project will be associated with the one that most closely identifies its intended use.

### **Project and Action Objectives and Specific Project Descriptions**

The following sections would be devoted to the heart of this master plan by providing specific project objectives for each principal objective. Each project objective would have a set of action objectives to accomplish the project objective. These action objectives would include time schedules and benchmarks for the completion of these projects. Many of these will have to be worded in a flexible manner to reflect the fact that the District may not be the lead agency or funding may be contingent on a special grant or other funding source that the District does not control. In the attached proposed Master Plan table of contents an example of the use of the action objectives is provided under Section VIII for the Lake Hennessey trail expansion project.

These sections will, in essence, represent the District's work program for a five year period. Under this proposed format any member of the public should be able to quickly refer to this plan to determine what projects the District is pursuing in each of the major objective areas and the schedule for project completion. The use of the terms "principal objective", "project objective" and "action objective" to identify each project or program activity of the plan is intended to simplify its use of terms and make the master plan very readable to the public. These terms also work for non project type of objectives such as the development of a volunteer program or District funding plan.

Section XI would include the detailed descriptions with associated maps for those projects that have been developed to that point. A final section would include a general review of recommended master plan proposals and project objectives for the 2011 and 2013 updates that are not ready for detailed program development with the initial preparation of the master plan.

## **Summary of Master Plan Development Guidelines for Phase One**

In summary the general guidelines proposed for the development of the proposed district master plan are as follows:

1. The first Plan will be prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee and District staff without the use of a consultant.
2. The plan will focus on the identification, prioritization and development of an implementation plan of specific projects that work toward a countywide system of regional parks, trails, water resources, open space and associated educational programs.
3. A draft of the plan will be completed by April, 2008 with full Board review and public hearing in the summer of 2008
4. The plan will be called Phase One and cover a five year period with an interim update and public hearing in 2011 and full update and public hearing in 2013.
5. The plan will be written in a very direct and readable style with limited use of “buzz words” or complex and technical terms.
6. The plan design will be flexible to reflect changing project priorities and funding opportunities,
7. The Plan will be structured to allow for the future incorporation of special plan elements to address areas of special interest to the district.



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## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 13, 2007  
Agenda Item: 4.D  
Subject: Discussion of the Association of Bay Area Government's Priority Conservation Area (PCA) planning process, and potential nomination of PCA's for Napa County

### Recommendation

Discuss and approve submittal of Priority Conservation Area nominations.

### Background

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is engaged in a regional planning process intended to guide growth and development as well as conserve significant regional open space resources. As part of this process, ABAG first solicited nominations from local land use agencies for Priority Development Areas. ABAG is now soliciting nominations for Priority Conservation Areas (PCA's).

ABAG hopes that designating PCA's will help focus public investment toward the most important conservation needs in the region. ABAG is asking local governments and non-profit land conservation organizations to nominate as PCA's those areas with high habitat, agricultural or recreational values for which public funding is likely to be needed in the short-term future (approximately over the next five years). The California Coastal Conservancy, which administers the Bay Area Conservancy Program, has indicated that it will consider PCA's as part of its process in awarding grant funds in the region. Other funding agencies may follow suit, although this is not assured.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors has approved nominating all of the agricultural and agricultural watershed lands of the County as a PCA, with the understanding that the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District would nominate smaller areas within the County that focus on more specific goals. Staff has prepared five nominations, working in coordination with the Land Trust of Napa County, the County of Solano, and the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Partnership. Each nomination is broadly written, since it is difficult to predict even a few years out which specific projects will actually materialize and when they will be ready to move forward.

The five nominations are attached.

## **FOCUS PROGRAM: Priority Conservation Area Designation Nomination Form**

Enter information in the spaces provided. E-mail this completed nomination form and attachments requested as part of this form to [FOCUS@abag.ca.gov](mailto:FOCUS@abag.ca.gov) by **August 17, 2007**. If e-mailing is not possible, a hard copy of materials can be mailed to Jackie Guzman, Association of Bay Area Governments, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604-2050.

### **PART 1: AREA INFORMATION**

Area Name	Southern Mountains -- Skyline Park to Newell Preserve
Area Location (city, town, county)	east of and between cities of Napa and American Canyon
Total Acreage	5,000 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

### **PART 2: NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District
Contact Person	John Woodbury
Address	1195 Third Street, Rm 210, Napa, CA 94559
Phone Number(s)	707-259-5933
E-mail address	jwoodbur@co.napa.ca.us
Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	County of Napa, County of Solano, Land Trust of Napa County, City of American Canyon

### **PART 3: AREA CRITERIA**

Provide a description of how the area meets each of the following criteria by addressing the points for each. Limit responses for each criterion to one page, which can be typed within this document or provided as separate attachments.

#### *A. Level of Consensus*

Preservation of the hills extending from north of Skyline Park to south of the Newell Preserve is widely supported in Napa County. Skyline Park, which is owned by the State, has been leased by the County for nearly 30 years as a regional park. In addition, it has been managed by a non-profit organization which enjoys strong support from equestrians, hikers, mountain bicyclists, archers, the California Native Plant Society, the Sierra Club and many individuals. Repeated threats by the State to sell the park as surplus property have been solidly opposed by the County and its residents. The most recent threat by the State to surplus the property resulted in the County Board of Supervisors voting to attempt to acquire the property from the State to ensure it will be a public park in perpetuity.

To the south, Newell Preserve was established through a charitable donation by the Newell family. The Preserve has stimulated the development of an active core of volunteers, mostly from the City of American Canyon. Protection and improvement of the Preserve is a high priority for the City. Between Skyline Park and Newell Preserve is a mixture of private and public lands.

Providing permanent protection to these lands, and enhancing public recreational access, are both goals of the County's current and draft General Plan. The area is designated as agricultural watershed and open space, and subdivisions below 160 acres are not permitted.

Spanning the boundary between Napa and Solano Counties, permanent protection and public access to this open space area is important to and supported by agencies, organizations and residents in both Napa and Solano County.

### *B. Regional Significance*

Just a few minutes drive from where approximately 75% of Napa County residents live, these hills are important for outdoor recreation, for visual open space, and for habitat. They are also particularly important to nearby Solano County residents in Vallejo, Benicia and Fairfield.

This area includes the proposed alignment for the multi-use San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail. Acquisition of fee title or easements to the private lands in this area, as well as the watershed lands owned by the City of Vallejo, is essential for linking up existing Ridge Trail segments in Lynch Canyon in Solano County and on the Tuteur property next to Skyline Park. Three miles of Ridge Trail have been opened in Lynch Canyon, 1.5 miles have been opened on the Tuteur Ranch, a Ridge Trail connector trail runs several miles from the Tuteur Ranch to Kennedy Park and the Napa River, and a connector trail from Newell Preserve to the Napa River in American Canyon has been proposed by both the Ridge Trail Council and the City of American Canyon.

The area includes a mixture of increasingly rare grasslands, Oak Woodlands and chaparral. The area provides critical habitat for the endangered red-legged frog, as well as numerous other rare and sensitive species.

### *Urgency*

After the third threat by the State to sell Skyline Park as surplus property, Napa County decided to seek legislation to allow it to acquire the property at fair market value. If this legislation is successful, the County will need to act quickly to raise the needed funding.

The City of Vallejo's water district, in its adopted budget for FY 2007-8, indicated its desire to surplus and sell 1,100 acres of its watershed lands in this area. Of this, 200 acres are in Napa County and 900 acres are in Solano County. Public acquisition of these surplus water district lands is important to protect the ecological integrity of the area, to expand Skyline Park, and to implement the Ridge Trail. If not acquired by a public agency, these lands will pass to private ownership and be developed—most likely with estate homes.

Alternatives for making needed Ridge Trail and habitat linkages are limited. Unfortunately, one of the best properties for meeting these twin goals recently went into escrow, which if finalized will result in its transfer from its current ranch family owners to a private developer who intends to develop estate homes. A concerted effort is needed now to ensure that the other remaining alternatives are not also lost.

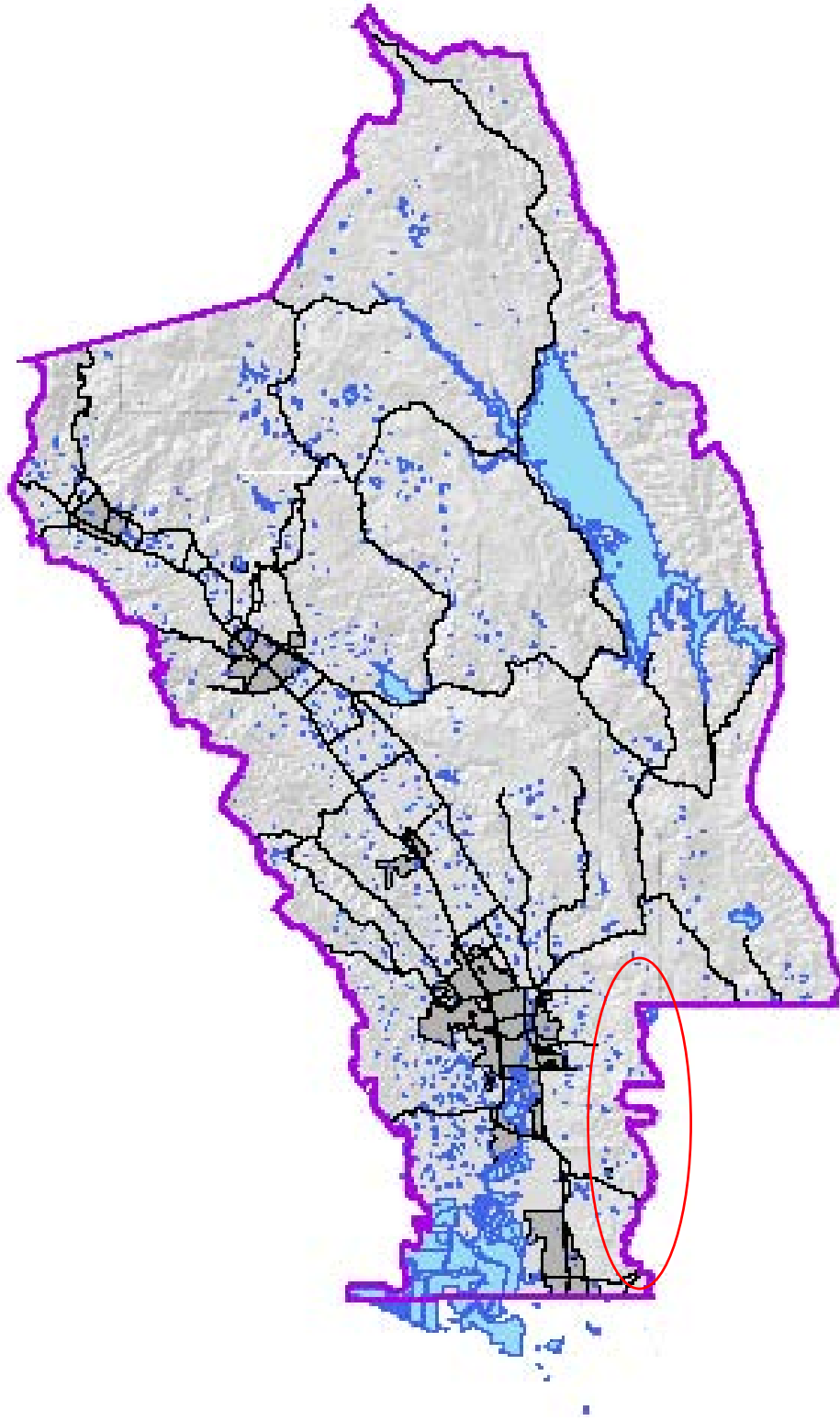
Plans by Caltrans, the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency and the Solano Transportation Authority to widen Highway 12 through Jamieson Canyon add urgency to the need to acquire land or easements north and south of the highway, or at least determine which lands will be acquired, so that a crossing of Highway 12 at the appropriate location can be designed into the widening project.

Finally, while the Newell Preserve is protected from development, its value for public recreation is currently limited due to access problems. The citizens of American Canyon are frustrated by the lack of regular access; opening the Newell Preserve to regular public use is essential to retaining and building support within American Canyon for conservation of natural open space areas. The recent opening of the adjacent Lynch Canyon property in Solano County has increased public pressure to resolve the access issues affecting Newell Preserve.



# Location Map

## Southern Mountains -- Skyline Park to Newell Preserve



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### **PART 1: AREA INFORMATION**

Area Name	Palisades—Mt St Helena to Anqwin
Area Location (city, town, county)	Northwestern Napa County
Total Acreage	10,000 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

### **PART 2: NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	Land Trust of Napa County, California Department of Parks and Recreation

### **PART 3: AREA CRITERIA**

Provide a description of how the area meets each of the following criteria by addressing the points for each. Limit responses for each criterion to one page, which can be typed within this document or provided as separate attachments.

#### *C. Level of Consensus*

The volcanic and Franciscan formations that make up the range of mountains between Mount St. Helena and Angwin, generally referred to as the Palisades, have been a priority for preservation efforts for several decades. Portions of the area are protected through State Parks, State School Lands, Bureau of Land Management and the Land Trust of Napa County. One indication of the level of support for protecting this area is the fact that the land trust's acquisition last year of the 3,000 acre Wild Lake property was the first time the land trust actively raised money to purchase property (as opposed to accepting donated easements or fee title ownership). The trust raised \$15 million in grants and gifts in a very short time for the purchase, of which approximately half was from local donors.

The area is identified as agricultural watershed and open space in the County General Plan.

#### *D. Regional Significance*

The Palisades are important in terms of habitat, water supply, outdoor recreation and visual open space. Most of the area is categorized by The Nature Conservancy as high priority core habitat; the remainder is categorized as priority buffer habitat. Its value is enhanced due to the fact that it seamlessly connects to extensive conservation lands in the Mayacamas Range in Sonoma County.

Even with the current minimal level of public access and improvements, the area is already a significant regional destination for outdoor recreation. The area is regarded by the City of Calistoga

as a key resource supporting visitor services, which collectively account for more than two-thirds of the city's revenue base.

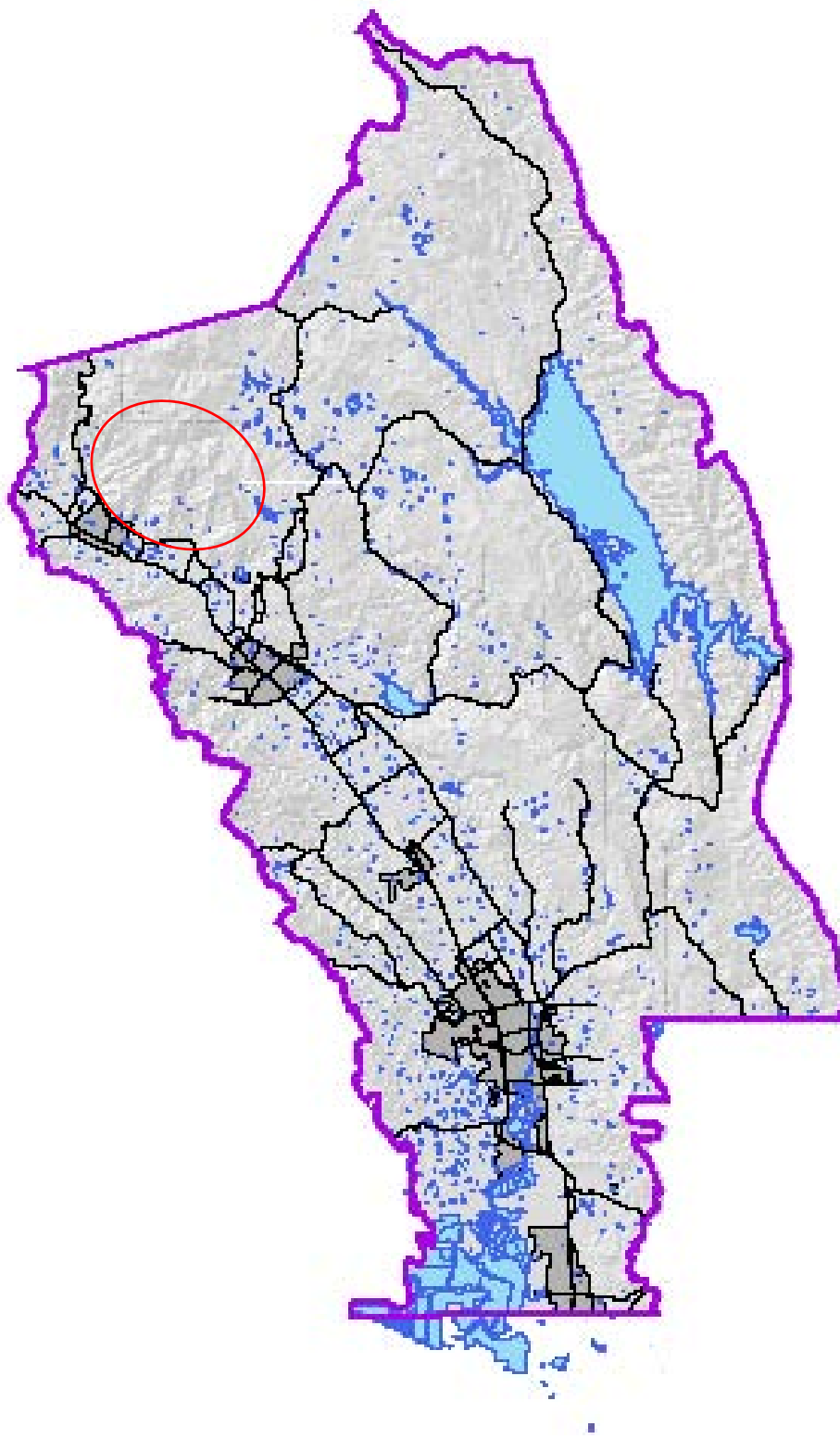
*E. Urgency*

With the rapidly increasing demand for rural estates, the rugged terrain and zoning policies that have helped keep this rugged mountainous area free of most development are no longer sufficient to protect and preserve the area's spectacular open space resources. Land prices in the area have more than doubled in the past five years, and are showing no signs of abating. New resort development on the eastern flanks of the area at Aetna Springs, together with new residential development in the Pope Valley, is heating up the real estate market even more.

The most immediate need is to repay a \$5 million loan which the Land Trust of Napa County obtained to assist with the purchase of Wild Lake, and then to raise several addition million dollars to complete the purchase of another 1,000 acres of open space that connects Wild Lake to Robert Louis Stevenson State Parks. Once these obligations are complete, there are at least 5,000 additional acres worthy of permanent protection which are likely to become available for purchase over the next decade.

Without targeted public acquisitions, the beautiful and ecologically rich Palisades area will quickly be fragmented and its resource values seriously damaged.

# Location Map Palisades—Mt St Helena to Angwin



## **FOCUS PROGRAM: Priority Conservation Area Designation Nomination Form**

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### **PART 1: AREA INFORMATION**

Area Name	Interior Mountains – Moore Creek to Milliken Creek
Area Location (city, town, county)	East Central Napa County
Total Acreage	5,000 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

### **PART 2: NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District
Contact Person	John Woodbury
Address	1195 Third Street, Rm 210, Napa, CA 94559
Phone Number(s)	707-259-5933
E-mail address	jwoodbur@co.napa.ca.us
Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

### **PART 3: AREA CRITERIA**

#### *F. Level of Consensus*

This area was identified in the County's 1976 Park and Recreation Plan as important for a proposed Napa Valley Crest Trail. While that trail was never constructed, there is considerable support for connecting existing nodes of public land and establishing a continuous corridor of protected lands for both habitat and recreational purposes.

The area is designated as agricultural watershed and open space in the County General Plan.

#### *G. Regional Significance*

The southern portion of this area includes the proposed Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment. If the Ridge Trail alignment in Napa County is revised to more closely follow the proposed Napa Valley Crest Trail alignment, as is being encouraged by many groups, all of this area is critical to the Ridge Trail.

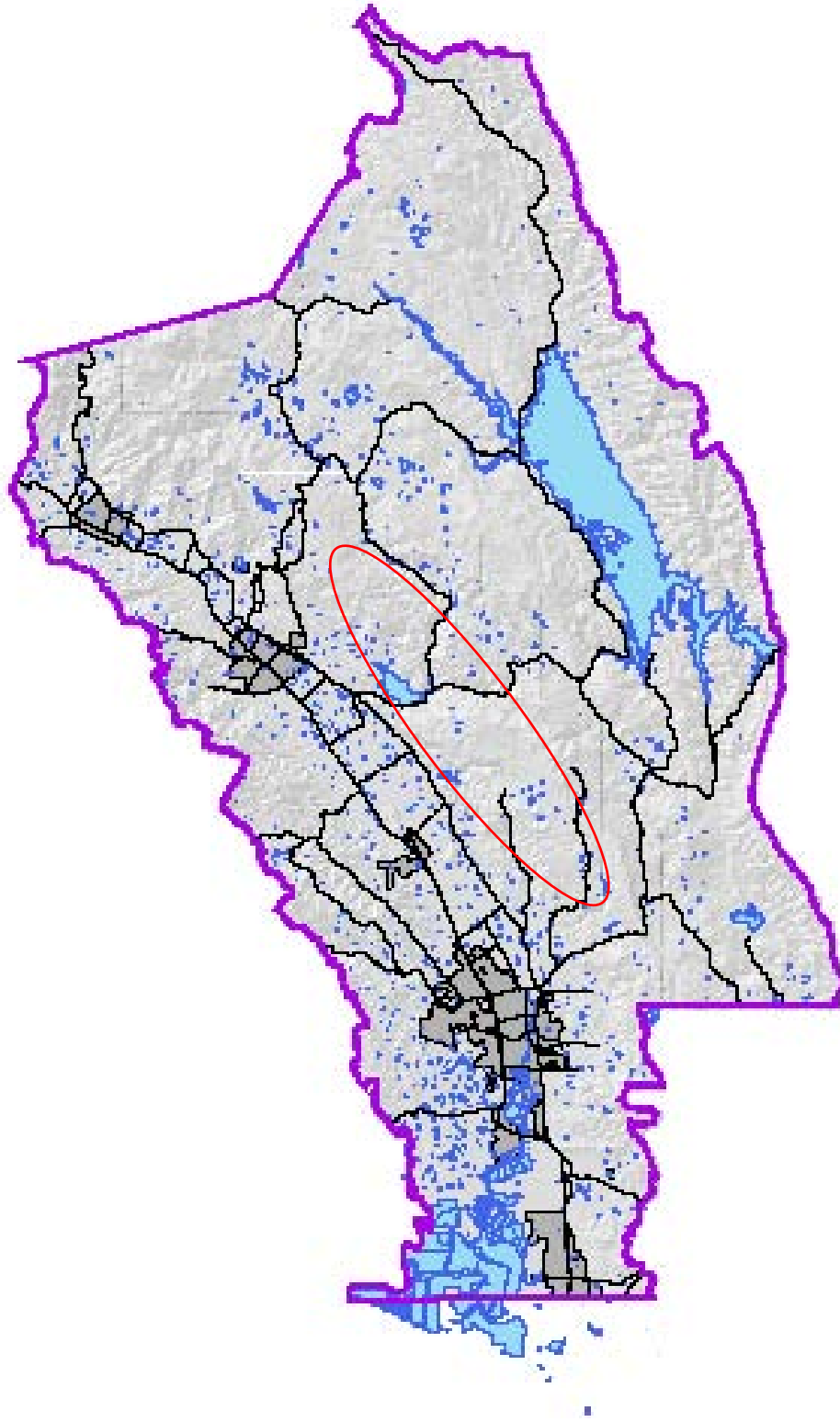
The area is a complex interweaving of Douglas Fir, Oak Woodland, Gray Pine and chaparral plant communities. Nature Conservancy has identified much of this area as either high priority core habitat or important buffer habitat.

#### *H. Urgency*

This area faces very strong development pressure due to its high aesthetic value and its proximity to some of the most prestigious communities, residences and wineries in and around the Napa Valley. Given existing property ownerships and parcel boundaries, habitat and trail linkage opportunities are limited; it is very important to be ready to purchase key parcels when they come on the market.

# Location Map

## Interior Mountains – Moore Creek to Milliken Creek



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### PART 1: AREA INFORMATION

Area Name	Lake Curry/Suisun Creek Watershed
Area Location (city, town, county)	Southeastern Napa County
Total Acreage	5,000 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

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Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	County of Solano

### PART 3: AREA CRITERIA

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#### *I. Level of Consensus*

The Lake Curry watershed was identified as a priority area for recreation in the County's 1976 Park and Recreation Plan. However, ownership by the City of Vallejo and exclusive management for water supply meant this priority could not be implemented.

The area is designated in the County General Plan as agricultural watershed and open space.

#### *J. Regional Significance*

The 2,000 acres of the Lake Curry watershed owned by the City of Vallejo, together with more than 3,000 acres of adjacent privately-owned lands, encompass one of the most pristine areas of Napa County. It has been identified as high priority core habitat by The Nature Conservancy, thanks to its extensive Oak Woodlands and grasslands, its large extent and minimal development.

Lake Curry has the potential to be a major regional draw for non-motorized boating, fishing, swimming and other passive recreational activities. If opened to the public, it would become one of the primary designations for these purposes for residents of Solano and Napa Counties. Despite its great wilderness values, it is only a 30 minute drive from the City of Napa, and only about 15 minutes from the City of Fairfield.

If managed for habitat rather than water supply, Lake Curry has the ability to significantly improve steelhead habitat in Suisun Creek downstream of the dam all the way to Suisun Marsh.

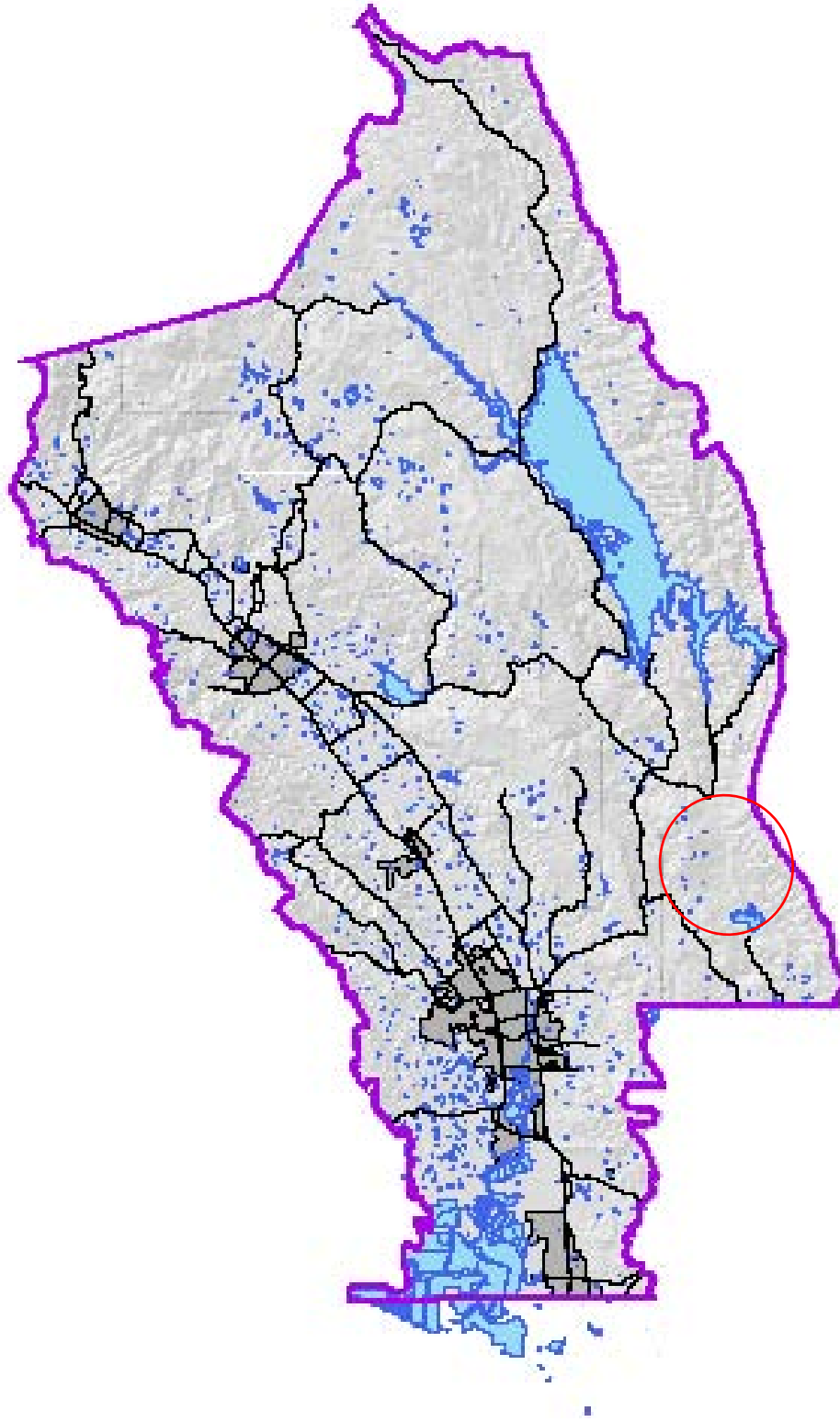
*Urgency*

The City of Vallejo water department is facing serious financial challenges, and is discussing surplus and selling its 2,000 acres of watershed land including Lake Curry itself. If sold to private buyers, the ecological values of this area would be significantly impaired.

Once a major spawning area for steelhead, Suisun Creek habitat is currently severely degraded, in large part because water withdrawals from Lake Curry have reduced downstream water flows at times critical to steelhead.



# Location Map Lake Curry/Suisun Creek Watershed



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### **PART 1: AREA INFORMATION**

Area Name	Blue Oak Woodlands of the Lake District
Area Location (city, town, county)	Northeastern Napa County
Total Acreage	15,000 acres

Attach a map showing the proposed area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.

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### **PART 3: AREA CRITERIA**

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#### *K. Level of Consensus*

The preservation of Blue Oak Woodlands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa is a priority of the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Partnership, which is a voluntary collaboration of numerous public agency, environmental, community, academic and property owner partners. Several tens of thousands of acres of open space has already been protected in the area, primarily north of Lake Berryessa and extending into Lake and Yolo Counties. These protected lands are owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the University of California. The most recent significant expansion of protected acreage occurred in December of 2005, when a concerted effort by numerous partners resulted in the acquisition of 12,500 acres of Blue Oak Woodland by the Department of Fish and Game. The size and effectiveness of this partnership effort clearly demonstrates the level of consensus which exists for protecting these types of habitats.

This area is designated as agriculture, watershed and open space in the County's General Plan, and as such subdivisions of land below 160 acres are not permitted.

#### *L. Regional Significance*

The Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA), which extends across five counties, encompasses one of the largest remaining intact open space ecosystems in California. Its geographic extent, minimal human development, and typically large landholdings are matched by only a few other

locations in the State. As a result, biodiversity studies regularly identify the BRBNA as one of the nation's biodiversity hotspots.

A major component of the BRBNA is its Blue Oak Woodlands. Blue Oak Woodlands occur primarily in a relatively narrow band of hilly land on both the eastern and western flanks of the Central Valley. The Blue Oak Woodlands in the BRBNA are particularly valuable because they occur in the context of the extensive open lands of the BRBNA. As a result of the large scale and complexity of the BRBNA, there are numerous plant community adjacencies which are exceptionally important for ecosystem health and productivity. The scale and location of the BRBNA also means that wildfire, which is a critical factor in the long-term health and regeneration of Oak Woodlands, can be utilized as part of the habitat management regime.

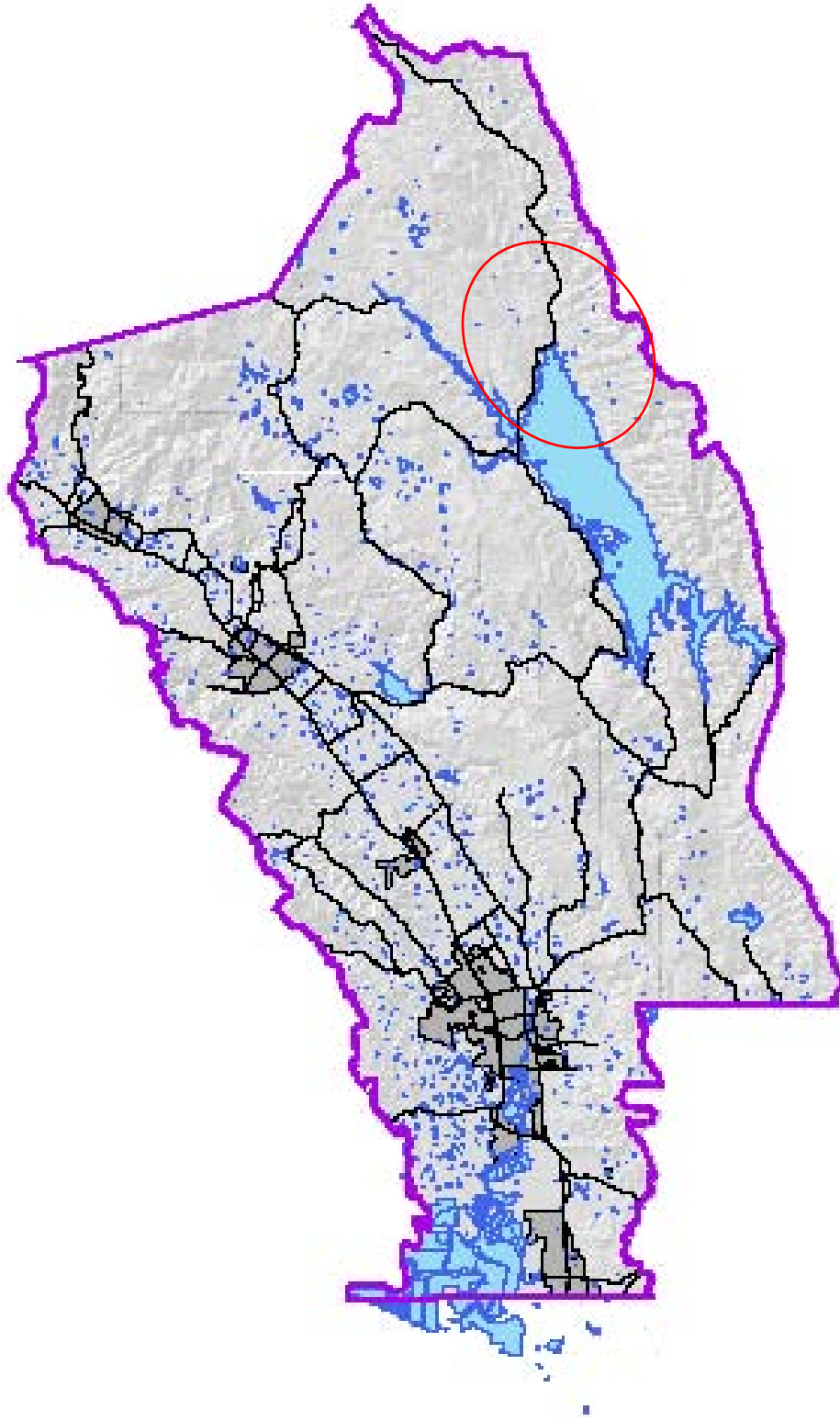
This area has been classified as high priority core habitat by The Nature Conservancy.

### *M. Urgency*

Expanding the amount of permanently protected Blue Oak Woodlands is critical for assuring the integrity and biological value of the BRBNA. Acquisition of fee title to several private inholdings is needed to protect the habitat values provided by Oak Woodland habitats already in public ownership. In addition, acquisition of conservation easements is needed on several thousand acres of private rangeland that support significant Blue Oak Woodland habitat.

Historically, the Blue Oak Woodlands in the Lake District of Napa County have escaped inappropriate development due to their remoteness, the ruggedness of the terrain, and a shortage of water. However, with the explosion of urban and suburban development pressures both in the Central Valley and the Bay Area, the physical factors which in the past prevented undesirable development are no longer sufficient. In addition, a major generational change is taking place within the ranching families which own much of this landscape. With younger family members not interested or unable to continue ranching, many large private ranches have already changed ownership, with many more expected. Efforts to subdivide and develop these historic ranch lands typically accompanies such changes in ownership.

# Location Map Blue Oak Woodlands of the Lake District





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## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 13, 2007

Agenda Item: 4.E

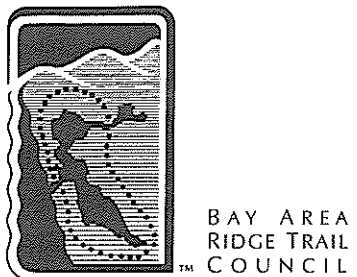
Subject: Discussion and possible action on request by the San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to pursue implementation of the Stag's Leap section of Ridge Trail leading from the Silverado Trail easterly up Rector Ridge for a distance of approximately 6 miles.

### Recommendation

Authorize staff to pursue permits and seek funding to develop approximately 6 miles of Ridge Trail in the vicinity of Stag's Leap.

### Background

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council several years ago started planning for a section of Ridge Trail that would run approximately 6 miles along Rector Ridge in the Stag's Leap area. Attached is a letter from the Council which summarizes the history of their past involvement. The Council is asking the District to take the lead in advancing this project (see attached letter).



20 July 2007

Board of Directors  
 Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District  
 Napa County Administrative Center  
 1195 Third Street  
 Napa, CA 94559

RE: Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's Request to Activate the  
 Stags Leap Ridge Trail Implementation Project

Dear Board Members,

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail Council) respectfully requests that the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District's (NCRPOSD) Board of Directors direct staff to work with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to construct and manage the 6 mile public trail, known as the Stags Leap Ridge Trail, and a staging area - both proposed for the Rector Watershed lands adjacent to Silverado Trail near the Town of Yountville. Please consider our request in light of the summary below of our almost 20 year partnership with Napa County, the brief history of the Stags Leap Ridge Trail Project and the factors that now lead us to our request that you and your staff work to complete this important public trail segment.

The Ridge Trail Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to complete the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a public multi-use trail route on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay. As planned, the 550+ mile Bay Area Ridge Trail (Ridge Trail) will connect public open spaces and parklands in the nine Bay Area counties, providing spectacular ridgeline vistas. As of June 2007, 305 miles of Ridge Trail are dedicated and permanently protected for hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists, trail runners, and outdoors enthusiasts of all ages.

Since 1989, partnering with the City and County of Napa, the Towns of Yountville and American Canyon and other agency and private landowner partners, the Ridge Trail Council has dedicated 16 miles of public trails in Napa with an additional 2.75 miles of connector trails. As you know, we are currently partnering with NCRPOSD to conduct a feasibility study for three more miles of Ridge Trail in the Milliken Watershed lands. The study is in full swing and should be completed by year's end. If the study is successful in finding a trail alignment, we anticipate a dedication of another 3 miles of trail by 2008 or 2009. The 6 mile Stags Leap Ridge Trail segment would add another 6 miles, bringing the total to 25 miles in Napa. Considering there is a total of 50 Ridge Trail miles proposed for Napa overall, the Milliken and Stag Leap trails would bring us to the 50% milestone – an accomplishment worth striving for.

As for the Stags Leap Ridge Trail history, the Ridge Trail Council served as the lead public agency on this project from 1996 to 2002. During this time, we successfully partnered with the DVA, both at the Veterans Home in Yountville (Vets Home) and in Sacramento, DFG and the California State



Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to accomplish several major steps. The trail design and planning phases were completed and a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared, circulated and certified. Additionally, the SCC Board had approved a major portion of the funds to complete the construction phase. In 2002, primarily due to the fact that the Ride Trail Council is a 501 3(c) non-profit, and not set up as a land managing agency, the DVA officials in Sacramento decided not to proceed with the project.

Since 2002 several major factors have changed that indicate NCRPOSD, working with all of the listed partners, would now be successful in completing a public trail project on this already publicly owned property. The most important happened in November, 2006, when Napa County voters approved Measure I establishing the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (NCRPOSD). You, as District Directors, are now authorized to plan, improve and operate a system of public parks, trails and outdoor recreational facilities as well as to protect and preserve natural areas, wildlife habitat and other open space resources. One of the original stated goals of the NCRPOSD is to work to provide public recreational trails in existing publicly owned lands in Napa County.

Secondly, John Woodbury and Ridge Trail Council staff have met several times with officials at the Vets Home and they indicate a willingness to work with DVA officials in Sacramento to bring this project back for consideration. Additionally, with the passage of the Park Bond – Prop 84 - last November, the SCC staff are excited about the possibility that this can, again, become an active trail project in Napa County and are willing to consider a construction grant application from Napa County for this Bay Area Ridge Trail project.

We anticipate that you will soon receive letters of support to proceed with our request from Senator Patricia Wiggins and Assemblywoman Noreen Evans. Both of these elected officials have been champions of the Ridge Trail Council during their entire political careers and both are very familiar with the both the past problems the project faced and the promise of success ahead now that some of the major obstacles have been overcome.

We thank you for giving our request your consideration and hope that you direct your staff to work to complete this important public trail segment in Napa County. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 707.823.3236 or by email at [ridgetrailnorth@comcast.net](mailto:ridgetrailnorth@comcast.net).

Sincerely,



Dee Swanhuyser  
North Bay Trail Director

Cc: Janet McBride, Executive Director, BARTC  
John Woodbury, Principle Planner, NCRPOSD



Napa County Regional Park  
and Open Space District

## STAFF REPORT

Date: August 13, 2007  
Agenda Item: 4.F  
Subject: Discussion and possible adoption of procedures for providing input into the annual performance review of District Officers

### Recommendation

- (1) Adopt a policy of holding an annual performance review for the General Manager, coinciding with and designed to inform the County's regular employee performance review process.
- (2) Reevaluate this policy, as well as whether a formal review process is needed for other District Officers, in the event the nature or scope of these positions change.

### Background

A major responsibility of most Boards of Directors is to ensure high quality performance by its Officers. The District's Officers include the General Manager, District Secretary, District Counsel, Controller and Treasurer.

However, due to the newness and small size of the District, the Officers at this time are of course not employees of the District, but are instead employees or officials of Napa County who provide services to the District under contract. As such, they are already subject to performance review processes administered by the County, or are (in the case of the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer) judged by the voters through periodic elections. Furthermore, with the exception of the General Manager, District-related business is only a small portion of the work of District Officers, and the Board of Directors has relatively little direct interaction with Officers other than the General Manager. For these reasons, it does not seem necessary or appropriate for the Board of Directors to routinely undertake in-depth, independent annual evaluations of all District Officers.

At the July 2007 meeting, the Board held a closed-session review of the General Manager, to coincide with the County's annual review of the employee who serves as General Manager, and based on this review the Board President provided input into the County's performance review process. If the Board is satisfied with this process, it is recommended that the Board follow a similar process for evaluating the General Manager in future years.

Given the limited direct contact that the Board currently has with other District Officers, it is recommended that the Board at this time not establish an evaluation process for these positions, but rely on the General Manager to inform the Board in the event performance issues develop. This approach should be reevaluated if and when the nature and scope of these positions change.





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## **STAFF REPORT**

Date: August 13, 2007

Agenda Item: 4.G

Subject: Discussion of and possible action on outreach efforts by Directors and staff.

### Recommendation

Receive verbal reports from Board members and staff about recent outreach efforts.

### Background

The Board of Directors at its February meeting reviewed a list of agencies and organizations which could potentially be interested in the mission of the District, and agreed that specific Directors and/or staff should take the lead in reaching out to these agencies and organizations. The purpose of the outreach at this time is primarily to (1) provide background information about the District, (2) describe projects and programs on which the District is working, (3) solicit input on policies, projects and programs to assist with the development of a District Master Plan, and (4) determine contact information to facilitate future communications.

Attached is the list of agencies and organizations reviewed by the Board in February (with minor edits based on the discussion at that time). The purpose of the current Board item is to provide an opportunity to discuss the status of outreach efforts and determine what is working or needs to be improved about the process, as well as note any specific comments or suggestions which have been received to date.

**Meeting of August 13, 2007**  
**Agenda Item 4.G**

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

**Potentially Interested Agencies, Organizations and Associations**

August 13, 2007

<u>Name of Entity</u>	<u>Priority</u> (1-5) (1=low; 5=high)	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b><u>Agriculture and Private Land Managers</u></b>			
Carneros Creek Stewardship		Norris	
Napa County Farm Bureau		Kay	
Napa County Resource Conservation District		Norris	
Napa Valley Grape Growers Association		Kelly	
Napa Valley Land Stewards		Kay	
Napa Valley Vintners' Association		Kay	
Rutherford Dust Restoration Team		Norris	
Winegrowers of Napa Valley			
Dry Creek Stewardship		Norris	
Salvador Creek Stewardship		Norris	
<b><u>Business/Tourism</u></b>			
Chamber of Commerce—American Canyon		Abramowicz	
Chamber of Commerce—Calistoga		Kay	
Chamber of Commerce—St. Helena		Kay	
Chamber of Commerce—Napa		Finigan	
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce			
Napa County Association of Realtors		Finigan	
Napa Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau		Finigan	
Napa Valley Economic Development Corporation			
Napa Valley Tourist Bureau (Yountville)			
<b><u>Community Service/Nonprofits</u></b>			
Elks Lodge		Abramowicz	
Kiwanis—American Canyon		Abramowicz	
Kiwanis – Napa		Finigan	
Kiwanis - St. Helena		Kay	
Kiwanis - Yountville		Norris	
Nonprofit Alliance			

Rotary--Calistoga	Kay
Rotary – Napa Noon	Woodbury
Rotary—North Napa	Kelly
Rotary—Sunrise	Finigan
Rotary - St. Helena	Kay
Soroptimist Club - St. Helena/Calistoga	Kay
Molly's Angels	Norris
Soscol Council	
Napa Oaks Neighbors	
Friends of Alston Park	Norris
Alta Heights Neighbors	
Dog Park interest groups	

### **Education**

Calistoga Joint Unified School District	
Justin-Sienna High School Outdoor Club	?
Napa County Superintendent of Schools	
Napa Valley Unified School District	
Napa Valley College	
Napa Valley Retired Teachers Association	?
Pacific Union College	
Pope Valley Union School	
St Helena Unified School District	
Blue Oak School	
Oxbow School	
Vintage High Farm	?
Vintage High Sierra Club	?

### **Environment**

Acorn Soupe (St. Helena)	
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council	Norris
Berryessa Trails and Conservation	Kay
CA Native Plant Society – Napa Chapter	
Friends of American Canyon Open Space	Abramowicz
Friends of the Napa River	Kelly
Get a Grip on Growth	Abramowicz
Greenbelt Alliance	
Land Trust of Napa County	Kelly
Napa County Geology Association	
Napa Solano Audubon	Finigan
Sierra Club	Kelly
Wildlife Rescue	

**Government**

California Department of Fish & Game	Woodbury
California Department of Veterans' Affairs	Woodbury
California State Assemblymember Evans	Kay, Kelly
California State Coastal Conservancy	Woodbury
California State Senator Pat Wiggins	Kay, Kelly
City of American Canyon City Council	Abramowicz
City of American Canyon Open Space Committee	Abramowicz
City of Calistoga City Council	Kay
City of Napa City Council	Kelley, Norris, Abramowicz
City of Napa Park and Recreation Commission	Abramowicz
City of St Helena City Council	Kay
Napa County Board of Supervisors (5 districts)	ALL
Napa County Transportation Planning Agency	
Napa County Wildlife Commission	Woodbury
Town of Yountville Town Council	Norris
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	Woodbury
U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson	Kay, Kelly
Veterans' Affairs	Woodbury
Watershed Information Center and Conservancy	Woodbury
Napa County Flood Control & Water Cons Dist	Norris
Napa County Agricultural Commissioner	Norris

**Healthcare**

Kaiser Hospital  
Queen of the Valley Hospital  
St. Helena Hospital  
Napa State Hospital  
Veterans Home

**Historical/Cultural/Social**

Hispanic Network	
Interfaith Council	
Latino Cultural Council	
Napa County Landmarks	Abramowicz
Napa County Historical Society	Abramowicz
Napa Valley Arts Council	Finigan
Napa Valley Museum	
Napa Valley Natural History Association	
Sharpsteen Museum	
St. Helena Historical Society	

**Park Agencies and Organizations**

Bay Area Open Space Council	Woodbury
Blue Ridge/Berryessa Natural Area Partnership	Kay
Bureau of Land Management	Woodbury
Bureau of Reclamation	Woodbury
California State Parks	Woodbury
California Park and Recreation Society	
Carolyn Parr Nature Center	Kelly
Connolly Ranch	Kelly
Skyline Park Citizen's Association	Abramowicz
Bale Grist Mill/ Bothe State Park	Woodbury
CARPOSA	Norris

**Recreation**

Eagle Cycling Club	Norris
Friends of the Oat Hill Mine Trail	Kay
International Mountain Biking Association	
Napa Valley Horsemen's Association	
Napa Rifle and Pistol Club	Kelly
Pope Valley Ropers and Riders	Kay
Saddlejackets	
Yolo Hiker	
Yolo United Mountainbikers	

**Seniors**

Area Agency on Aging	
Napa Senior Center	
SIRS (4-5 clubs)	

**Youth Groups**

Boy Scouts	Finigan
Girl Scouts	Finigan
4-H Club	
Youth Soccer	
Boys and Girls Club	?
PAL	?

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

**Project Status Report**

13-Aug-07

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
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.	<b>feasibility study completion expected in August 2007</b>
Berryessa Estates	Bureau of Land Management has declared 160 acres next to Berryessa Estates as surplus, and BLM has expressed willingness to transfer to District under their Recreation and Public Purpose Act procedure. Would serve as a wilderness park for residents of Berryessa Estates, and could eventually be the northern trailhead for a trail between Berryess Estates and Pope Canyon.	Draft trail plan prepared. In process of determining feasibility of using CDF crews to clear brush for a combined firebreak and trail. Next step is to submit RPP application to BLM
Camp Berryessa	Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a group/environmental education camp.	Draft MOU with Bureau of Reclamation under review by BOR
Eticuara Creek Lake Berryessa Kayak Launch	County providing \$30,000 to assist Bureau of Reclamation complete a hand boat launch facility at the north end of Lake Berryessa.	Waiting for Burerau of Reclamation to approve Land Tenure Agreement.
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	Next step is to complete draft trail plan, management plan and CEQA review.
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	Feasibility study underway, with completion due by end of Dec 2007.

Napa River Ecological Reserve	Improvements to the reserve including paving parking area, controlling vehicle access through placement of rock barriers, replacement of old signage and information panels.	Paving and rock installation complete. Working with DFG on signage. <b>Grant applicaton for habitat restoration, environmental education and improved signage submitted to State Coastal Conservancy.</b>
Napa River Flood Control Easement Newell Preserve	Conservation easement held by District to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding	<b>Easement completed.</b>
Oat Hill Mine Trail	Provide on-site water supply for group campground and so cattle can be restricted from access to riparian areas.	City of American Canyon will test for water availability and quality in summer 2007; if potable water is found, Prop 12 funds may be used to install solar pump and distribution system;
River to Ridge Trail	Grand opening to the Oat Hill Mine Trail with weekend of signage installation, brush removal and erosion control	In process of recruiting volunteer project leaders and obtaining overnight camping location. Trail map brochure design 90% complete. Signage under investigation. Bid documents currently being prepared for mechanized work which will be contracted
Skyline Park Protection	Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it curenly encroaches on private property in two locations)	Lot line adjustment approved by Syar Properties. Awaiting approval by Department of General Services.
Skyline Park Improvements	Acquisition of Skyline Park	County and State Dept of General Services reviewing draft appraisal; <b>legislation by Senator Wiggins to authorize sale to the County has passed Senate and all needed Assembly committeess and is awaiting Assembly floor vote</b>
Stags Leap Ridge Trail	Erosion control work on Lake Marie Road, and paving of campground loop road.	Lake Marie Road has been repaired. Paving bids for loop road received from Association. <b>State preliminary paperwork prepared.</b> Project must be finished in 2007.
Wild Lake Ranch	Construction of staging area and 3+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.	Have meet with Veterans Home staff, who are supportive. Property boundaries have been researched, and preliminary staging area design developed. CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--may require minor updating. <b>Board project concept approval pending; next step is formal request to Department of</b>
	Possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas through agreement between the Land Trust, the District and State Parks	Continuing discussions with the Land Trust of Napa County and California State Parks regarding development of Master Plan and long-term ownership and management arrangements