



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

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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

**Monday January 11, 2009 2:00 P.M.**  
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

#### 2. Public Comment

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

3. Set Matters

4. Administrative Items

- A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors' meeting of December 14, 2009.
- B. Consideration of and potential approval of District comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Napa Pipe site development proposal.
- C. Discussion and potential action on the Local Agency Formation Commission's consideration of a proposed sphere change and annexation for the City of Napa related to Trancas Park (oral report)
- D. Consideration and potential action regarding proposed sale of a 95 acre tax-defaulted property located on the Knoxville-Berryessa Road approximately one-half mile south of Pope Canyon road (APN 019-280-002). (oral report)
- E. Receipt of report from the Board of Director's ad hoc committee regarding the County Special Projects Fund.and potential approval of request to the Napa County Board of Supervisors.
- F. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
- G. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

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

6. Agenda Planning

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

7. Closed Session

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)  
TITLE: General Manager

8. Adjournment



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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday December 14, 2009 2:00 P.M.  
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors' meeting of October 12, 2009 and November 9, 2009.

Minutes for October 12, 2009 were approved as presented.

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Minutes for November 9, 2009 were approved as presented.

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B. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the proposed alignment and design of the Napa River and Bay Trail through the Napa Pipe site development. (oral report)

John Woodbury gave the report. The item was continued to the next meeting.

C. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement 09-01 (Camp Berryessa Feasibility Study) and Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 09-04 (Bay Trail Railroad Crossing Design Study), both with Questa Engineering, to extend the term of the agreements until June 30, 2010

Directors voted to authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to

Agreement 09-01, and Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 09-04.  
TN-MA-GK-HK-DF

- D. Discussion and direction to staff regarding amending the District's policy on dogs on the Oat Hill Mine Trail to be consistent with the policy for Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.

John Woodbury gave the report and Directors asked that he consult with other jurisdictions involved and report back to the board in the spring.

- E. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.

John Woodbury gave the report.

- F. Receive the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District independent financial audit for Fiscal Year 2008-9 (to be distributed at meeting).

Tracy Schulze gave the report.

- G. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on the Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment, Blue Ridge Berryessa Peak Trail, Lake Hennessey, Milliken Creek, Moore Creek, Oat Hill Mine Trail, River to Ridge Trail, and the South Napa Wetlands.

- H. Approval of Board Meeting calendar for 2010.

Directors voted to approve the 2010 meeting calendar as presented.

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- I. Election of Board President and Vice-President for calendar year 2010 (no written report).

Directors voted Myrna Abramowicz to serve as President for 2010.

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Directors voted Tony Norris to serve as Vice President in 2010.

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5. Announcements by Board and Staff

Director Myrna Abramowicz announced that she attended the December 7, 2009 LAFCO meeting with discussions on Trancas Crossing Park, and that the District should follow this matter as the issues raised could significantly affect the District.

6. Agenda Planning

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned to the Regular Park & Open Space District Meeting of January 11, 2010.





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## **STAFF REPORT**

Date: January 11, 2010

Agenda Item: 4.B.

Subject: Consideration of and potential approval of District comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Napa Pipe site development proposal.

### Recommendation

Approve the attached comment letter regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Napa Pipe development.

### Background

The former Napa Pipe property south of Kennedy Park is critical to the completion of the San Francisco Bay Trail/ Napa River Trail between the City of Napa and the City of American Canyon. This property is currently the subject of a development proposal for which a draft Environmental Impact Report has been released for public review and comment.

The District has a policy of not taking positions on specific development proposals, but will comment on aspects of proposals which may have beneficial or negative impacts on District projects. The attached draft comment letter is provided to the District Board for its consideration.



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January 11, 2010

Sean Trippi  
Napa County Department of Conservation, Development & Planning  
1195 Third Street, Suite 210  
Napa, CA 94559

RE: Comments on Napa Pipe Draft Environmental Impact Report of October 23, 2009

Dear Sean:

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District does not have a position for or against the Napa Pipe development proposal which is the subject of the above-referenced DEIR, but would like to submit comments addressing the non-motorized pedestrian and bicycle circulation aspects of the proposal.

The District Master Plan support the completion of the Napa River Trail, San Francisco Bay Trail and Napa Valley Vine Trail between the cities of Napa and American Canyon, as a Class I bicycle and pedestrian route, following a route as close to the Napa River as feasible. The preferred route goes through the Napa Pipe property.

The diagrams and text contained in the DEIR indicate an intention for the developer to construct a bicycle and pedestrian route through the project, but are not clear as to the design. District staff, together with other supporters of these three trail systems, have therefore met with the developer to seek additional clarification of their plans (see attached). We request that the Final EIR incorporate these clarifications, as further modified below, and make them required mitigations for the project's extensive traffic impacts. The essential features of the attached clarifications are two connected north-south non-motorized trails (one relatively direct, and one more aesthetic), and three east-west connections, all consistent with Class I design standards (except for path widths, which are addressed in our comments below).

We also request that the following additional mitigations be incorporated into the Final EIR:

- (1) The path connection heading north to Kennedy Park is shown paralleling the railroad tracks. While this is the preferred alignment, it requires a right of way which the developer does not currently possess. If the developer is unable to obtain the necessary right of way, the project should be required to construct a bridge over Asylum Slough connecting directly between the Napa Pipe site and Kennedy Park. One or the other of these connections is essential for the non-motorized trails to function as intended.
- (2) In some locations the proposed path widths are less than the standard width for Class I facilities. Given the size of the project site, and the flexibility in site design that this large

size allows, all of the routes (including also where the river alignment crosses over the dry docks) should be designed to meet Class I width standards.

- (3) For the proposed non-motorized path system to effectively mitigate traffic impacts of the project, it is important that the system not stop at the southern end of the project site, but continue south to American Canyon. The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District is actively working to construct a Class I trail that will make this connection, aligned as close to the Napa River as possible,. A feasibility study for the entire route has been completed, and the section between American Canyon and Green Island Road has been funded and is under construction. In addition, the District is in the process of finalizing permits for the 4,000-plus linear foot section of this trail immediately to the south of the project site (through the Napa Valley Corporate Park and under the Butler Bridge connecting to Soscol Ferry Road.. We believe that the Napa Pipe project should reasonably be required to fund at least this section of the overall route. This section is estimated to only cost approximately \$350,000, making it a cost-effective way to provide a safe and appealing connection from the Napa Pipe property to south of Highway 29.

Off-site traffic impacts of the proposed Napa Pipe project are clearly huge. Off-site street and road improvements can mitigate to some degree for these impacts, but cannot provide full mitigation. Indeed, some past countywide traffic modeling done by the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency has suggested that expansions to the capacity of Highways 29 and 12 south of the project site could actually worsen congestion in some other parts of the County, by removing south-county bottlenecks that currently limit north-county traffic levels. For these reasons, we believe it is essential that traffic impacts from the project be mitigated as much as possible through expansion of the county's non-motorized circulation system.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,

John Woodbury  
General Manager





- LEGEND**
- SHARED TRAIL (PEDESTRIANS+BICYCLES)
  - 12' WIDE TRAIL
  - 12' WIDE TRAIL 'WALK YOUR BIKE ZONE'
  - SEPARATED TRAIL
  - 8-9' WIDE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
  - 2-4' WIDE MEDIAN
  - 8' WIDE BICYCLE TRAIL
  - PLAN ENLARGEMENT

CONNECT TO PROPOSED BAY TRAIL AND KENNEDY PARK VIA PATH AROUND HARBOR

CONNECT TO PROPOSED BAY TRAIL



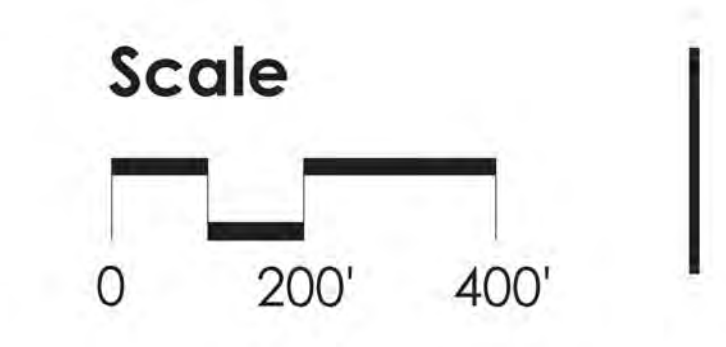
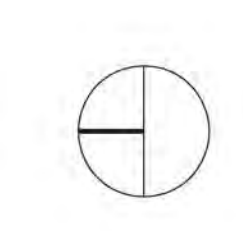
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## Bike Trail Diagram

17 DECEMBER 2009





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## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

January 11, 2010

Agenda Item: 4. E

Subject: Receipt of report from the Board of Director's ad hoc committee regarding the County Special Projects Fund, and potential approval of request to the Napa County Board of Supervisors

From: Board Ad Hoc Committee on future funding agreement with County for District operations and special projects. (committee members Dave Finigan and Myrna Abramowicz)

### Recommendation

- A. Receive this report from the District Board's Ad Hoc Committee set up to evaluate Napa County's Special Projects Fund policies
- B. Approve the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations and direct the Committee to forward the recommendations to the County Board of Supervisor, as follows:
  1. Replace the three-year Request for Proposals process for capital improvement projects within the park and open space category of the Special Projects Fund, with an annual grant to the District to cover all park and open space operations and projects.
  2. Continue to base the allocation of the Special Projects Fund for park and open space purposes upon a percentage of available funds—not a fixed dollar amount—and set the District's percentage allocation of the Special Projects Fund at 75%.
  3. Make the County's Special Projects Fund policies effective for a five-year term.

### Background

The District is currently operating under a three-year policy and agreement with Napa County that provides County funding for District operations and special projects through the County's Special Projects Fund. This fund is derived from the increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) approved by the voters in 2004. The increase in the TOT was approved as a County general fund tax, with support for parks and open space proposed as a primary beneficiary of the increased revenues. Under a Board of Supervisor's policy resolution adopted April 17, 2007, the increased revenues were

placed in a Special Projects Fund, of which 60%, plus any unspent remainder each year after other specified amounts are to be granted for the arts and visitor services, is to be used for park and open space purposes. This adopted policy was made effective for three years, at the end of which the Board would adopt a new policy for future use of the Special Projects Fund.

The three year period set forth in the County's policy resolution will expire this calendar year. In response to this the District Board established a special ad hoc committee of two Board members to develop District recommendations to present to the Board of Supervisors regarding revisions to the uses and procedures for the Special Projects Fund.

The District ad hoc committee consisting of Board members Dave Finigan and Myrna Abramowicz met with the county's Director of Community and Intergovernmental Affairs Larry Florin who manages the Special Projects Fund. During this meeting Mr. Florin indicated that County staff would be preparing an agenda item in late January to solicit Board input on any proposed changes to the Special Projects Fund policy resolution.

#### 1. Allocation Process

The present allocation process for the parks and open space portion of the Special Projects Fund is a complex mix of annual budgeting, multi-year project funding, and ad hoc decisions based on immediate circumstances.

Since the adoption of the Special Projects Fund policy in April 2007, the District has received operational funding approved through the County's annual budget process, capital projects funding approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 29, 2008 for specified improvement projects over a three-year period, as well as an additional grant approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 12, 2008 for a specific property acquisition. Total Special Projects Funds received by the District were \$170,136 for FY 2006-7 (a partial year), \$376,579 for FY 2007-8, and \$389,817 in FY 2008-9. The District is budgeted to receive \$734,054 in FY 2009-10 from the Special Projects Funds. The Board of Supervisors has separately set aside \$200,000 per year for the future acquisition of Skyline Park, as well as borrowed from this set-aside on two occasions to fund other purposes.

When the Board Policy resolution regarding the Special Projects Fund was adopted in 2007, the District was in its first year of operation and its potential effectiveness and success was unproven. Additionally, the District did not have a Master Plan identifying and establishing priorities for park and open space acquisition and development projects.

Since that time the District has had three years of operation during which it has been extraordinarily successful in meeting the expectations and goals of the members of the public and governmental officials who were responsible for the creation of the District:

- A comprehensive Master Plan has been prepared by the Board and staff (completed with in-house and donated services, and without the use of a consultant, easily saving over \$300,000 compared to the typical master planning process).
- The District has initiated and completed or made substantial progress on over 30 different park and open space projects during this time despite limited funding and staffing.
- The District as of June 30, 2009 had generated direct grants from non-county sources of \$3,793,000, thereby leveraging County funds by just over 400 percent.
- The District has matched this with an addition \$850,000 in grants from partner agencies for District-associated projects.
- The District has also generated 4,970 hours in volunteer time valued at just under \$100,000 to work on District park and open space facilities, and additionally received \$45,900 in donated funds, goods and services.
- The District has acquired a total of 897 acres of open space below appraised fair market value, received two donated conservation easements and one donated trail easement.
- The District has forged a unique partnership with a local non-profit social service provider that has dramatically improved the care of a formerly trashed nature preserve while simultaneously enriching the lives of the patients served by the non-profit.
- The District has through professional management and careful oversight accomplished all of the above while still ending each fiscal year within budget.

The District's track record since its inception has clearly demonstrated the validity of the reasoning of the Board of Supervisors when it placed formation of an independent park and open space district on the ballot in 2006. Specifically, an independent district, working in close association with the County, was expected to be:

- clearly accountable in its actions;
- effective due to its singular focus and streamlined procedures;
- able to partner with other public agencies and non-profit organizations without the distractions created by other potentially competing agendas; and
- able to generate substantial public involvement and volunteer support.

In light of the complexity of the current process for allocating special project funds to park and open space purposes, the strong track record of the District over the past three years, and the adoption of a comprehensive Master Plan that implements the park and open space goals of the County General Plan, the ad hoc committee believes the process for allocating County park and open space funds should be revised.

**Recommendation # 1 Replace the present complex allocation process for park and open space purposes with a single annual grant to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District approved through the County's standard budget review process.**

This recommendation would eliminate the time and expense involved in a formal Request For Proposals process that is out of sync with the normal fiscal year. The District Board would be responsible for the review and conduct of an appropriate public review and hearing process to allocate these funds for District operations and capital improvement projects. This recommendation means that all County special project funds intended for park and open space purposes would be directed to the District for prioritization based on the adopted Master Plan and the District's public hearing process previously mentioned.

## 2. Level of Funding for Park and Open Space Purposes

**Recommendation #2 It is recommended that the allocation of the Special Projects Fund for park and open space purposes continue to be based upon a percentage of available funds—not a fixed dollar amount—and that the District's percentage allocation of the Special Projects Fund be set at 75%.**

The first part of this recommendation proposes that the allocation of TOT funds continue to be based upon a percentage basis and not a flat dollar amount so these fund allocations can continue to reflect the general economy and not result in either the County or District being obligated for funding that may not reasonably reflect current financial conditions. The Ad Hoc committee recognizes that with the current recession County TOT revenues are declining which will result in less revenue to the District for at least the 2010-11 fiscal year. This is understandable and appropriate as most public agencies are currently experiencing reduced revenues. It is the Committees' recommendation that the allocation of these revenues should reflect the economy and actual amount received by the County and not be distorted in any way by obligations for flat amounts.

The second part of this recommendation proposes that the allocation of these funds for park and open space purposes be increased from 60% to 75%. The primary reason for this increase is to support the District's ability to provide matching funds for special project grants. This is extremely important since the District requires grants for most of its special projects. As noted previously that District has been able to use its existing County special projects funding to leverage County funds by over 400% to secure grant funds for park and open space projects in Napa County.

It should be noted that even if the set-aside is increased to 75%, this will nonetheless in the short term still represent a decrease in actual dollars available for park and open space purposes, since with the economic downturn over the past year revenues from the Transient Occupancy Tax have dropped considerably, and are unlikely to recover for another one to two years.

Over the next three years, the highest priority projects for which funding needs to be secured include construction of the youth and group-oriented outdoor education Camp Berryessa on the Putah Creek arm of Lake Berryessa, completion of the Napa River and Bay Trail between American Canyon and Napa, construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on Rector Ridge, and purchase of Skyline Park and adjacent properties.

The District does not currently have sufficient revenues to use as matching funds to effectively compete for outside grants for these high priority projects.

The recommended small increase in the percentage of Special Projects Funds available for parks and open space would also enable the District to continue making process on the up-front planning, environmental review, permitting and preliminary engineering necessary to get high priority projects ready to solicit grant funding requests. If this up-front planning, review, permitting and engineering work is delayed, the District will not have “shovel-ready” projects poised to take advantage of grant funding as the economy improves.

**Recommendation # 3 It is recommended that the term of the county’s Special Projects Fund policy as it relates to parks and open space be changed from a three to a five year period to provide the District with the financial predictability to pursue and complete projects that involve a number of phases and extended time table to complete.**

Due to the District’s limited funding it will take many years for many of its projects to reach final completion. It has been and will continue to be necessary for the District to divide projects into phases and seek different grants for each phase. In addition, project construction for each phase may need to be spread over multiple years. For example, the Napa River and Bay Trail from American Canyon to the City of Napa has been divided into eight segments, which due to funding constraints will need to be constructed over at least four to five years. Extending the effective length of the policy is also important for the District to be able to justify grant requests to the granting agencies with documented stability in general funding that covers an extended period of time.

### **Summary and Next Steps**

As mentioned previously the District has been extraordinarily successful during its first three years of operation in the initial acquisition and development of new parks and open space areas in Napa County. It has accomplished this with a very limited budget with great success in securing grants and has proven its ability to operate with sound financial practices. It is appropriate for the District to continue and seek to modestly expand on an

incremental basis its funding relationship with Napa County to further improve the District's ability to provide these important park and open space facilities to Napa County.

After Board review and approval of these and/or any other changes to the County's special projects fund allocation priorities and process it would be appropriate for the Board to authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to present this information through a letter and public presentation to the Napa County Board of Supervisors when they review their Special Projects Fund policy.



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## STAFF REPORT

Date: January 11, 2009

Agenda Item: 4.F.

Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager

### Recommendation

Receive the report.

### Background

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

Payment Date      Purpose      Source / Recipient      Amount

12/2/2009 and 1/5/2009	Transportation reimbursement	John Woodbury	\$176.92
12/2/2009	Office expense reimbursement	John Woodbury	58.61
12/2/2009 and 1/5/2009	Moore Creek supplies reimbursement	John Woodbury	\$291.14
12/15/09	CEQA fee for Napa River Trail phase 1 Notice of Determination	Department of Fish and Game	\$1,993.00
12/20/2010	Moore Creek supplies reimbursement	CJ Yip and Associates	\$608.06
1/5/2010	Membership dues	Blue Ridge/Berryessa Natural Area Partnership	\$500.00



Plan of Projects

Status Report for January 11, 2009

Name of Project	Description	Status
Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment	Amendment to the proposed alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail extend north to the Oat Hill Mine Trail	Ridge Trail Board has approved evaluating the amended alignment. District staff is working with the Ridge Trail and other partners to prepare the evaluation.
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.	Feasibility study completed. Phase one (American Canyon to Green Island Rd) CEQA review and Use Permit done. The contract for a \$1,032,300 California River Parkway Grant has now been negotiated and is circulating for signatures. Agreements between the Waste Management Authority, City of American Canyon and the District for the landfill loop have been approved, but will not be effective until the landfill closure plan is amended. The District-DFG MOU for the phase one trail is still with DFG legal staff for review. Questa is preparing the PUC permit application for a public crossing of the SMART tracks. DFG has agreed, subject to further environmental review, to allow the trail to run along the eastern edge of Fagan Marsh. Staff is continuing to work on permits for the section of trail between the Napa Pipe project and Napa Sanitation District property; conceptual approvals have been obtained from the City of Napa and the Napa Valley Corporate Park owners. A District application for federal Transportation Enhancements funds for this section was turned down in November 2009.
Berryessa Estates	Acquire 160 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.	CDF and the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department have added a proposal to construct a fire substation on a corner of the property. CDF has indicated its crews will most likely be available to clear brush for a combined firebreak and trail. A community meeting with about two dozen attendees was held March 10, 2009 at the Pope Valley Farm Center to get input from and determine level of support in the community. The draft R&PP application to BLM has been submitted. 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.
Berryessa Vista	Planning and stewardship of this 224 acre wilderness park.	Volunteers working with the District have completed detailed GIS mapping showing all existing roads, creek crossings, vista points and potential campsites. Continuing damage by off-road vehicles trespassing on the property was noted. No further work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed by Berryessa Trails and Conservation.
Blue Ridge/Berryess Peak Trail	Obtain right of way and construct trail to provide public access to extensive federal lands on Blue Ridge and to Berryessa Peak	Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. Undertook a reconnaissance of the trail route in December 2008. Based on this reconnaissance, a revised easement description was drafted, approved by the landowner and recorded. Botanical surveys field work needed for CEQA review is complete. At proposed negative declaration has been released for public comment, and the Use Permit hearing was approved December 16, 2009.
Camp Berryessa	Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a group/environmental education camp.	MOU with Bureau of Reclamation has been approved by BOR and by the District granting District an 18 month period to develop a plan for the camp. BOR has completed its cultural survey of the site. Questa has finished the administrative draft feasibility report, and is now making changes based on District feedback. The District has prepared a draft license agreement, which is now under review by BOR.
District Non-profit Foundation	Organize a non-profit foundation to raise funds for District projects	The District Board has approved the goals, objectives and basic structure for a non-profit foundation to assist the District with fundraising. Board members are contacting potential future members of the foundation governing board.
Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails	Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct approximately 1 mile of new single track trail, into a loop trail system on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the planned Moore Creek Open Space Park trail system.	This project is being combined with the Milliken Ridge Trail project for purposes of seeking City of Napa approvals to construct and operate trails on their property. the Napa City Council in November, 2009 directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails.
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area	Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area	The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on the Milliken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running.

<p>Moore Creek Open Space Park Development</p> <p>Development of open space park on 673 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessey to protect habitat, provide recreational trails, and overnight camping facilities.</p>	<p>The gatehouse well has been drilled, <u>and pump installed--water quality testing is next</u> the ranch house well has been drilled, and pump installation is out to bid. An agreement for surveying the boundary between the District property and adjacent private property to the east has been signed, and the survey is underway. Volunteers demolished a large old shed in early September, constructed a new boundary/pool fence at the ranch house in October, and in November planted 250 willows, oaks and buckeyes to stabilize a section of creek bank <u>the next work party will be</u> February 12-14. 2010</p>
<p>Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration</p> <p>Remove invasive plants and restore native vegetation in the entryway meadow, replace damaged signage and information panels, restorate the interior trail and interpretive elements, and if feasible install a seasonal bridge.</p>	<p>The Coastal Conservancy has approved a \$100,000 grant for restoration, environmental education and signage. CEQA review is complete, the grant contract has been signed and the District's partners on the project have met to review approaches and roles. However, the grant was frozen in December 2008 due to the State budget crisis; <u>while the funding has now been partially unfrozen, staff is now redefining the project to fit a reduced budget.</u> Audubon has obtained a small grant which will help the District work with volunteers to do some invasive plant removal on the northeast side of the river.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Grand opening to the Oat Hill Mine Trail with weekend of signage installation, brush removal and erosion control</p>	<p>The judge hearing the legal challenge to the trail in December 2008 denied the substance of the issues raised by the plaintiff. The plaintiff in late April 2009 selected new legal counsel to represent him; this is now the third legal counsel he has used on this case. The court case was scheduled to be heard on December 16, 2009, <u>but</u> has been postponed until February due to the judge's illness. 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.</p>
<p>Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail</p> <p>Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.</p>	<p>CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--though minor updating will be required due to the passage of time. The project concept has been approved by the District Board, and is being positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. District and Veterans Home staff met on June 30, 2009 to develop a strategy to allow the project to go forward, and are now working to implement this strategy.</p>
<p>River to Ridge Trail</p> <p>Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it currently encroaches on private property in two locations), and improvements to the Highway 221 entrance to the trail.</p>	<p>Lot line adjustment approved by Syar Properties. However, the California Department of General Services decided it cannot do a lot line adjustment without legislative authorization; County-sponsored legislation carried by Assemblymember Evans to grant the necessary authority was approved by the legislature but vetoed by the Governor. In response to efforts by our state legislators, DGS has now determined they are able to process the lot line adjustment, and it is proceeding. A new information kiosk was installed at the entrance in December 2008 as part of a Boy Scout project. Several Live Oak seedlings have been planted at the entrance to improve its appearance.</p>
<p>Skyline Park Improvements</p> <p>Partner-sponsored improvement include a second greenhouse and a covered equestrian arena.</p>	<p>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. <u>District staff is assisting the County with the renewal of the concessionaire agreement and approval of a revised fee schedule.</u></p>
<p>South Napa Wetlands Habitat Area</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Transfer approved in concept by the flood control district. Park District staff has prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. <u>The Flood District and staff are continuing to research details related to completing the transaction.</u></p>
<p>Vallejo Lakes</p> <p>Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County</p>	<p>Staff-level discussions between the District, the Land Trust of Napa County, the County of Solano and the Solano Land Trust indicate a common desire to work together to purchase this property adjacent to Skyline Park. The City Council of the City of Vallejo has officially authorized staff to pursue surplus of the property. District staff and our partners are continuing to research issues related to the property, including potential public access locations, potential trail alignments, and easements and other encumbrances which affect the property. The State Coastal Conservancy has indicated an interest in assisting with the funding necessary to purchase the property. We are now waiting for the City to complete title research for the property so that an appraisal can be prepared. The surplus process has slowed down due to new discussions between the City and residents of Green Valley over overall water supply arrangements.</p>
<p>Vine Trail</p> <p>A Class I bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal</p>	<p>The District has entered into an MOU with the Vine Trail Coalition to provide assistance as requested by the Coalition in receiving funds, preparing plans and environmental documents, constructing and operating the trail. The District on May 1st submitted a request to Congressman Thompson to include the Vine Trail as an authorized project within the next federal surface transportation program. A similar request was submitted to Senators Feinstein and Boxer in July 2009. The District, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Vine Trail Coalition are working together to promote common sections of these trails. <u>District staff is assisting the preparation of a Case Statement for the combined trail network for fundraising purposes.</u></p>
<p>Wild Lake Ranch</p> <p>Possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas through agreement between the Land Trust, the District and State Parks</p>	<p>The District is participating in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that is being led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The advisory committee has met once, and completed a field trip to inspect the property. The planning process was put on hold due to the freeze in the state bond-funded grant; however, the freeze was mostly lifted in August and the planning process is restarting.</p>

**Completed Projects****Berryessa Vista Acquisition**

Purchase of 224 acres from the Land Trust of Napa County for use as a public park completed in early 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.

**Connolly Ranch**

Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.

**Linda Falls**

Conservation easement accepted in spring 2008 from Land Trust of Napa County to provide additional protection for this 39 acre property, which is owned by the land trust

**Master Plan Development**

The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009

**Moore Creek Open Space Park**

Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008. Trail reroute to remove two stream crossings mostly completed in May 2009. New heater installed in gatehouse in

**Napa River Ecological Reserve**

Parking area paved, and rock barrier installed to control vehicular access in 2007. Trash enclosure constructed and entry signs restored by volunteers in 2008. Deteriorated kiosk removed in 2008. The District in July 2008 assumed the County's role in managing the preserve under the joint management agreement with DFG. A new maintenance contract with the non-profit organization Options 3 was started in January 2009. The old deteriorated information kiosk, which had become a serious eyesore, was removed in November 2008.

**Napa River Flood Control Easement**

Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding

**Newell Preserve Improvements**

As part of the arrangement with the land trust on the District's purchase of Berryessa Vista, the land trust was willing to use some of the proceeds from the transaction to fund a well pump and distribution system at the Preserve. However, the first well drilled by the City of American Canyon came up dry. The City has dropped plans for digging any more test wells.

**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.

**Skyline Park Improvements Phase I**

Erosion control work on Lake Marie Road, and paving of campground loop road, completed in 2007 using State Prop 12 funds.

**Skyline Park Protection**

Permanent Protection for Skyline Park

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.