



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

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Director Ward One

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Director Ward Two

Guy Kay
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Director Ward Five

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday July 9, 2012 2:00 P.M.

1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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

3. Set Matters

None

4. Administrative Matters

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of June 11, 2012, and Special Meeting of June 28, 2012.
- b. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment #3 to Agreement #07-01 with CJ Yip and Associates, to increase the total allowable annual compensation to \$80,000.
- c. Update on status of work at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park (oral report).
- d. Update on Plan Bay Area planning process and District comments
- e. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
- f. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

4. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday June 11, 2012 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present: Guy Kay, Myrna Abramowicz, Harold Kelly, Tony Norris
Director Dave Finigan was excused.
Staff present: John Woodbury, Chris Cahill, Chris Apallas, Melissa Gray

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

2:05 pm. Public Hearing.

Consideration of and potential approval of Addendum #1 to Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Master Plan Negative Declaration, and consideration and potential approval of the Master Plan 2012 Update.

Directors voted that the Board has considered the project Negative Declaration and Addendum and finds the 2012 Master Plan Update would not result in any new significant environmental impacts and approved the Master Plan Update as revised.

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4. Administrative Items

A. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors regular meetings of April 9 and May 14, 2012, joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors of Napa County on May 8, 2012, and special meeting of May 24, 2012.

April 9, 2012 Minutes were approved as presented

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May 5, 2012 Minutes were approved as presented

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May 14, 2012 Minutes were approved as presented.

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May 24, 2012 Minutes were approved as presented

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- B. Update on the operation and management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park (oral report).
John Woodbury gave the report. No action taken.
- C. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment #1 to Agreement 08-12 with Options 3, adding watering duties at the Napa River Ecological Reserve and increasing compensation by \$75 per week for weeks when watering is required, for a total annual compensation increase of not to exceed \$2,250.
Directors voted to approve Amendment #1 to Agreement No. 08-12.
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- D. Consideration and potential approval of extensions to December 31, 2012 for Agreements 10-12 with Delta Consulting and 11-06 with Jacobsen and Associates, for engineering and design work at Moore Creek.
Directors voted to approve extensions to the terms of Agreements No. 10-12 and 11-06 to December 31, 2012.
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- E. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
John Woodbury gave the report. No action taken.
- F. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on Napa River Bay Trail, Blue Ridge Berryessa Peak Trail, Lake Hennessey, Moore Creek Park, Oat Hill Mine Trail, and Spanish Flats.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- a. Potential appointment by the Board President of two Directors to serve on an ad hoc committee for considering District-State agency relations, and two Directors to serve on another ad hoc committee considering District-Federal agency relations.
Directors appointed Dave Finigan and Myrna Abramowicz to serve on the ad hoc committee for considering District-State agency relations.
Directors appointed Harold Kelly and Guy Kay to serve on the ad hoc committee considering District-Federal agency relations.

6. Agenda Planning

Special Board Meeting for Budget Adoption: Thursday, June 28, 2012

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Adjourned to the Special Park and Open Space District meeting of June 28, 2012.

TONY NORRIS
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MELISSA GRAY
District Secretary

Vote: HK = Harold Kelly; TN = Tony Norris; GK = Key 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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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday June 28, 2012 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present: Guy Kay, Myrna Abramowicz, Harold Kelly, Tony Norris, Dave Finigan
Staff present: John Woodbury, Melissa Gray

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Budget for FY 2012-13

Consideration and potential adoption of budget for FY 2012-13.
Directors voted to adopt the proposed budget for FY 2012-13
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4. Adjournment

Adjourned to the Regular Park and Open Space District meeting of July 9 2012.

TONY NORRIS
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MELISSA GRAY
District Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 4.B

Subject: Consideration and potential approval of Amendment #3 to Agreement #07-01 with CY Yip and Associates, to increase total allowable annual compensation to \$80,000.

Recommendation

Approve Amendment #3 to Agreement #07-01 to increase total allowable annual compensation to \$78,000 for services and \$2,000 for expenses.

Background

The District contracts with CY Yip and Associates to provide volunteer coordination, outreach and field operation services. The proposed amendment increases the amount of the contract from a not-to-exceed amount of \$54,500 (\$48,000 for services, and \$7,500 for expenses) to \$80,000 (\$78,000 for services, and \$2,000 for expenses).

The increase in the amount of the contract for professional services is proposed to address expected increased workload due to the recently-opened Napa River and Bay Trail, the planned opening of Moore Creek Park this fall, and the District's new responsibilities at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

With the increase, the agreement will allow up to 1,560 hours of service during the course of the year. This is roughly equivalent to one full-time position for a year, since the contractor is responsible for vacation, sick and other forms of leave that are typically available to employees.

This increase in the District's outreach and field operations was anticipated in the District's Master Plan and Master Plan 2012 Update, and is consistent with the adopted budget for FY 2012-13.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: June 11, 2012
Agenda Item: 4.D
Subject: Update on Plan Bay Area planning process and District comments

Recommendation

Informational Item Only. No action is needed at this time.

Background

In response to requirements of State Senate Bill 375, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments is developing a regional transportation and land use plan which among other things is intended to enable the region to meet goals related to climate change, particularly related to reducing the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

MTC is now in the process of preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Analysis for what they are calling "Plan Bay Area".

The draft plan mostly focuses on transportation investments, but also looks at where development should occur in the future, and the nature of that development. SB 375 requires regional plans to consider the role of open space and natural resource protection in meeting regional goals, but whether and how this is incorporated into the plan is a regional decision.

Several of our sister regional park and open space district agencies, as well as some land conservation non-profits, are encouraging MTC to give serious consideration to how our activities can help the region meet legally-mandated greenhouse gas reduction goals. On behalf of the District, the General Manager has submitted comments to MTC requesting (1) that the adverse impacts of future transportation improvements on open space are fully mitigated (and a more coordinated and comprehensive regional mitigation program be established), and (2) that funding be included in the Regional Transportation Plan to implement open space-related carbon sequestration projects, or at least to fund the development of the science needed to accurately quantify the amount of carbon sequestration that is achieved through open space protection and management strategies.

The District's comments to MTC are attached, as is an summary of what is currently contained in the draft Plan Bay Area document.

Summary of Plan Bay Area Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Alternatives June 2012

Alternative	Land Use	Transportation
No Project (CEQA Required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Priority Development Area planning or investments Dispersed job and housing growth supported by existing General Plans and zoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base on 2010 existing transportation network New projects funded before May 2011
Jobs-Housing Connection ("Preferred Scenario" – CEQA Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of new housing and 66% of new employment in locally designated Priority Designated Areas (PDAs) Focused investment in PDAs Affordable housing retained in PDAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferred Transportation Investment Strategy
Lower Concentrations of PDA Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer new jobs and housing in PDAs Additional growth close to transit outside of PDAs Decentralized jobs and single family construction supported by General Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferred Transportation Investment Strategy
Eliminate Inter-Regional Commute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All jobs filled by Bay Area residents Major subsidies for housing close to employment centers at the edges of the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified Preferred Transportation Investment Strategy #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis Only HOV Lane Conversions for Express Lanes Road Pricing Parking Pricing
Environment, Equity and Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional affordable housing in locations with high levels of low-income commuting Additional affordable housing in locations with high-performing schools and local services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified Preferred Transportation Investment Strategy #2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOV lane conversion limited to express lanes 2005 transit service level restoration

Policy Tools to be considered across alternatives:

- Improved infrastructure and transit
- Fees (e.g. development impact fees, indirect source rule)
- Development Incentives (e.g. CEQA streamlining)
- Subsidies
- Zoning changes to accommodate increased growth
- Urban Growth Boundaries (strengthen or extend existing)
- Parking Pricing
- Road Pricing



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John Woodbury
General Manager

July 2, 2012

Ashley Nguyen,
EIR Project Manager,
Metropolitan Transportation Commission,
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

RE: SB 375 Plan Bay Area Scoping Comments

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We appreciate the work MTC is doing to prepare the Draft EIR for transportation and land use developments in the Bay Area. As part of this work, we request that the role of park and open space districts be described, quantified and incorporated into regional planning and the implementation program for SB 375.

It is essential that transportation and land use development in the region fully mitigate for significant adverse impacts on open space lands and resources. Current practices for mitigating such impacts tend to be uncoordinated and piecemeal, which limits their effectiveness. A more comprehensive, regionally-coordinated mitigation program should be considered.

Second, including the work of park and open space districts into regional planning is critical if the region is to successfully meet the carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas reduction goals of SB 275:

- By protecting and properly managing tidal marshes, coniferous forests and even grasslands, regional park and open space districts such as ours increase both the rate and the overall amount of carbon sequestration, and reduce the potential for catastrophic releases of carbon due to wildfire.
- By providing parks and significant outdoor recreation opportunities close to home, we help reduce the number and distance of vehicle trips, which are the primary source of human-generated carbon in the atmosphere.

In providing these important benefits which are directly related to achieving the goals of SB 375, we also provide considerable ancillary benefits, including health benefits getting people out of their cars and exercising, protection of wildlife through preservation of habitats and habitat linkages, protecting and enhancing water quality and water quantity, creation of jobs in conservation, and much more.

For these reasons, we request that the 'Financial Incentives' for protecting Natural Resource areas, that are discussed in SB375, be included as Mitigation Measures in the Draft EIR. We further request that the Draft EIR quantify the benefits of land conservation for achieving the goals of SB 375 or, if such quantification is not possible due to lack of data, that the Draft EIR include a mitigation requirement that funding and resources be allocated to develop the scientific data needed to quantify these benefits, so this information can be incorporated into the next regional plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Woodbury
General Manager
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

cc: Commissioner Bill Dodd, Napa County
Steve Heminger
Ann Flemer



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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 4.E

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

Recommendation

Receive the report.

Background

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

Date	Journal #	Purpose	Recipient	Amount
6/22/2012	0000229690	SP office expense reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$71.23
6/22/2012	0000229690	SP materials	JOHN WOODBURY	\$3,571.76
6/22/2012	0000229690	SP transportation reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$49.95
6/27/2012	AP00229874	GF transportation reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$45.51
6/12/2012	AP00229380	MC pool supplies	DIAMOND QUALITY WATER FEATURES	\$39.47
6/7/2012	AP00229265	MC materials	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES reimbursement	\$626.62
6/18/2012	AP00229542	SP materials	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES reimbursement	\$357.72
6/27/2012	AP00229874	NRBT transportation reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$13.32
6/12/2012	AP00229380	CB well work	D BESS PUMP & WELL	\$1,500.00
5/9/2012	0000228324	BV expense	Napa Sign Shop	\$106.00

6/7/2012	AP00229265	NRER--weeding	GOLDEN GATE LANDSCAPE	\$2,500.00
6/7/2012	AP00229265	NRER--Graffiti Remover reimbursement	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$33.60
5/9/2012	AP00228302	PC--botanical survey	NAPA BOTANICAL SURVEY SERVICES	\$1,443.75
6/7/2012	AP00229265	PC—botanical survey	NAPA BOTANICAL SURVEY SERVICES	\$1,650.00

In addition, the General Manager approved the following contracts:

--An agreement with Gallina in the amount of \$5,250 to prepare the independent financial audit of the District for FY 2011-12.

--An agreement with Jeanne Marioni in an amount not to exceed \$14,200 to perform volunteer outreach and marketing services for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

Plan of Projects
Status Report

July 9, 2012

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

<p>Blue Ridge/Berryess Peak Trail</p> <p>Obtain right of way and construct trail to provide public access to extensive federal lands on Blue Ridge and to Berryessa Peak</p>	<p>Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. Undertook a reconnaissance of the trail route in December 2008. Based on this reconnaissance, a revised easement description was drafted, approved by the landowner and recorded. Botanical surveys field work needed for CEQA review is complete. At Negative Declaration and Use Permit hearing was approved December 16, 2009 by the County Planning Commission. An Operations and Management Plan has been approved by the property owner and the District. There were volunteer trail building work parties in November 2010 and January, February and March and April 2011 working on the easement section of the trail. BLM staff on April 11th inspected the proposed trail alignment where it crosses BLM land. District and BLM staff meet on August 5, 2011 to determine how to speed completion of BLM review of this project. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. Volunteer work parties were led by Yolo Hiker in December 2011 and January, February and March 2012. <u>District staff met with Fish and Game on June 15, 2012 to discuss signage at the trailhead on DFG property, and is now preparing proposed signage language for DFG review.</u></p>
<p>Camp Berryessa</p> <p>Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a group/environmental education camp.</p>	<p>CEQA and NEPA review is complete, as is the Use Agreement between the District and Reclamation. A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction has been provided by the Mead Foundation, together with a \$1.5 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. The contract for preparation of plans and specifications with Psomas was approved by the Board at its October meeting, and Psomas is now in the first phase of the design work. A meeting of potential future users was held September 22, 2011. A coordination meeting with Reclamation was held in November, 2011. The District has contracted for labor compliance monitoring for the construction work. Efforts to reuse the existing well proved unsuccessful, though water quality tests did demonstrate the groundwater in the area is of acceptable quality. <u>Reclamation has approved drilling a new well to replace the existing non-functioning well.</u> The camp will likely open in the fall of 2013.</p>
<p>District Non-profit Foundation</p> <p>Organize a non-profit foundation to raise funds for District projects</p>	<p>The District Board has approved the goals, objectives and basic structure for a non-profit foundation to assist the District with fundraising. Formation of the foundation will likely be timed to the opening of Camp Berryessa.</p>
<p>Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails</p> <p>Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct approximately 1 mile of new single track trail, into a loop trail system on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the planned Moore Creek Open Space Park trail system.</p>	<p>The Napa City Council in November, 2009 directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails. A plant survey of the new section of trail was completed on April 3, 2010. City and District staff have come to an agreement on the extent of improvements and operational parameters, and the District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 14, 2011. The City and District are now working to complete a draft agreement for approval by both agencies; the City's legal department has completed its review of the draft agreement. <u>District and City staff met April 11th to resolve differences with the draft. It appears all substantive issues have been resolved, pending one final review of the entire package of documents, so that the agreement should be ready to come to the District Board and the City Council in the near future.</u> The earliest this area could be opened to the public is fall of 2013.</p>
<p><u>Master Plan Update</u></p> <p>First scheduled update to the Master Plan adopted in January 2009</p>	<p>Board adhoc committee appointed. Methodology for doing update has been agreed upon. Project was delayed due to competing demands on staff time (primarily the effort to keep Napa's state parks from closing. A draft update has been prepared by staff working with the Board ad hoc committee for the Master Plan update, and released by the Board at the April 9, 2012 meeting for public comment. <u>The plan update was adopted by the Board at its June 2012 meeting.</u></p>
<p>Moore Creek Open Space Park Development</p> <p>Development of open space park on 673 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessey to protect habitat, provide recreational trails, and overnight camping facilities.</p>	<p>All discretionary permits have been obtained, and park improvements are underway. The County road department completed paving of the entryway driveway in November 2012. The plans and specifications for the restroom facilities are complete, and the building permit application has been submitted. The design of the new septic system for the ranch house has been approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and is now before the County for permits. The eastern boundary survey is complete except for a small amount of flagging, and several fencing contractors are preparing bids for the work. More trailwork and french broom pulling was done at the December 2011 and January and February 2012 volunteer work weekends. The ranch house was used by VOCAL for a crew leader training in March, and a Land Trust first aide training in February, and <u>an elementary school group the pulled broom and learned about the environment. Staff is preparing plans for construction of a new trail--the Chiles Creek Overlook Trail--in anticipation of construction in late summer.</u> The park is expected to open to the public in the fall of 2012.</p>
<p>Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration</p> <p>Remove invasive plants and restore native vegetation in the entryway meadow, replace damaged signage and information panels, restore the interior trail and interpretive elements, and if feasible install a seasonal bridge, using a \$100,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy.</p>	<p>The CCC did mechanical and chemical weed removal and installed an all-weather surface on the trail from the parking area to the river levee, in May and June 2010. Additional invasive weed removal, mapping, and cleanup was done by volunteers on numerous occasions in 2010 and 2011. The District has used grant funding to bring several thousand students to the site to study ecology of the area and assist with the habitat restoration. Staff met with invasive plant control specialists on June 3, 2011 to evaluate eradication efforts to date and plan next steps. Native plant cuttings gathered from the reserve were propagated and planted by volunteers in Dec 2011 and Jan 2012. Supplemental grant funding for the restoration work was awarded by the County Wildlife Commission and the Conservancy his willing to extend the termination date for their grant, in light of the delays to the project caused by the State's budget problems. DFG has agreed to a simplified approval process. District staff met with DFG on December 8, 2011 to agree on work plans for 2012. Several school field trips have been held since the beginning of the calendar year. <u>Both the Coastal Conservancy grant and the Wildlife Commission grant the District received to pay for restoration work have had their deadlines extended until March and June of 2013. This time extension will allow us to continue invasive weed removal.</u></p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Improvements to first 1/2 mile of trail next to Calistoga</p>	<p>The litigation holding up this project has been successfully concluded, meaning the District can now complete repairs to the first 1/2 mile of the trail. Because of the cash flow needs of the Napa River and Bay Trail project, completion of the work on the Oat Hill Mine will be delayed until summer of 2012. Several of the trail sign posts have been vandalized and will need to be replaced. The District is continuing to work with Tuleyome on a project to clean up the Twin Peaks and Corona Mines, in the hopes this may enable the District to safely open the northern Oat Hill Mine Trail for public use.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Transfer of 40 acre parcel from BLM</p>	<p>The District in 2008 applied to BLM for a non-fee transfer to the District of a 40 acre parcel at Maple Springs on the Oat Hill Mine Trail; this application is pending. Staff met with BLM in February 2011 to discuss how to speed up this transfer; another meeting with the same topic was held August 5, 2011.</p>

<p>Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail</p> <p>Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.</p>	<p>CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--staff is preparing an update to the Negative Declaration due to the passage of time since the original approval. The project concept has been approved by the District Board, and is being positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. Veterans Home staff have been having difficulty figuring out what approval process is needed, because of ongoing discussions at the state level about the appropriate roles and future programs for the Veterans Home. District and Veterans Home staff have discussed possible short-terms steps that can be taken to get the project moving. Key management staff at the Veterans Home retired in November 2010, so progress is delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions.</p>
<p>River to Ridge Trail</p> <p>Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it currently encroaches on private property in two locations)</p>	<p>Deeds accomplishing the adjustment in property boundaries between Syar and the State have been recorded. If the County ends up not being able to purchase Skyline Park, including the area with the River to Ridge Trail, then the County and the state will need to record a new trail alignment easement description.</p>
<p>Skyline Park Protection</p> <p>Purchase of Skyline Park from the State</p>	<p>Three past legislative efforts to authorize sale to the County failed due to unrelated disagreements between the state legislature and administration. Separately, the County in September 2009 approved a new park overlay zone and an updated Master Plan for Skyline Park. A fourth legislative effort by Assemblymember Evans in 2010, sponsored by Napa County and supported by the District, was approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The County and state General Services have agreed on an appraisal process for determining the fair market value purchase price. The County has retained an appraiser acceptable to the State and a draft appraisal is now being reviewed by the County and the State. In late April 2012 the state indicated they were rescinding their offer to sell the park even at the unencumbered estimated value, and were going to prepare their own appraisal. Acquisition efforts are on hold until the State completes its revised appraisal.</p>
<p>Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral</p> <p>Planning for 3,400 acres of open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trincherio</p>	<p>Staff met with key community leaders from Lake Berryessa Estates on February 6 and March 6, 2011. A public session was held April 21st at the Pope Valley Farm Center. The District has negotiated an easement across the District's Stone Corral property to resolve one of the clouds on the title to this land; this easement was approved by the Board at its October meeting, and has now been finalized and recorded. Staff met with the LBEOA Board on November 13th and again on December 4, 2011 to discuss use of the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral areas. <u>District staff has prepared a draft agreement between the District and the Association, which the Association is now reviewing.</u> The District took full possession of the properties on January 1, 2012. The District is working with a well driller to make the existing well in Spanish Valley functional. The District has contracted for botanical and bird surveys over the course of this year, and is also in the process of contracting with a biologist to prepare animal surveys needed for the environmental review process. The District and the Association have agreed to share costs for the removal of dangerous trees and branches in the Crystal Flats camping area. The Association elected a new Board of Directors in May 2012; this new Board <u>has appointed</u> a committee to meet with the District and work out an agreement for use and management of Crystal Flats and Stone Corral.</p>
<p>State Parks</p> <p>Operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park</p>	<p>The Park Manager and Assistant Manager have been hired, a part-time community outreach professional is under contract, and three seasonal park aides have been hired. Camp hosts are in place. Staff is still seeking permission from the County to reopen the swimming pool. The state is nearly complete with installing 3 yurts, and the District has completed site prep in anticipation of installing an additional 7 yurts <u>and is awaiting final approval by the Fire Marshall to start construction.</u> Numerous volunteer projects were held in April (PG&E event improving the Mill, firewood splitting, hazardous tree removal, mowing, pool cleaning, native plant garden maintenance, historic orchard restoration, and lots of trash removal). A volunteer forestry management group has been formed, and skilled volunteers removed additional hazardous trees and branches in May 2012. Utility service accounts <u>have been transferred</u> from the state to the District. Work on an improved recycling system has been started. Septic tanks serving the cabins and picnic area had to be pumped in May, and sewer lines were located and cleared of root blockages. Two broken gas lines were fixed. <u>Nearly \$250,000 in gifts and grants have been obtained to assist with improvements at the parks.</u></p>
<p>Vallejo Lakes</p> <p>Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County</p>	<p>Discussions between the District, the Land Trust of Napa County, the County of Solano and the Solano Land Trust indicate a common desire to work together to purchase this property adjacent to Skyline Park. The City Council of the City of Vallejo has officially authorized staff to pursue surplusing of the property. The City of Vallejo has hired an appraiser to prepare an estimate of the property's fair market value, but this has not yet been released. District staff met with Solano Land Trust staff on September 7, 2011 to discuss project status and next steps. The District GM, together with the County of Solano EO, in February 2012 each sent letters to the City of Vallejo expressing interest in the property and requesting notification per state law of any planned surplusing of the property. The District's analysis of County ROW's with potential for recreational trails identified a potential ROW through the Vallejo Lakes property; however, it appears that one short section of the historic ROW is in Solano County and appears to not have been properly established.</p>
<p>Vine Trail</p> <p>A Class I bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal sponsored by the Vine Trail Coalition, of which the District is a participating member.</p>	<p>The District has entered into an MOU with the Vine Trail Coalition to provide assistance as requested by the Coalition in receiving funds, preparing plans and environmental documents, constructing and operating the trail. The District, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Vine Trail Coalition have prepared a joint Case Statement for the combined trail network for fundraising purposes. The District on February 5, 2010 submitted an appropriations request for FY 2011 to Senator Feinstein, and a similar request to Congressman Thompson on February 26, 2010 on behalf of the Vine Trail Coalition. Approximately \$235,000 in federal Transportation Enhancements fund is available to construct the section of the trail under the Butler Bridge. NCTPA will act as pass-through for both of this grant, since Caltrans has not been willing to enter into a Master Agreement with the District. Staff is currently working through the paperwork required by Caltrans for this grant. Delays in getting the paperwork processed mean the project will not happen this fiscal year; a funding extension will need to be requested, though the extension is not guaranteed.</p>

Completed Projects

Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa Phase I Phase One--Eucllyptus Drive to Green Island Road	Construction of approximately 5 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of American Canyon along the Napa River was completed in April 2012, in partnership with the City of American Canyon, Department of Fish and Game and Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority. <u>The project is complete, and the final inspection by the granting agency is scheduled for May 11, 2012. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.</u>
Berryessa Vista Acquisition	Purchase of 224 acres from the Land Trust of Napa County for use as a public park completed in early 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
Connolly Ranch	Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
Oat Hill Mine Trail	The Oat Hill Mine Trail was formally opened in May Of 2008, after a major volunteer work party doing signage installation, brush removal and erosion control.
Historic ROW Analysis	Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those which have greatest potential.
	Study to determine location and status of historic road Rights-of-Way and whether they have value as non-motorized recreational trails
Linda Falls	Conservation easement accepted in spring 2008 from Land Trust of Napa County to provide additional protection for this 39 acre property, which is owned by the land trust
Master Plan Development	The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study	The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on the Milliken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running.
	Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area
Moore Creek Open Space Park	Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008. Trail reroute to remove two stream crossings mostly completed in May 2009. New heater installed in gatehouse in April 2009.
Napa River Ecological Reserve Improvements	Parking area paved, and rock barrier installed to control vehicular access in 2007. Trash enclosure constructed and entry signs restored by volunteers in 2008. Deteriorated kiosk removed in 2008. The District in July 2008 assumed the County's role in managing the preserve under the joint management agreement with DFG. A new maintenance contract with the non-profit organization Options 3 was started in January 2009. The old deteriorated information kiosk, which had become a serious eyesore, was removed in November 2008
Napa River Flood Control Easement	Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding
Newell Preserve Improvements	As part of the arrangement with the land trust on the District's purchase of Berryessa Vista, the land trust was willing to use some of the proceeds from the transaction to fund a well pump and distribution system at the Preserve. However, the first well drilled by the City of American Canyon came up dry. The City has dropped plans for digging any more test wells.
	Provide on-site water supply for group campground for cattle
River to Ridge Trail Enhancements	Installation of animal silhouettes along the entryway fence illustrating the types of birds and mammals that can be found in the area completed by Eagle Scout candidate in 2008. In November 2008 five Valley Oak trees were planted at the Highway 221 entrance to the trail with the assistance of a volunteer from CNPS.
River to Ridge Trail Entrance Enhancements	A new information kiosk was installed at the entrance in December 2008 as part of a Boy Scout project. Several Live Oak seedlings were donated by CNPS and have been planted at the entrance to improve its appearance.
River to Ridge Trail	Correct drainage problems to trail can be used year-round. Two volunteer work weekends in March and April and two more in May of 2010 were organized by the District to clear brush, improve drainage, and surface about 300 feet of the trail with quarry fines to control problems with mud. <u>Volunteers completed additional work in August 2011.</u>
Skyline Park Road and Trail Improvements	Erosion control work on Lake Marie Road, and paving of campground loop road, completed in 2007 using State Prop 12 funds.
Skyline Park Concessionaire Agreement Renewal	District staff negotiated renewal of concessionaire agreement on behalf of the County. The renewal involved changes to the fee schedule and amendments to and approval of subagreements with three non-profit partner organizations.
Skyline Park Trail Improvements	Staff worked with SPCA and V-O-CAL to sponsor a weekend work party on October 15-17, 2010. Approximately 110 volunteers worked to reroute and repair trails experiencing serious erosion problems. SPCA is donating \$1,000 toward expenses.
	Major volunteer event to reroute and repair trails

Skyline Park Facility Improvements	Partner-sponsored improvement include a second greenhouse and a covered equestrian arena.	The proposals for a second greenhouse and a covered arena were approved by the Department of General Services and by the County Board of Supervisors. The sponsors of these projects are now raising funds for implementation.
South Napa Wetlands Habitat Area	Transfer to the District those wetlands owned by the Napa County flood control district between the Napa River, Highway 29 and Newport Drive for use as habitat and nature-based recreation.	Transfer was approved in concept by the flood control district, and Park District staff prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. Subsequently, attorney's for the flood district concluded it would be better from their perspective for the flood district to retain ownership of the property, due to their ongoing maintenance obligations.
State Parks	Assume management of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and keep it and the Bale Grist Mill open	The District took over operations of the parks on April 1, 2012, and have a 5 year agreement with the State to continue operating the parks.
Trichero Open Space Acquisition	Donation of 3,400 acres of open space to the District by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero	The donation was completed on December 29, 2010. A related granting of an access easement to the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District was completed in mid-January 2011.
Wild Lake Ranch	Assist land trust with planning and possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas.	The District participated in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that was led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust has decided, at least for the near term, to manage the Wildlake-Duff property itself.