



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

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday December 14, 2009 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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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 October 12, 2009 and November 9, 2009.
- 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)
- 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.
- 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.
- E. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
- F. Receive the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District independent financial audit for Fiscal Year 2008-9 (to be distributed at meeting).
- G. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
- H. Approval of Board Meeting calendar for 2010.
- I. Election of Board President and Vice-President for calendar year 2010 (no written report).

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

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

6. Agenda Planning

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

7. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday October 12, 2009 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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 September 14, 2009.

Minutes were approved as presented.

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B. Consideration of and potential direction to staff regarding proposed amendment to the Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment in Napa County (oral report).

John Woodbury gave the Update. No action taken.

C. Discussion of and potential direction to staff regarding planning and improvements for the District's Moore Creek property (oral report).

John Woodbury gave the report. No action taken.

D. Discussion of and potential direction to staff regarding the Napa River and Bay Trail (oral report).

John Woodbury gave the report. No action taken.

- E. Consideration of and potential approval of Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 07-01 with CJ Yip and Associates, and Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 08-14 with Land Conservation Associates.
Board voted to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 07-01 and Amendment No. 07-01 to Agreement No.08-14.
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- F. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
John Woodbury gave the report. No action taken.
- G. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
John Woodbury gave the report.
- H. Training on the Ralph M. Brown Act (Public Meeting Act) presented by District Counsel Chris Apallas.
No action taken.
5. Announcements by Board and Staff
Director Myrna Abramowicz announced that she attended the American Canyon Open space Advisory Commission Meeting on October 7, 2009.
6. Agenda Planning
Director Dave Finigan suggested at the next meeting that they hold discussions on proposed Adhoc Committee on contracts with the Board.
7. Closed Session. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
 Property: APN Nos. 057-030-004, 057-020-069, and 045-360-007
 Agency Negotiator: John Woodbury, NCRPOSD General Manager
 Negotiating Parties: NCRPOSD and Suscol Mountain Vineyards, LLC
 Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and terms of payment.
8. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned to the Regular Park & Open Space District Meeting on Nov 9, 2009.

DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

MELISSA GRAY
 District Secretary

Key

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

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

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



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday November 9, 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. **POSTPONED TO DECEMBER MEETING**
Continued to the December 14, 2009 regular meeting.

B. Consideration and potential approval of agreement with City of American Canyon for River and Bay Trail construction and operation in the vicinity of the closed Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority landfill west of American Canyon.
Directors voted to authorize the agreement between the City of American Canyon and the District for construction and operation of the Napa River and Bay Trail in the vicinity of the closed Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority landfill.
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C. Consideration of and potential approval of project description for Use Permit application for Moore Creek and Lake Hennessey.
Directors voted to approve the project description for purposes of preparing CEQA review and Use Permit application.
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- D. Consideration of formation of District Board Ad Hoc Committee on development of new agreement with Napa County on use of County Special Projects Fund for District operations and projects.

Directors voted to approve formation of District Ad Hoc Committee and select two board members to serve on this committee. Directors Dave Finigan and Myrna Abramowicz were selected to serve.

HK-GK-TN-MA-DF

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

John Woodbury gave the report.

- F. Update on proposed State Park closures and reductions in service (oral report).

John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on Bothe-Napa State Park, Bale Grist Mill and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.

- G. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on Camp Berryessa, Oat Hill Mine Trail, Miliken Reservoir and Lake Hennessey.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

Director Guy Kay announced that the Vine Trail Coalition will be having a fund raiser on November 19, 2009.

6. Agenda Planning

Discussions on the Napa Pipe Draft EIR will be held at the December 14, 2009 meeting.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned to the Regular Park & Open Space District Meeting on December 14, 2009.

DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

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STAFF REPORT

Date: December 14, 2009
Agenda Item: 4.C
Subject: 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

Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 09-01, and Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 09-04.

Background

Agreement 09-01 between the District and Questa Engineering is for the preparation of a feasibility study for the proposed Camp Berryessa. The administrative draft study is complete, but additional time is needed for the District and the Bureau of Reclamation to review the study for accuracy and completeness.

Agreement 09-04 between the District and Questa Engineering is for the preparation of the design of the crossing of the SMART railroad immediately north of Green Island Road, to accommodate the proposed Napa River and Bay Trail. The draft design of the crossing is complete, but submittal of the design and application to the State Public Utilities Commission was delayed to give the California Department of Fish and Game, which owns the property north of the railroad crossing, an opportunity to review the design.

Both agreements are proposed to be extended until the end of the fiscal year--June 30, 2010. This should provide more than ample time to complete the work.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: December 14, 2009
 Agenda Item: 4.D
 Subject: 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.

Recommendation

Direct staff to notify California State Parks, the City of Calistoga, County of Napa and other interested parties that the District is considering amending its policy on dogs on the Oat Hill Mine Trail to require dogs to be on-leash, consistent with State Parks policy for Robert Louis Stevenson State Park, and schedule this issue for Board consideration at the regular February meeting of the Board.

Background

Prior to the formal opening of the Oat Hill Mine Trail to public non-motorized recreational use, the Board approved various policies for the trail. The policies adopted by the Board at that time simply reflected existing use patterns as much as possible, recognizing that they would likely need to be reconsidered in the future as the District gained experience with managing the trail.

The policy on dogs that was adopted at that time stated that dogs were allowed on the trail. Signs were installed in the kiosks at each trailhead stating that dogs were required to be on-leash or off-leash if under strict voice control.

Most public usage of the Oat Hill Mine Trail occurs in the first four to five miles of the trail heading north from Calistoga. Approximately half of this length of trail crosses Robert Louis Stevenson State Park, with the remainder crossing either private land or State School Lands administered by the State Lands Commission. Outside of the trail corridor within the State Park, dogs must be on leash at all times. Neither dogs nor people are permitted to leave the trail corridor where it crosses private land. State School Lands have no posted or enforced rules whatsoever guiding public use.

Since the Oat Hill Mine Trail passes through Robert Louis Stevenson State Park, the State Parks ranger stationed at Bothe-Napa State Park often receives public complaints that are related to the Oat Hill Mine Trail. Recent discussions with this ranger indicates their office periodically receives complaints about dogs off-leash bothering wildlife, other trail users, and other dogs which are on leash. District staff recently received a fairly serious complaint from a trail user whose dog, which was on-leash, was attacked on two separate occasions in the past two months by other, off-leash dogs. In one of those incidents, the dog which was attacked had to be taken to the veterinarian for treatment of its wounds.

One difficulty with the current policy is that having the policy for the trail different from the policy in the State Park creates a fair amount of confusion. A second problem is that “voice control” means different things to different people, leading to conflicts between trail users when one person’s actions do not match another person’s expectations. Finally, when exposed to temptations like fleeing wildlife, or other dogs, very few dogs are truly under voice control.

For these reasons, it probably makes sense to modify the District’s policy to be consistent with that for Robert Louis Stevenson State Park. While the District does not currently have a mechanism in place to issue citations and impose fines for violations, having a clear policy consistent with that for the State Park would make it easier to explain to the public what the expected norm is, and reduce those conflicts between users that arise simply because of ambiguity and lack of understanding.

Prior to modifying the policy, however, it is important that the District consult with its potentially-affected partners and others interested in the trail. This would include, at a minimum, the County of Napa, California State Parks, and the City of Calistoga. Regular trail users should also be notified through posting at the trailhead. This consultation is critical to gaining buy-in from District partners and trail users. In order to give time for the District to gather and analyze partner and public input, staff recommends that the Board schedule further consideration of this issue for its regular February meeting.

Although education, encouragement and voluntary compliance is always preferable to a regulatory approach, longer term, and as called for in Project D.8 of the District Master Plan, the District will need to set up the mechanisms necessary for the District to adopt and implement legally-enforceable regulations for use of District facilities. This will require a fair amount of effort and expense, however. Rather than do nothing until such mechanisms are in place, staff believes it makes sense to take steps now to adopt standards which are as clear as possible, thereby improving the likelihood for voluntary compliance and amicable resolution of disputes between trail users.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: December 14, 2009
 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.

Payment Date Purpose Source / Recipient Amount

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Source / Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/17/2009	Moore Creek supplies reimbursement	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$632.56
11/17/2009	Moore Creek materials reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$302.84
11/20/2009	Moore Creek gate house well drilling	HUCKFELDT WELL DRILLING	\$22,440.00
11/18/2009	Transportation reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$69.30
12/1/2009	Moore Creek ranch house well drilling	HUCKFELDT WELL DRILLING	\$24,999.00
12/1/2009	Pump Installation for gate house well	OAKVILLE PUMP SERVICE	\$6,205.43
12/1/2009	Moore Creek ranch house well drilling log	WELENCO, INC	\$1,100.00
12/1/2009	Membership dues	Bay Area Open Space Council	\$500.00

Plan of Projects

Status Report for December 14, 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. <u>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.</u> 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. <u>A District application for federal Transportation Enhancements funds for this section was turned down in November 2009.</u>
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/Berryessa 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 <u>the Use Permit hearing is scheduled for December 16, 2009.</u>
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. <u>Questa has finished the administrative draft feasibility report, and is now making changes based on District feedback.</u> 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. <u>the Napa City Council in November, 2009 directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails.</u>
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area	Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area	The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. <u>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.</u>

<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 installation contract has been awarded the ranch house well has been drilled, and pump installation is out to bid</u>. 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>removal of invasive French Broom is scheduled for December 12th if weather permits</u>.</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 has been postponed until February due to the judge's illness</u>. 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. <u>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</u>. 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 Protection</p> <p>Permanent Protection for Skyline Park</p>	<p>Three past legislative efforts to authorize sale to the County failed due to unrelated disagreements between the state legislature and administration. Separately, the County in September 2009 approved a new park overlay zone and an updated Master Plan for Skyline Park.</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>The District is assisting the County develop the next five year agreement between the County and the Skyline Park Citizens Association to manage the park</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 has had preliminary title reports prepared for the property, which are now being reviewed by District staff</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. <u>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>.</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. Provide on-site water supply for group campground and so cattle can be restricted from access to riparian areas.

River to Ridge Trail Enhancements

Installation of animal silhouettes along the entryway fence illustrating the types of birds and mammals that can be found in the area completed by Eagle Scout candidate in 2008. In November 2008 five Valley Oak trees were planted at the Highway 221 entrance to the trail with the assistance of a volunteer from CNPS.

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.



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Board of Directors Calendar of Meetings 2010

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12/14/2009

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Major Planned Topics (tentative-subject to change)</u>
Monday	January 11 th	TBD
Monday	February 8 th	Financial Report Second Quarter
Monday	March 8 th	TBD
Monday	April 12 th	Financial Report Third Quarter
Thursday	May 10 th	Review of Preliminary Budget for FY 2010-11 and setting of Public Hearing for June 14 th
Monday	June 14 th	2010-11 Final budget hearing and adoption 2010-11 Work Program adoption
Monday	July 12 th	Financial Report 4 th Quarter
Monday	August 9 th	TBD
Monday	September 13 th	TBD
Monday	October 11 th	Financial Report 1 st Quarter
Monday	November 8 th	TBD
Monday	December 13 th	Adoption of 2011 Calendar of Regular Meetings Swearing in of Directors elected November 2, 2010

Note

Board meetings are normally the second Monday of each month. Any exceptions are noted in red type.