



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

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday July 13, 2009 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 Items

- A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meetings of May 11, 2009 and June 8, 2009.
- B. Consideration of and potential approval of comments to be submitted in response to the Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared by the County of Napa for the Syar Napa Quarry Expansion and Surface Mining Permit.
- C. Consideration of and potential action on State legislation of interest to the District (oral report)
 - i. AB 979 (Berryhill)—hunting regulations
 - ii. AB 608 (Evans)—River to Ridge Trail lot line adjustment
 - iii. SB 211 (Simitian)—Santa Cruz County Regional Park District
 - iv. AB 1513 (Evans) –wilderness areas study
- D. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances and donations approved by the General Manager, and approval of regular web services fees.
- E. Receipt of oral report on the Napa River Ecological Reserve.
- F. 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.

- A. August 11, 2009 Presentation to County Board of Supervisors regarding the District Master Plan 2008-2013

7. Adjournment



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DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Directors Harold Kelly, Tony Norris, Guy Kay, Myrna Abramowicz, and Dave Finigan 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 April 20, 2009.
Minutes were approved as presented.
- B. Consideration of and potential approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Questa Engineering to prepare plans and specifications and apply to the Public Utilities Commission for a public crossing of the SMART railroad north of Green Island Road to accommodate the Napa River and Bay Trail.
Directors voted to approve the Professional Services Agreement.
GK-TN-MA-HK-DF
- C. Receipt of FY2008-9 Third Quarter Financial Statements and consideration of and potential approval of revisions to the District budget for FY 2008-9.
Directors voted to approve revisions as recommended.
HK-GK-MA-TN-DF
- D. Consideration of and potential adoption of District budget for FY 2009-10.
Directors voted to adopt the FY 2009-10 Budget as recommended.
HK-TN-MA-GK-DF

- E. Consideration of and potential approval of policies and procedures as guidelines for monitoring and enforcement of District-held conservation easements.
Directors voted to approve the monitoring protocol, monitoring form and violation policy as general guidelines. TN-GK-MA-HK-DF
- F. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances and donations approved by the General Manager.
The Board received the report.
- G. Discussion of logistics for the volunteer weekend at Moore Creek on May 15-17, 2009 (oral staff report).
John Woodbury gave the report.
- H. Update on Napa Valley Vine Trail project (oral staff report).
John Woodbury gave the update.
- I. Update on Camp Berryessa project (oral staff report).
John Woodbury gave the update on the status of the feasibility study.
- J. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
John Woodbury gave the report, including discussions on the Blue Ridge/ Berryessa Peak trail, Rector Ridge trail, South Napa Wetlands, and Lake Hennessey/Milliken Reservoir trail planning efforts.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- ▶ **John Woodbury reported staff had received information on potential district foundation board members from some of the Directors, and encouraged the others to provide their input.**
- ▶ **Director Harold Kelly announced that he and John Woodbury would be attending the the Napa Noon Rotary to give a presentation on the District. He also reminded everyone to register for the Watershed Symposium.**
- ▶ **Director Tony Norris announced the dedication of a new Nature Center, and their concept for mobile exhibits as a potential example for the District to consider.**

6. Agenda Planning

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned to the Regular Park & Open Space District Meeting on June 8, 2009.

DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

MELISSA GRAY, District Secretary

Key

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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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DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday June 8, 2009 2:00 P.M.
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Directors Harold Kelly, Tony Norris, Guy Kay and Dave Finigan present.
Director Myrna Abramowicz was excused.

2. Public Comment

Don Barkley a neighbor to the Moore Creek property made a proposal to the Board of Directors to share maintenance cost for fencing that runs along the shared property line and shared his concerns of trespassing from Park District property onto his own property.

3. Set Matters

None

4. Administrative Items

A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of May 11, 2009.

This item was continued to the next meeting at the request of staff.

B. Consideration of and potential approval of grant agreement with Raja Development Corporation to fund one-half of the costs of a property survey and fence construction for the common boundary between the District's Moore Creek property and property owned by Raja Development Corporation.

Directors voted to authorize the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement.

GK-TN-MA-HK-MA

X

C. Update on planning and projects related to Moore Creek (oral report)

John Woodbury gave the report.

- D. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances and donations approved by the General Manager.
John Woodbury gave the report.
- E. Update on State legislation of interest to the District (oral report)
- i. AB 979 (Berryhill)
 - ii. AB 608 (Evans)
 - iii. SB 211 (Simitian)
- John Woodbury gave the report.*
- F. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on the Napa River Bay Trail, Blue Ridge/Berryessa Trail, Camp Berryessa, Lake Hennessey, Miliken Creek, Vallejo Lakes, Skyline Park and Newell Preserve.
5. Announcements by Board and Staff
- ▶ *Director Abramowicz and John Woodbury staffed the District booth at the Healthy Planet/Healthy People Fair in American Canyon.*
6. Agenda Planning
- ▶ *August 4, 2009 - Presentation to County Board of Supervisors regarding the District Master Plan 2008-2013*
7. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned to the Regular Park & Open Space District Meeting on July 13, 2009.

DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

MELISSA GRAY
 District Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 13, 2009

Agenda Item: 4.B

Subject: Consideration of and potential approval of comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared by the County of Napa for the Syar Napa Quarry Expansion and Surface Mining Permit.

Recommendation

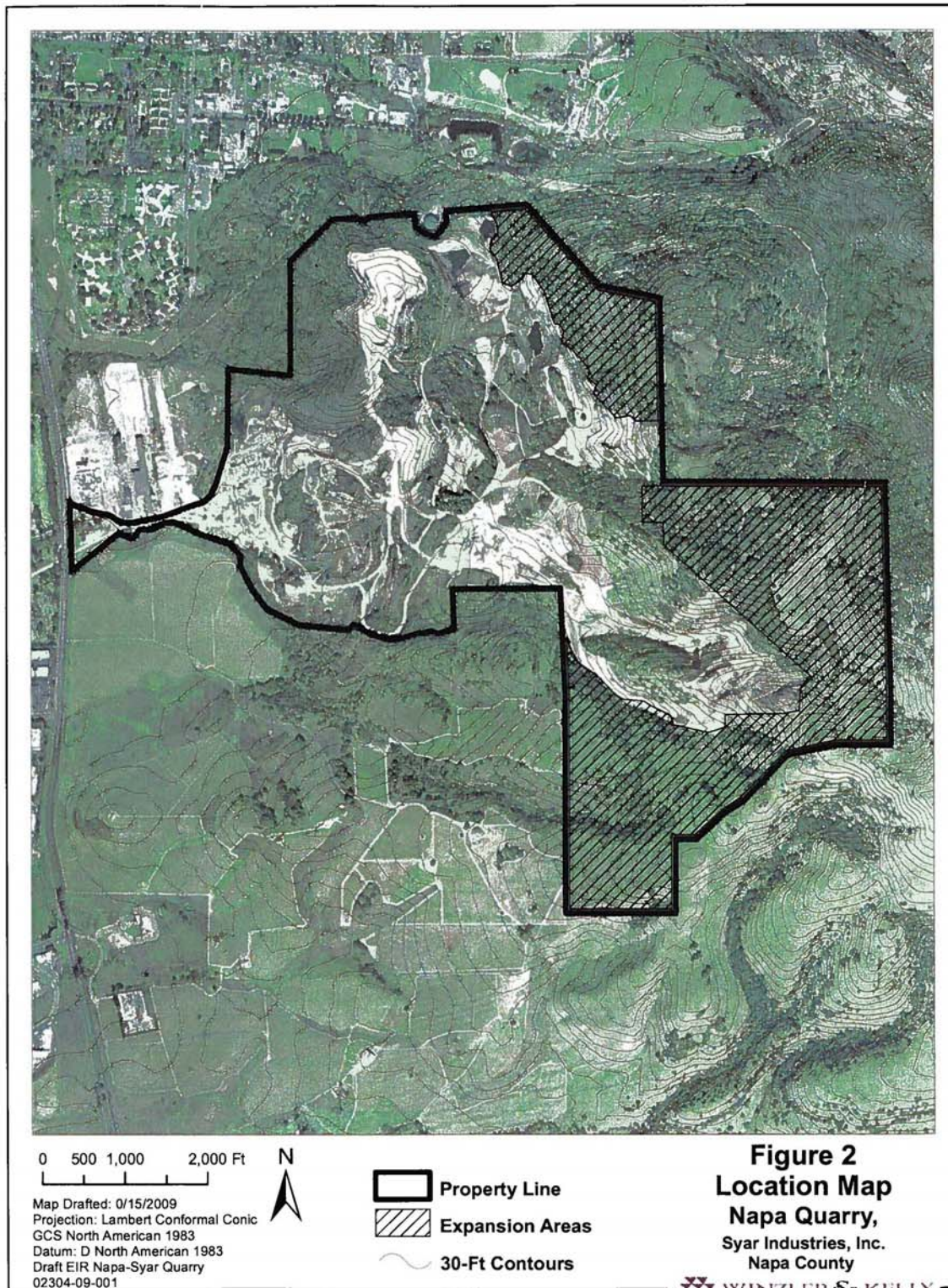
Provide direction to staff on potential District comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report for the Syar Napa Quarry Expansion and Surface Mining Permit.

Background

The Syar Napa Quarry adjacent to Skyline Wilderness Park has applied for a permit to expand the quarry. As a first formal step in the consideration of the permit, the County of Napa has issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act, and has requested comments in determining the scope of the EIR. Comments are due by July 14, 2009.

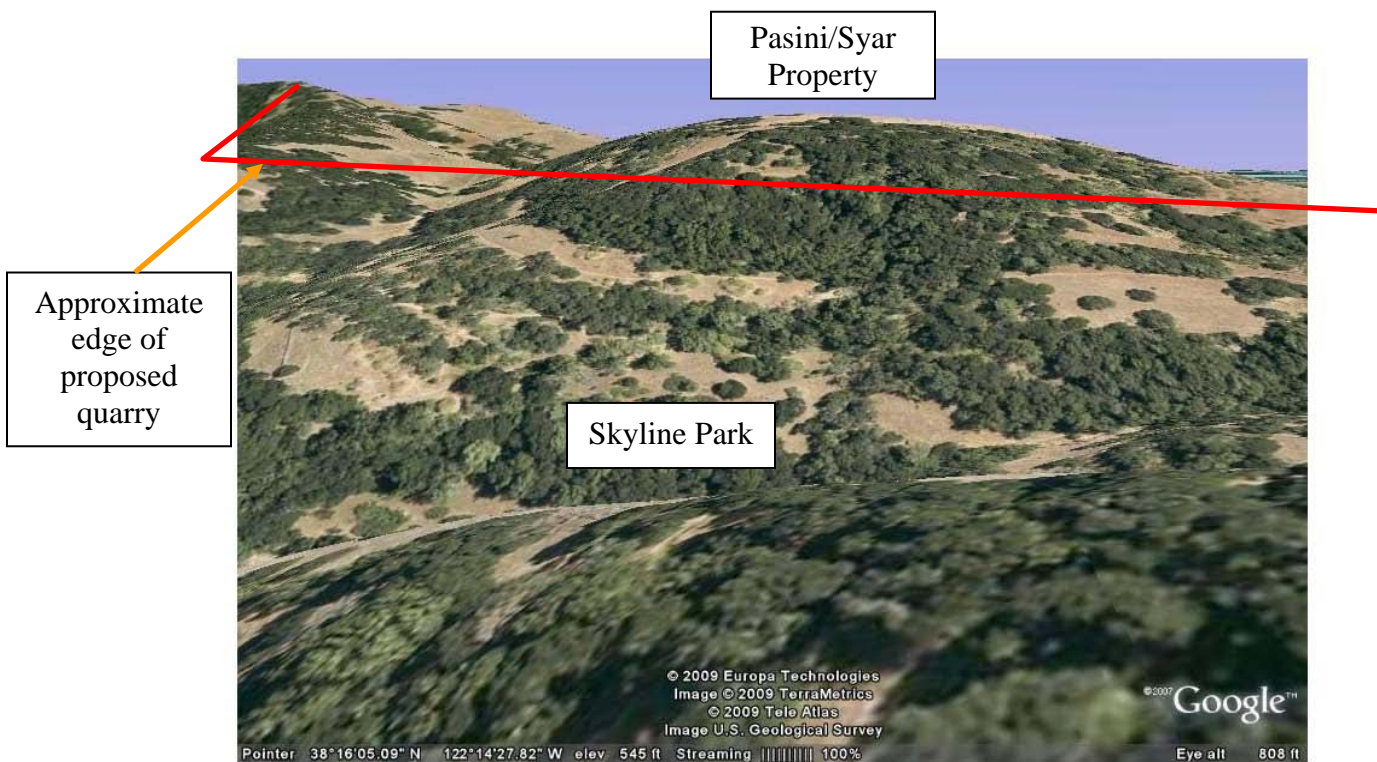
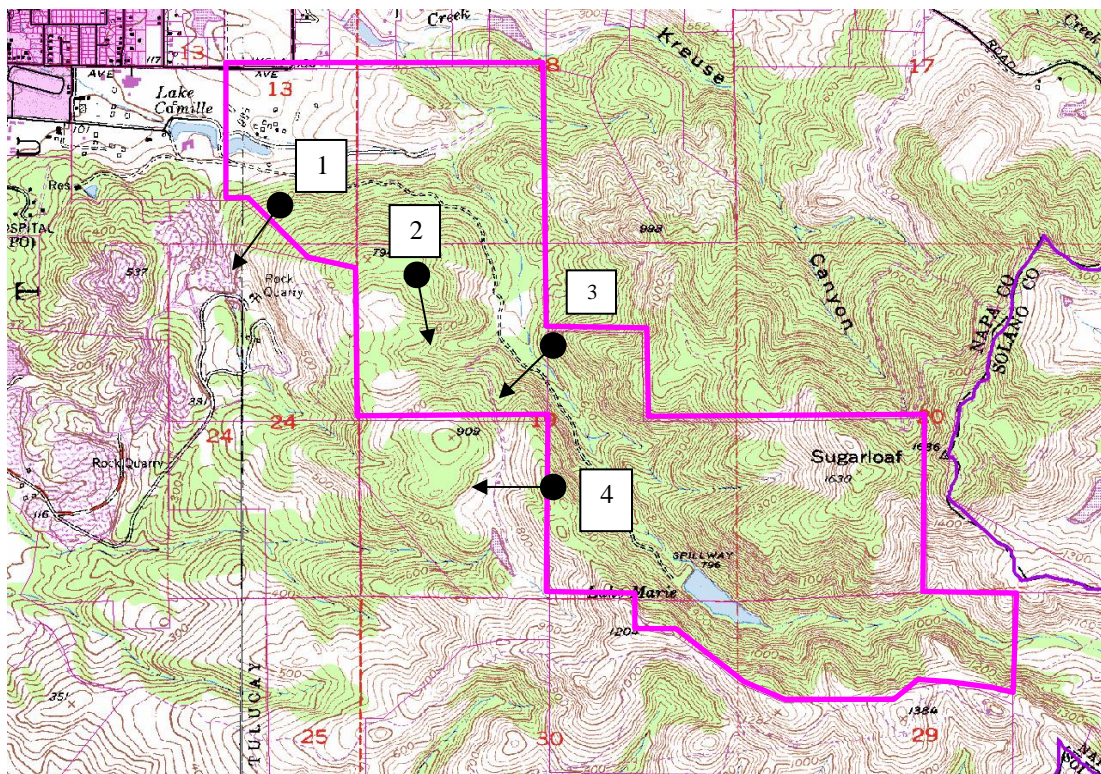
Skyline Wilderness Park is located on land owned by the State of California which is leased to the County of Napa. The County in turn has a concessionaire agreement with the Skyline Park Citizens' Association to operate the park. The District does not at this time have any formal responsibilities related to the park itself. However, the District does have a general responsibility to assist with the preservation of significant open space lands and the promotion of nature-based recreation within the County. It is also possible that at some future point the District may acquire formal responsibilities related to the management of the park. For these reasons, staff believes it would be appropriate for the District to provide input into the scoping process for the EIR.

A map showing the proposed quarry expansion area is attached. Draft comments on the proposed scope of work are also attached for Board consideration.



Potential Comments on the Draft Scope of Work Syar Napa Quarry Expansion

- (1) Aesthetics. The scope of work proposed a visual analysis/simulation from nine locations, one of which is Skyline Park. This should be modified to include at least four locations within Skyline Park, as shown below. Below the map is a Google Earth view showing the proposed mining area that would be visible from point #1.



2. Noise. Ambient noise levels within Skyline Park should be established at representative locations, including the same four locations recommended for visual impact analysis. This should then be compared to potential noise increase from quarry trucks, other equipment and blasting. Impacts to be considered should include aesthetic impacts, disturbance to animals and birds, and the potential to cause a safety hazard for equestrians.
3. Air quality. The EIR should evaluate the potential for fugitive dust emissions to travel over and onto Skyline Park, not just the overall potential for dust emissions and their generalized impact of health.
4. Groundwater. The proposed quarry expansion would involve deep cutting into the strata within 50 feet of the park boundary. The potential for this to lower the water table within the park, and thereby reduce water available for trees and other plants within the park, should be evaluated.
5. Biology. The impact of expanded quarry operations on mammals and birds that utilize the park should be specifically discussed, particularly for species that are easily disturbed by human activity.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 13, 2009

Agenda Item: 4.d.

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	Purpose	Recipient	Amount
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5/26/2009	2009 BRBNA Membership	NAPA COUNTY LAND TRUST	\$500.00
5/26/2009	Office supplies reimbursement	JOHN WOODBURY	\$38.00
6/16/2009	Travel reimbursement Oroville	JOHN WOODBURY	\$135.85
6/11/2009	Moore Creek volunteer event expenses	NITA'S TROPHIES AND SCREEN PRINTING	\$904.80
6/11/2009	Moore Creek volunteer event expense reimbursement	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$1,082.33
6/11/2009	Moore Creek volunteer event expenses	UNITED SITE SERVICES	\$564.07

Plan of Projects

Status Report for July 13, 2009

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa	An 8+ mile recreational trail between the cities of American Canyon and Napa generally following the Napa River and interior levees of associated wetlands.	Feasibility study completed. Environmental review has been completed, and a Use Permit obtained, for the first phase of the project (American Canyon to Green Island Road. The District has been awarded a \$1,032,300 grant from the California River Parkway Grant Program; this grant was frozen in December 2008 pending resolution of the State budget crisis, <u>it was unfrozen on 7/1/09, but then the state resumed issuing IOU's on 7/3/09.</u> The City of American Canyon, the Waste Management Authority and the District are close to agreement on terms for a spur trail around the closed American Canyon landfill. The County Board of Supervisors has approved \$50,000 for planning for the next phase of the trail. The District has prepared a draft MOU with DFG for the phase one trail, which is now under review by DFG. Questa Engineering has been hired to prepare the PUC permit application for a public crossing of the SMART tracks. <u>District staff met with DFG, BCDC and others on July 8, 2009 to work on resolving issues with the alignment north of Green Island Road.</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 Berryess 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 detail 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. <u>No further work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed by Berryessa Trails and Conservation.</u>
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 has been drafted, approved by the landowner and recorded. <u>Botanical surveys field work needed for CEQA review is complete, and the written report is underway.</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. Due to delays caused by BOR's need to conduct a cultural survey for the site, BOR is now preparing an extension of the MOU (which otherwise expires in June 2009). Questa Engineering has begun the market analysis and prepared . BOR has completed its cultural survey, and <u>Questa has finished soil testing field work. The draft report should be completed within the next two months.</u>
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. Staff is now working with the Board to contact potential future members of the foundation governing board.

<p>Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct approximately 1 mile of new single track trail, into a loop trail system on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the planned Moore Creek Open Space Park trail system.</p>	<p>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 District is waiting for City staff to schedule a presentation to the Napa City Council to get Council direction.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. After review by City of Napa staff, the proposal has been modified, and the District is now waiting for City staff to schedule a presentation to the Napa City Council to get Council direction. Staff is continuing to meet with property owners to the north of the Milliken property to discuss potential extensions of the trail to the north and northwest.</p>
<p>Moore Creek Open Space Park Development Development of open space park on 673 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessey to protect habitat, provide recreational trails, and overnight camping facilities.</p>	<p>Escrow closed on December 24, 2008. An initial planning charette with community experts was held February 28 and 41 people attended. Improvements to the rental house and main ranch house on the property are in process. A joint V-O-CAL volunteer weekend took place May 15-17; over 90 volunteers rerouted most of a section of the existing road/trail to remove it from the streambed. V-O-CAL held a two day crew leader training session at the ranch house in March with about 20 volunteers. The County Road Crew has provided some excess gravelly soil to fill a low spots in the existing access road, and will do more in the future.</p>
<p>Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration 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.</p>	<p>The Coastal Conservancy has approved a \$100,000 grant for restoration, environmental education and signage; this grant was frozen in December 2008 due to the State budget crisis, and despite a Governor's announcement to the contrary continues to be frozen. CEQA review is complete, and the grant contract has been signed and the District's partners on the project have met to review approaches and roles. The District is continuing to work with the RCD on contract documents. One of the District's proposed partners, Acorn Soupe, closed its doors due to financial difficulties; the Center for Land-Based Learning is now planned to work with the RCD to provide the student environmental education responsibilities which Acorn Soupe had been slated to provide. 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>Newell Preserve Improvements Provide on-site water supply for group campground and so cattle can be restricted from access to riparian areas.</p>	<p>As part of the arrangement with the land trust on the District's purchase of Berryessa Vista, the land trust is 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. Instead, another attempt to extend a city water line to the property is being considered.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail Grand opening to the Oat Hill Mine Trail with weekend of signage installation, brush removal and erosion control</p>	<p>A major volunteer work party weekend took place May 16-18, 2008, and the trail was then formally opened. A second group of 18 volunteers in November 2008 spent a day doing additional erosion control work. The judge hearing the legal challenge to the trail in December 2008 denied the substance of all of the issues raised by the plaintiff; the County is now waiting to see whether the plaintiff will drop the challenge or appeal the ruling. 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.</p>
<p>Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.</p>	<p>CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--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. <u>District and Veterans Home staff met on June 30, 2009 to develop an agreement to allow the project to go forward.</u></p>

River to Ridge Trail	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.	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; <u>County-sponsored legislation carried by Assemblymember Evans to grant the necessary authority</u> has been approved by the legislature and is awaiting action by the Governor. The new information kiosk installed at the entrance in December 2008 as part of a Boy Scout project leaked during the past rains, and needs to be repaired. <u>A volunteer team to do trail work here and elsewhere has been jointly formed by District and Skyline Park Association staff.</u>
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. The County is monitoring the situation in Sacramento to see if it makes sense to try again for such authorization. Separately, the County is pursuing development of a park overlay zone to protect public lands such as Skyline Park. New language has been included in the new draft General Plan to allow development of a park overlay zone. Staff is now preparing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to accomplish this. Chandler and Chandler was retained in November 2008 to assist with the preparation of a Master Plan for the park; that work is now underway. The draft Master Plan and zoning amendment will be brought to the District Board for review and comment at its <u>August 2009</u> meeting.
Skyline Park Improvements	Partner-sponsored improvement include a second greenhouse and a covered equestrian arena.	The proposals for a second greenhouse and a covered arena improvements 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 approved in concept by the flood control district. Staff led a tour of the property on May 22, 2008 in conjunction with the Napa County Watershed Symposium to discuss options and constraints at the site related to public use and environmental education. The District sponsored a workshop with high school science teachers in October to discuss ways to use the site for educational purposes. Park District staff has prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement, which is now under review by the flood district. Flood District and Park District staff met with the President of the Yacht Club in early May to discuss access issues and future possible uses for the property.
Vallejo Lakes	Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County	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 surplusing 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 surplusing process has slowed down due to new discussions between the City and residents of Green Valley over overall water supply arrangements.
Vine Trail	A Class I bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal	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.
Wild Lake Ranch	Possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas through agreement between the Land Trust, the District and State Parks	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 has been put on hold due to the freeze in state bond funded grant.

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

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

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

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.