



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

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## **AGENDA**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, July 13, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.**

County of Napa Board Chambers, 1195 Third Street Third Floor, Napa, CA

#### **General Information**

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

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

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

#### **2. Public Comment**

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

### 3. Set Matters

None

### 4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of June 8, 2015
- b. Consideration and potential approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement, Certificate of Acceptance, Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, and other documents related to the District acquisition of Napa County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 025-220-016, 017 and 018, totaling 443.42 acres more or less, on the Knoxville-Berryessa Road in the vicinity of Cedar Roughs and Smittle Creek Day Use Area
- c. Update on the proposed Syar Quarry expansion and potential direction to staff (oral report)
- d. Update on implementation of Advisory Committee recommendations (oral report)
- e. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff
- f. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park
- g. Review of the District Projects Status

### 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. Other than to determine whether and when such matters should be agendaized, no action will be taken by the Board on these items unless specifically noted otherwise.*

### 7. Adjournment



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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

County of Napa Board Chambers, 1195 Third Street Third Floor, Napa, CA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present: Karen Bower-Turjanis, Barry Christian, Tony Norris, Michael Haley, and Dave Finigan.  
Staff present: John Woodbury, Chris Cahill, Chris Apallas, and Lashun Fuller.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Set Matters

Public Hearing. Consideration and potential adoption of work program and budget for FY 2015-16 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

Directors voted to find the proposed action is not a project under CEQA and to approve work program and budget for FY 2015-16  
MH-TN-KT-BC-DF

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of May 11, 2015.

Minutes were approved as corrected.  
KT-BC-MH-TN-DF

- b. Consideration and potential approval of a purchase and sale agreement with Suscol Mountain Vineyards, LLC concerning the acquisition of the Suscol Headwaters Preserve (portions of Napa County APNs 045-360-009, 057-030-012, and 057-020-077 and the entirety of Solano County APN 0148-010-02).

Directors voted to find the project to be categorically exempt under CEQA; to authorize the Board President to sign the purchase and sale agreement with final closing dates as approved by the General Manager; to authorize the Board President to sign grant deed certificates of acceptance before the close of escrow, and to authorize the General Manager to execute any other documents necessary to implement the purchase and sale agreement, including (without limitation) an easement option agreement with Napa Sanitation District.  
MH-BC -TN-KT-DF

- c. Update on the proposed Syar Quarry expansion and potential direction to staff (oral report).  
John Woodbury – No report given.
- d. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.  
Expenditure report was reviewed by Board of Directors. No formal action was taken.
- e. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park.  
John Woodbury gave report. No formal action taken.
- f. Review of the District Projects Status.  
John Woodbury and Chris Cahill gave the report with discussions on Bay Area Ridge Trail Tuteur Loop, Camp Berryessa, Cedar Roughs, Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails, Linda Falls Conservation Easement, and State Parks.  
Dave Finigan commented on Moore Creek Park and the VO-CAL event that took place May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>

#### 5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- Various board members currently working on distribution of Advisory Committee Final Report to various political bodies in and around the County of Napa
- Napa City Council and Yountville Downtown Council are both scheduled to review the Advisory Committee Report during evening meetings on the 16th of June
- Calistoga City Manager still working on date to discuss the Advisory Committee Report of final recommendations
- Peter White, St. Helena City Council Member, gave positive feedback on the Advisory Committee presentation of recommendations
- John Woodbury signed onto a letter to Senator Mark Leno, Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, on behalf of NCRPOSD to encourage the Senator and his colleagues to remember conservation as they develop the Cap and Trade budget.
- John Woodbury announced the Napa County Farm Bureau will be holding their annual V.I.P reception
- Chino Yip and Chris Cahill will be installing the Harold Kelly bench and plaque at Lake Hennessey.

#### 6. Agenda Planning

None

#### 7. Adjournment

Adjourned to the Regular NCRPOSD Board Meeting July 13, 2015

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DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

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LASHUN FULLER, Acting District Secretary

Key

Vote: MH = Michael Haley; TN = Tony Norris; BC = Barry Christian; DF = David Finigan; KBT= Karen Bower Turjanis

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

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



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## STAFF REPORT

Date: July 13, 2015

Agenda Item: 4.B

Subject: Consideration and potential approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement, Certificate of Acceptance, Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, and other documents related to the District acquisition of Napa County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 025-220-016, 017 and 018, totaling 443.42 acres more or less, on the Knoxville-Berryessa Road in the vicinity of Cedar Roughts and Smittle Creek Day Use Area

### Recommendation

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Board President to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Certificate of Acceptance for acquisition of the subject property.
3. Authorize the Board President and/or the General Manager to sign all other documents necessary to complete the acquisition.
4. Approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funding for the purchase from the Wildlife Conservation Board.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per 14 California Code of Regulations 15316 (transfer of ownership of land in order to create parks) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### Background

The proposed Certificate of Acceptance for 443 acres of land owned jointly by the McDevitt Revocable Living Trust (50% interest) and John and Mary Jean Bruce (50% interest), together with the separate but simultaneous acquisition of 144 acres by The Wilderness Land Trust, is a unique opportunity to protect the rich habitat of and provide public recreational access to these lands, as well as provide public non-motorized access to the 6,500 acres of the Cedar Roughts Wilderness owned by the federal government and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The only current public access to Cedar Roughts is via the north, on property owned by the State of California and managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This access is of limited utility because it is only practical when flows in Pope Creek are very low; even when the creek is fordable, there is no good trail heading south into the heart of the wilderness.

The 144 acres to be acquired by The Wilderness Land Trust are landlocked--entirely surrounded by federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management as part of the federally-designated Cedar Roughs Wilderness Area. The other 443 acres, proposed for acquisition by the District, extend between BLM's holdings and the Knoxville-Berryessa Road.

The Land Trust of Napa County began work on this acquisition in 1996. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2014 determined the acquisition was eligible for funding by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

The owners of the property are willing to sell all four parcels as a package. The Bureau of Land Management is very interested in obtaining the landlocked parcel, and The Wilderness Land Trust has offered to acquire the landlocked parcel for eventual transfer to BLM, once BLM gets the necessary funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The other three parcels would be owned and managed by the District, with the primary objective of habitat and wildlife protection. To the extent it is compatible with this primary objective, the District will also manage the property for a wide range of non-motorized public recreation purposes, including hiking, horseback riding, mountain bicycling, hunting, nature study, and other compatible nature-based activities.

Public parking is proposed to be at the Smittle Creek Day Use and Picnic Area managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. An existing trailer site is proposed to be used for a volunteer caretaker who will monitor the property.

Funding for the District's acquisition is proposed to come from the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board. In the application for this funding, the District committed to participation in the Department of Fish and Wildlife's special hunt program to allow hunting of the property at appropriate times by successful applicants in random CDFW drawings.

After acquisition, any improvements to the property made by the District, as well as any public use of the property, will be subject to review and approval of a Use Permit by the County of Napa.

The proposed Resolution and Certificate of Acceptance are attached. Because of their length, the grant proposal and Purchase and Sale Agreement documents are not attached, but are on file with the District and are available upon request.

# RESOLUTION

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

July 13, 2015 – Agenda Item No.4.B

Resolution No. 15-01

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF ALL OR A PORTION OF ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NUMBER(S) 025-220-016, 017 and 018 TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 443.42 ACRES IN THE COUNTY OF NAPA

WHEREAS, the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, a subdivision of the State of California (District), desires to acquire the above-referenced property located on the Knoxville-Berryessa Road between the Smittle Creek Day Use Area and the Cedar Roughs Wilderness (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the property contains important habitat and open space values; and

WHEREAS, the property provides public access to approximately 6,500 acres of public land known as the Cedar Roughs Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of the above-referenced property are willing to sell the Property to the District; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is recommending funding of this acquisition by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District hereby:

1. FINDS that acquisition of the identified property is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. FINDS that the identified property possesses high ecological and habitat value;
3. FINDS that the use of referenced grant funds for acquisition of the identified property is an appropriate expenditure;
4. ADOPTS the District staff report and recommendation for this item;
5. AUTHORIZES the execution of California Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Agreement for Acquisition of Fee Interest number WC-1507BG and the acceptance of grant funds from the listed agencies for the purpose of acquisition of the identified property;
6. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of fee title to the identified property; and



7. AUTHORIZES the Board President Dave Finigan and/or General Manager of the District John Woodbury to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District at a regular meeting of said Board on the 13thday of July, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dave Finigan, President

Attest:

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Melissa Frost, District Secretary

**APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY  
REGIONA PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL**  
By:  
Date:

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
AND WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

District Secretary  
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space  
District  
1195 Third St., Room 210  
Napa, CA 94559

Transfer Tax Not Applicable: R&T Code 11922  
Exempt from Recording Fees: Gov. Code 27383

APN 025-220-016, 017 and 018

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**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

**GRANT DEED**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 27281, this is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the deed or grant dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 from Michael J. McDevitt Revocable Living Trust, as to an undivided 50% interest, and John M. and Mary Jean Bruce, as to an undivided 50% interest, to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, a political subdivision of the State of California, is hereby accepted by order of the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District on July 13, 2015, and the grantee consents to the recordation thereof.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

By : \_\_\_\_\_  
David Finigan, President of the Board of Directors of the  
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

Attest: Melissa Frost, District Secretary

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## STAFF REPORT

Date: July 13, 2015  
Item: 4.E  
Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff

### Recommendation

Receive the report.

### Background

Section III.A.(7) of the District By-laws 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 \$25,000, 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.

Attached is a report showing all District expenditures for June 2015.

In addition to these expenditures, the General Manager has authorized the following contracts using his signature authority:

June 30, 2015— A contract with Abbey Carpets Unlimited for a not-to-exceed amount of 15,156.38 for flooring and installation for cabins at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park

June 30, 2015— A contract with Zapp and Sons Plumbing for a not-to-exceed amount of \$24,500 for plumbing work on the combination shower/toilet facility at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park

**PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT - JUNE 2015 EXPENSE REPORT**

**Gen Admin Dept - 85000-00**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Journal Line Description</b>	<b>Voucher Description</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Monetary Amount</b>
06/01/2015	PARK070115 4/2015	April, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	2500.40
06/25/2015	PARK070115 5/2015	May, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	1650.99
06/25/2015	Brass plate & engraving	Reimbursement-NV Engraving	CHRISTOPHER CAHILL	47.46
06/25/2015	Business travel - May/June 201	Reimbursement - May expenses	JOHN WOODBURY	107.29

**Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Journal Line Description</b>	<b>Voucher Description</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Monetary Amount</b>
06/01/2015	PARK070115 4/2015	April, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	4818.28
06/02/2015	Septic System service call	Moore Creek Park	MCCOLLUM GENERAL ENGINEERING	387.00
06/02/2015	Porta Potty - May 2015	Moore Creek Park	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	179.36
06/04/2015	PG&E 4/23/15 - 5/22/15	Acct #0099759249-8	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	101.63
06/09/2015	Supplies Moore Creek	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	7.32
06/10/2015	Embroided hats-volunteers	Reimbursement-patches, hats	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	1857.87
06/10/2015	Embroidered patches (MC)	Reimbursement-patches, hats	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	361.90
06/12/2015	PARK140215 6/2015	Moore Creek Park, 6/2015	HERITAGE SYSTEMS, INC.	367.67
06/16/2015	Alliant - Insurance	Cust #NAPACOU-04	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES	845.34
06/16/2015	Flyers for VOCAL	Reimbursement-May Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	21.06
06/16/2015	Fuel - truck	Reimbursement-May Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	78.66
06/16/2015	Clover flat-dump runs	Reimbursement-May Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	62.00
06/16/2015	Volunteer food/supplies	Reimbursement-May Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	553.08
06/16/2015	Pool supplies	Reimbursement-May Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	383.19
06/22/2015	HughesNet 6/12/15-7/12/15	Acct #DSS8836028	HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS LLC	76.59
06/25/2015	PARK150415 100%Sam/Eagle trail	Sam the Eagle Trail, Moore Creek Parl	FOREST TRAILS ALLIANCE	18500.00
06/25/2015	PARK070115 5/2015	May, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	3807.57
06/25/2015	Business travel - May 2015	Reimbursement - May expenses	JOHN WOODBURY	23.58

**OAT HILL MINE TRAIL - 85010-01**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Journal Line Description</b>	<b>Voucher Description</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Monetary Amount</b>
06/25/2015	PARK070115 5/2015	May, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	1164.43

**NRBT - 85010-02**

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
06/01/2015	PARK070115 4/2015	April, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	162.32

**Camp Berryessa - 85010-03**

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
06/09/2015	PARK141515 4/2015	Agreement PARKS 14-15	RONALD C CRITCHLEY	3535.00
06/16/2015	Geotechnical Services	Project #1114.406 Putah Creek	MILLER PACIFIC ENGINEERING GROUP	2008.40
06/25/2015	PARK150115 Progress pmt #3	NCI Job #14251	G D NIELSON CONSTRUCTION INC	156512.50
06/25/2015	PARK131015 5/2015	Project: Camp Berryessa	NORTH VALLEY LABOR COMPL. SERVICES	900.00

**NRER - 85010-05**

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
06/01/2015	PARK081215 4/2015	April, 2015 (minus one week)	OPTIONS3	513.75
06/01/2015	PARK070115 4/2015	April, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	212.32
06/02/2015	Porta Potty - May 2015	Yountville Park	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	179.36
06/16/2015	mowing	Yountville Cross	GOLDEN GATE LANDSCAPE	250.00
06/25/2015	PARK070115 5/2015	May, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	641.07
06/25/2015	PARK081215 5/2015	Agreement 08-12 NRER	OPTIONS3	1060.00

**VINE TRAIL - 85010-06**

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
06/25/2015	Business travel - June 2015	Reimbursement - May expenses	JOHN WOODBURY	23.00

**PUTAH CREEK - 85010-07**

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
06/25/2015	PARK070115 5/2015	May, 2015	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	838.29

**State Park - 85010-08**

Date	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
06/02/2015	Porta Potty - May 2015	Bothe State Park	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	358.71
06/02/2015	Porta Potty - 5/24 Cleaning	Bothe Park-5/24 Cleaning	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	100.00
06/02/2015	Pace - supplies	Cust #03700-03	PACE SUPPLY CORP	85.07
06/02/2015	Pace - supplies	Cust #03700-03	PACE SUPPLY CORP	94.07
06/02/2015	Cash & Carry	Acct #60124600060576080	CASH & CARRY	68.25

06/02/2015	PG&E 4/17/15 - 5/15/15	Acct #9051730227-0	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	21.62
06/02/2015	PG&E 4/16/15 - 5/14/15	Acct #6765403114-4	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	32.93
06/02/2015	PG&E 4/16/15 - 5/14/15	Acct #1869012498-9	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	868.48
06/02/2015	PG&E 4/16/15 - 5/14/15	Acct #2172831822-7	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	36.00
06/02/2015	PG&E 4/17/15 - 5/14/15	Acct #4831406953-4	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	45.81
06/02/2015	Fine Art Policy Insurance	Acct #NCRPO-1	ROBERTSON TAYLOR INTERNATIONAL	1340
06/03/2015	PARK150315 5/6-11/15	5/6-11/15	STEVE TRIOLO ELECTRIC	2039.70
06/03/2015	PARK150315 5/18-22/15	5/18-22/15	STEVE TRIOLO ELECTRIC	2311.66
06/04/2015	PARK150215 May 11-22, 2015	May 11-22, 2015	MARK GNAT	5445.60
06/04/2015	Clover flat - dump runs	Acct #40008	CLOVER FLAT LANDFILL	127.75
06/04/2015	ElectricalSupplies 05/08/15	Acct# MP-39693	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	11.85
06/04/2015	ElectricalSupplies 05/15	Acct# MP-39610	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	2693.40
06/04/2015	ElectricalSupplies 05/21/15	Acct# MP-39693	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	301.81
06/04/2015	ElectricalSupplies 05/12/15	Acct# MP-39610	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	1147.96
06/04/2015	Pace - supplies	Cust #03700-03	PACE SUPPLY CORP	17.19
06/04/2015	ElectricalSupplies 05/07/15	Acct# MP-39610	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	141.00
06/04/2015	ElectricalSupplies 05/18/15	Acct# MP-39610	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	74.01
06/04/2015	Redwood bench	Bothe NV Park	SONOMA COUNTY PROBATION DEPT	568.31
06/04/2015	6' Picnic Camp Stove	Bothe NV Park	SONOMA COUNTY PROBATION DEPT	876.83
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	1468.23
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	1032.19
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	-7.49
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	1556.36
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	61.61
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	2388.32
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	312.08
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	361.20
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	174.87
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	55.00
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	359.26
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	35.60
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	2662.39
06/09/2015	ConstructionSuppBothePark	Customer# 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	774.61
06/09/2015	Heartland credit card fees-WFB			58.38

06/09/2015	PARK081215 5/2015	May, 2015	JEANNE MARIONI	1380.00
06/10/2015	Upper Vly Disp - May 2015	Acct #01-0013452-7	UPPER VALLEY DISPOSAL	856.95
06/10/2015	Telepacific - June 2015	Acct #133326	TELEPACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS	590.28
06/10/2015	Septic Tank pumping	Bothe NV Park	MONTELLI CONSTRUCTION INC	1190.00
06/10/2015	Construction supplies	Cust #03700-03, Bothe Park	PACE SUPPLY CORP	511.39
06/11/2015	7898686642 05/15	Acct# 7898686642	CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY	353.25
06/11/2015	BothePark Site&Roof Plans	Bothe-Napa Valley State Park-Cabin R	VALLEY ARCHITECTS LLP	3173.70
06/12/2015	PARK140915 Apr-May 2015	April-May, 2015	JONATHAN EHLERS	700.00
06/12/2015	PARK150215 May 26- Jun 2, 2015	May 26-June 2, 2015	MARK GNAT	2927.01
06/15/2015	Heartland credit card fees-WFB			97.57
06/16/2015	Pace-construction supplies	Cust #03700-03	PACE SUPPLY CORP	542.21
06/16/2015	6 pallets firewood	Bothe-Napa Campground	TOURADY RANCH INC	1920.00
06/16/2015	Redwood vacuum-supplies	Napa County Park & Open Space	REDWOOD VACUUM & JANITORIAL	123.66
06/17/2015	WFB Supply Charges			61.27
06/22/2015	Supplies - Bothe cabins	Cust #03700-03	PACE SUPPLY CORP	895.92
06/22/2015	Supplies - Bothe cabins	Cust #03700-03	PACE SUPPLY CORP	96.34
06/25/2015	ATP - June 2015	Acct #746-0150 Bothe Park	ADVANTAGE TOTAL PROTECTION	40.00
06/25/2015	Construction supplies-cabins	Cust #03700-03, Bothe Park	PACE SUPPLY CORP	2795.04
06/30/2015	PG&E 5/15/15 - 6/15/15	Acct #2172831822-7	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	49.44
06/30/2015	C&C - supplies	Acct #60124600060576080	CASH & CARRY	93.17
06/30/2015	PG&E 5/16/15-6/16/15	Acct #9051730227-0	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	44.26
06/30/2015	PG&E 5/15/15-6/16/15	Acct #1869012498-9	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	1023.85
06/30/2015	RLS Park 3/12/15-6/18/15	Acct #2662302249-3	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	290.82
06/30/2015	PG&E 5/16/15-6/17/15	Acct #4831406953-4	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	219.43
06/30/2015	PG&E 5/15/15-6/15/15	Acct #6765403114-4	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	45.49
06/30/2015	Steve's Hardware-June 2015	Acct #31248	STEVES HARDWARE	78.88
06/30/2015	Metal sign	Napa County Park-Bothe Park	NAPA SIGN SHOP	274.32

Park Report June 2015  
Submitted by Ranger Sandy Jones and Jeanne Marioni

## Bothe-Napa Valley State Park



**August 22<sup>nd</sup> Event** - Come join Napa County Landmarks for a celebration of vintage trailers at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park where you will have the opportunity to see some of the finest local vintage trailers and campers from around. The “hitch-up” will include food, music, and outdoor activities for the whole family. If this first Hitch-Up is well received, it could become an annual happening at Bothe. A few regular events that locals, and residents of the greater bay area, come to look forward to as annual happenings at the park would be great. You can check [napacountylandmarks.org](http://napacountylandmarks.org) for updates!

**Historic Cabins** - We are working on Cabin 4B that will have 2 showers, 2 toilets and 2 sinks. In Cabin 4 we are staining the wood walls and will be painting the exterior. The doors are all hung and are being painted or stained followed by flooring and installation of sinks and lights. Architectural roof drawings have been sent to the Fire Marshall for approval to re-roof the cabins.

**Visitor Center** – Open 3 to 4 days a week. Montelli’s began grading and paving for the ADA parking space.

**Nature Camp and Teen Camp** – Nearly full!

**Jr. Rangers** is offered every Saturday 10:00-11:30 and has been well attended with young campers.

**Naturalist Led Hikes** - Thanks to the White Family Trust donation, we also offer hikes for adults and older kids that are interested: Saturdays 10:00-11:30. Naturalist Jonny Ehlers leads the hikes and talks with the group about wildflowers, birds, Redwood trees, bugs, what lives in a Ritchie Creek, etc....come ask a question!



No tractors were purchased this month. **Marilou**, however, continues to work hard and is a valuable team member.

### **Robert Louis Stevenson**

State Parks sent a Hitman to the Bandattini House to work up an estimate of cost to solve the beetle problem.

### **Bale Grist Mill**

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – Doug McConnell spent all morning at the mill and most of the afternoon at Bothe filming a segment for OpenRoad NBC Bay Area that will be aired on a Sunday at 6:30. The date will be announced later.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – We were able to participate in an all-day workshop on milling, stone dressing and bread baking. Participants of the workshop were limited to people central to the whole grain food movement in Northern California. It is our goal to keep the mill and the historic roots of milling connected with the current “back-to-the-farm” food movement. We offered the mill as a venue for appropriate workshops or conferences.

**Corn and Wheat** - Ardenwood Farms in the East Bay and Open Field Farm in Petaluma, have offered us corn and wheat for our mill tours and events. We met the farmer at Open Field at the milling workshop.

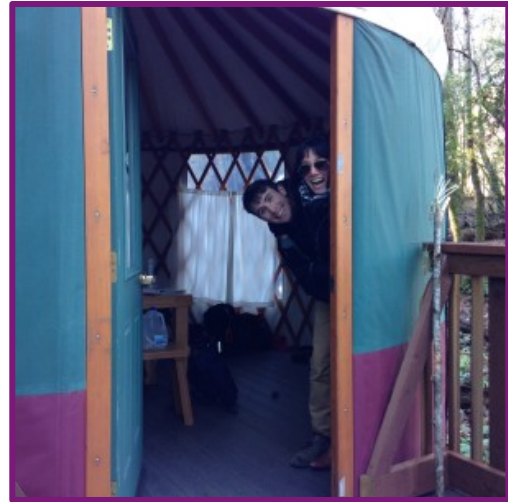
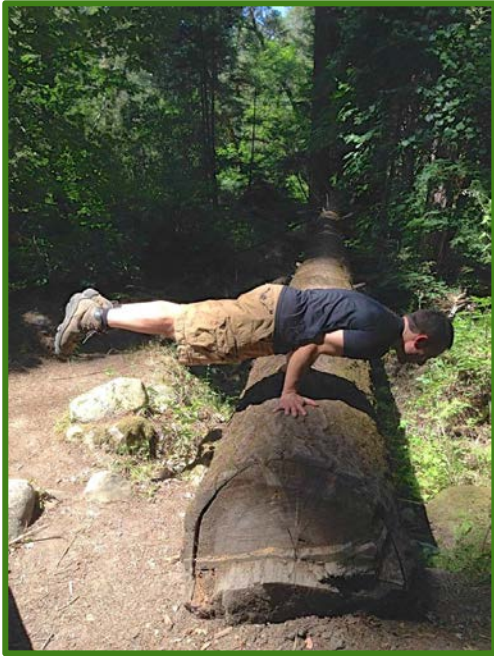
Our new **mill brochures** are in and are being distributed!

NVSPA’s new **trailer** (that surprisingly sprung a leak with that minimal winter rain we had) was emptied, towed back to the dealer and repaired.

This summer we have a mill host family! The children, Mark Jr. and Emily, are an especially nice addition to our mill.



Bothe campers have fun!



Plan of Projects  
**Status Report**

13-Jul-15

<u>Name of Project Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
<p>Bay Area Ridge Trail Tuteur Loop                      Assignment of Tuteur Loop Ridge Trail easement from the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the District</p>	<p>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. Staff has resumed work on transferring the easement to the District now that the option agreement for purchasing a portion of the Kirkland Ranch is about to be executed.</p>
<p>Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa                      An 8+ mile recreational trail generally following the Napa River and interior levees of associated wetlands.</p>	<p>Phase Two--Green Island Road to Soscol Ferry Road                      Questa has largely completed a revised 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. 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 reviewing the feasibility of an alternative alignment. After 4 years of back and forth, in July 2014 DFW informed the District that it would comply with the BCDC condition for public access north of Green Island Road by removing a fence and graveling the surface of the existing levee, despite concerns about this alignment expressed by the Napa County Airport and the FAA. DFW put this project out to bid in late August, has awarded the bid, and is now waiting for sufficiently dry weather to do the work. The fence was removed and gravel installed by DFW around February of 2015.</p>
<p>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 Berryessa Estates and Pope Canyon.</p>	<p>The District in 2009 applied to BLM for a no-fee transfer of this property to the District for the no-fee transfer of this property; while this transfer has received conceptual approval by BLM staff, the formal approval has dragged; several meetings have been held over the past three years to try and speed to process, but BLM staff has so far had higher priorities. CDF crews did extensive fire break work in 2009 through 2011 to protect the residences next to the BLM land. The Fire Marshall and the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department have added a proposal to construct a fire substation on a corner of the property. The Fire Marshall has identified funding for the fire station, and the County Board of Supervisors is now strongly supportive. 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. District staff in January 2013 met with the Napa County Fire Marshall and the Calfire Battalion Chief for the area and agreed to jointly advocate for BLM action. In February staff talked with BLM and was assured that processing of the transfer was now beginning. BLM did a series of site visits June-August, 2013. The Bureau of Reclamation in June 2013 asserted that Reclamation has property rights such that BLM is not permitted to transfer the property. BLM is now projecting the transfer will be complete by the end of this calendar year. In late August Reclamation determined they still retained jurisdiction, but they have committed to completing the transfer in the same time frame as BLM would have. Staff has submitted additional materials to Reclamation which is now processing the permit. Reclamation provided a draft agreement to the District in February 2014 which will lead to Reclamation eventually transferring its interests in the property; District staff responded with comments to the draft in early March 2014. Not willing to keep waiting for the federal agencies to resolve their differences, Napa County has acquired a property within the Lake Berryessa Estates subdivision for constructing the fire sub-station. Reclamation says they have done their work and it is now up to BLM to finish the transfer. Staff is waiting for a response from BLM.</p>
<p>Berryessa Vista                      Planning, stewardship and expansion of this wilderness park.</p>	<p>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. The District sent 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. Since then there has been less observed damage, although the problem is not resolved. Staff was planning on installing a gate to restrict OHV access, but this has proven infeasible. After observing more OHV damage in the summer of 2013, staff is exploring options other than a gate to prevent unauthorized OHV use. The latest plan is to install remote cameras in an attempt to determine who is causing the damage. No other work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed, as that is a key step in gaining overland access to the property. District staff has been meeting with Reclamation, their consultants and interested parties on the trail planning and prioritization. Staff in late June 2014 toured an adjacent parcel with the owner of the property; in September the owner indicated they are interested in selling the property for addition to Berryessa Vista Wilderness Park. The Land Trust of Napa County has obtained the appraisal of the property, and the land trust and the sellers have agreed on the appraised value as the sales price. The District Board in November 2014 agreed to acquire the property from the Land Trust at a later date when funding is available. Escrow closed and title transferred in early 2015.</p>

<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. A 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. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. There have been volunteer trail building work parties have been held numerous times between 2011 and the present, and the trail is now done except for signage and a fence crossing. District staff met with Fish and Game on June 15, 2012 to discuss signage at the trailhead on DFG property, and in November 2012 submitted signage language for DFG review. Staff contacted DFG (now DFW) in February of 2013, again in early April, and again in late summer to determine the status of their review. In January 2014 DFW staff responded with an alternative entry sign design, and accepted our fence stile design. Volunteers installed the fence stile in March 2014. <u>DFW installed the trail sign in late June 2015, though the sign copy is missing some information required by the trail easement that the trail uses after leaving DFW property. See attached picture.</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. A new water well was dug in October 2012--production is great, and quality is acceptable with minor treatment. Reclamation completed their review of the 90% plans and had a very positive meeting with District staff in late March 2014. The 100% plans were submitted to the District and Reclamation in early July 2014 and were verbally ok'd in mid August. To meet budget constraints, work on the planned black water leach field will be deferred to phase two or it may be deleted altogether. A \$1.7m construction contract was awarded to G.D. Nielson Inc on Napa in November 2014 and Ron Critchley, a retired County engineer, has agreed to serve as our construction manager &amp; inspector on the project. District staff had a kickoff meeting with G.D. Nielson on December 2nd at which it was decided to break ground on April 1st; under the revised schedule construction will be complete in mid to late fall 2015. The Coastal Conservancy has agreed to extend the grant until January 1, 2016. Groundbreaking occurred on April 13th and the contractor has been making steady progress. Ron Critchley's help and guidance have turned out to be invaluable. <u>Construction work continues apace and the current (moving) estimate has the job completed in late September, which is ahead of schedule.</u></p>
<p>Cedar Roughs</p> <p>Acquisition of 443 acres providing public access to Cedar Roughs from Smittle Creek Day Use Area</p>	<p>Working with land trust to acquire 443 acres to be managed by district, and 144 acres to be managed by BLM. PTR has uncovered a title issue that needs resolution. Appraisal completed in December 2014 and forwarded to WCB and State Dept of Real Estate for review and approval. The question of whether the property has legal access was resolved in December 2014 and the title company has issued a revised Preliminary Title Report indicating they will insure the right of access. Pending approval of the appraisal, the Wildlife Conservation Board is prepared to provide \$1.6 million toward the purchase. Additional funding is expected from the Wilderness Land Trust and from Tuleyome, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$50,000 for improvements. District staff has been negotiating a purchase and sale agreement with the owners of the property, which may be ready for Board consideration at the March Board meeting. The state Dept of General Services in April 2015 rejected the appraisal; the appraiser has revised the appraisal to address their questions, and in early May the appraisal was resubmitted to DGS for review. The revised appraisal was approved by DGS in late May 2015. <u>The owner of the property has accepted the appraisal, and the purchase and sale agreement is scheduled for approval by the District on July 13, 2015.</u></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. Director Turjanis in early 2015 began the process of preparing articles of incorporation and identifying potential Board members.</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>In November, 2009 the Napa City Council directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails. The District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 14, 2011. A final lease agreement and operations plan was approved by the District Board in August 2012, and by the City Council in September 2012. Work was completed on the connector trail to Moore Creek in June 2013 and public response to the new trail has been very positive. Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails formally opened with a ribbon cutting on October 18, 2014. The Sam the Eagle Trail was completed in April 2015 and, in staff's opinion, turned out wonderfully. <u>Forest Trails Alliance is donating a hand carved wooden trail sign to be installed at the northern terminus of the new trail.</u> District staff patrol the North Shore several times a week. <u>District staff and volunteers installed the Harold Kelly bench in early June and are slated to construct a short ADA access trail to it on July 11th. The County Wildlife Conservation Commission awarded the District a +/- \$2,000 grant to fund installation of an interpretive birding trail developed in partnership with Napa Solano Audubon along the north shore of the lake.</u></p>
<p>Linda Falls Conservation Easement</p> <p>Expansion of conservation easement to cover all of the property at Linda Falls owned by the Land Trust of Napa County</p>	<p>The District currently holds a conservation easement on one of several parcels owned by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust desires to expand this conservation easement to include all of the land trust's holdings at Linda Falls. The purpose is to provide an additional layer of protection for the property. This is a continuation of a long-term project for the district and land trust to hold easements over each other's properties to protect against unforeseen circumstances that could threaten the conservation values of the properties.</p>
<p>Moore Creek 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 park opened on June 30, 2013. The eastern boundary survey and fencing project was completed June 2014. Construction of the remainder of the Valentine Vista Trail was completed by the Forest Trails Alliance in April 2014. With the help and support of the County Fire Department and County communications technicians, the District has installed an emergency communications radio and antenna at the Ranch House (which has neither landline nor cellular phone service). The next big project is the construction of the Madrone Trail, a roughly 2 miles footpath on the western side of Moore Creek canyon north of the ranch house. In February and March volunteers helped flag and brush the first part of the Madrone Trail. A VO-CAL event with approximately 100 volunteers gathered May 15-17, 2015 to continue this construction. In April we purchased an ATV for use at Moore Creek Park and other facilities, primarily with funds granted by the Wildlife Conservation Commission. The County in May 2015 kindly donated a used but well cared for full-size Ford F250 pickup to the District to allow us to move the ATV from property to property; the truck will be stationed in downtown Napa and will also be available for other District projects. <u>District staff have been collecting statements of interest from potential volunteer caretakers and hope to make a selection by the end of July.</u></p>

<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail  Various improvements to the historic Oat Hill Mine Road</p>	<p>The litigation holding up this project has been successfully concluded. 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. A volunteer crew did erosion control work on the trail in January 2013. Staff and volunteers in February 2013 to did a comprehensive evaluation of erosion issues on the trail, and experts from the RCD joined staff for another evaluation in early April. The City of Calistoga and CalTrans have restarted discussions about constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 29 and Silverado Trail; the District is tracking these discussions to ensure that whatever design as adopted will provide adequate and safe access to the Oat Hill Mine Trail. The Bay Area Ridge Trail did some cleanup and minor improvements in late October 2013 to the staging area, and the lower 4 miles of the OHMT was dedicated as part of the Ridge Trail on November 10, 2013. The 40 acre Randy Lee Johnson property donation was completed in December 2014. Chino and a hardy group of volunteers made drainage improvements on the trail in late January 2015.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail  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. The District is still waiting on BLM to process the application.</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--staff has prepared a draft 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 was positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. However, Veterans Home staff had 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, and then key management staff at the Veterans Home retired in November 2010, so progress was delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions. The District will restart the process when other priorities are under control.</p>
<p>Skyline Park  Permanent protection of 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. 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 agreed on an appraisal process for determining the fair market value purchase price, the County retained an appraiser acceptable to the State, and a draft appraisal was prepared. In late April 2012 the state indicated they did not accept the value as determined by the appraisal and negotiations stalled. A Draft EIR was released in late September 2013 for the proposed expansion of the adjacent Syar Quarry. The District Board approved comments on the DEIR at it's October 2013 meeting. The Final EIR was released in November of 2014, a public hearing was held on January 7, 2015, the matter has been continued to April 1st, and at that time was continued to an unspecified date.</p>
<p>Suscol Headwaters  Kirkland Ranch Acquisition of land and easements to protect Suscol Headwaters and construct Ridge Trail from Highway 12 to Skyline Park.</p>	<p>District and property owner have prepared a term sheet outlining the details of the acquisition, and the District has prepared and submitted to the owner the formal Purchase and Sales Agreement, which is now being negotiated with the substantial pro-bono legal help of retired chief deputy County Counsel Margaret Woodbury. The Purchase and Sale Agreement was adopted by the District Board at its June 8, 2015 meeting. <u>Phase I of the acquisition is scheduled to close in September 2015.</u> Funding for Phase I will come from Napa County in exchange for the County receiving an equal amount from the Priority Conservation Area program administered by MTC. Caltrans and the US Fish and Wildlife Service are seriously looking in to the possibility of turning a portion of the property into red-legged frog mitigation area, which could involve substantial grant funding for property purchase and wildlife improvements. <u>The Skyline Wilderness Park Citizens Association would like to meet with District staff as soon as the deal closes to discuss their concerns about access to Skyline. On July 1st the board of the Napa Sanitation District was slated to have voted on granting us an option on the sprayfield access trail and parking lot providing access through to Suscol Headwaters.</u></p>
<p>Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats, and Stone Corral  Planning for open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trincherro</p>	<p>The District took full possession of the properties on January 1, 2012. 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 approval by the Board at its October meeting, and has now been finalized and recorded. Staff met with the LBEPOA Board many times in 2011-2013 to discuss use of the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral areas. District staff has prepared a draft agreement between the District and the Association, which the Association has informally rejected. The well serving Spanish Valley was repaired in November 2013. The District also sealed up an abandon dry well bore discovered on the property. A group of 10 boyscouts GPS'd old ranch roads and 4-wheel drive tracks on the Spanish Valley property for us over the weekend of April 26-27 so that we can create a map of existing roads and trails. A contract for archeological surveying (a required part of the CEQA process) was completed by Tom Origer and Associates in in June, 2014. Staff completed a preliminary survey of the Spanish Valley access road in late July 2012 and, while legal access to the property has been established, it does not appear that the existing road is located within the Spanish Valley Trail easement. In early January 2014 staff learned the affected parcels are for sale. Staff's cash offer to purchase half of the property in mid March was rejected and we have decided to be patient while the property owner attempts to find a better buyer (as we think it unlikely that there is one). In February 2013 several no trespassing signs were installed in response to some evidence of illegal OHV use. The Crystal Flats sign was immediately removed and the lock on the gate removed; a more secure temporary lock has been installed, and staff is researching a new gate that will exclude ATV's and motorcycles while allowing hikers, bicyclists and equestrians. The District is partnering with Tuleyome to investigate and come up with the trail alignment connecting Spanish Valley to the Pope To Putah Trail on BLM land which is under construction by Tuleyome. An abandoned trailer in Spanish Valley was removed in July 2014 at no cost to the District using an abandoned vehicle program administered by the County. The Butts Canyon fire did not reach District property, but CDF graded several emergency roads and firebreaks through Spanish Valley. CDF did some remediation work after the fire to address grading damage. The Board in March 2015 adopted interim policies for the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral holdings regarding hunting, shooting, fires and motorized vehicle use.</p>

State Parks	Operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park	<p>The District, with assistance from the Napa Valley State Parks Association took over management of the parks on April 1, 2012. A County permit for the pool was obtained in July 2012. The state completed installing 3 yurts in October 2012. The District has installed 7 additional yurts. Numerous volunteer projects have been organized (PG&amp;E event improving the Mill, firewood splitting, hazardous tree removal, mowing, pool cleaning, native plant garden maintenance, historic orchard restoration, lots of trash removal, and in September/October a footbridge on the History Trail was repaired by the St Helena Kiwanis). A volunteer forestry management group has been formed and the District has acquired a boom truck and other equipment to facilitate hazardous tree removal and pruning. Utility service accounts have been transferred from the state to the District. An improved recycling system has been implemented. Every septic tank in the park has been pumped clean, and sewer lines were located and cleared of root blockages. Two additional failed septic tanks were discovered in March 2013 and pumped clean. Nearly \$270,000 in gifts, grants and pledges have been obtained to assist with improvements at the parks. The District and State Parks have finalized an agreement regarding the "found" state money that provides up to \$537,800 in State funds being granted to the District to cover some salaries and two capital improvement projects (replacement roofs and AC overlay to the picnic area road). The District sponsored SB 170 (Wolk) which would exempt the mill from state food processing facility requirements so that flour from the mill can be sold as a food item; the bill passed the legislature, but unfortunately opposition from the Department of Public Health resulted in the Governor vetoing the bill. Senator Wolk reintroduced the same legislation in the 2015 session; <u>the bill has passed the Senate, but has been turned into a two year bill due to continued opposition from the Department of Public Health.</u> Architectural plans for the repair of the cabins were submitted in February 2014 for State Parks approval, and were approved in December 2014. In March 2014 the district was approached by several organizations and individuals requesting that the District consider taking over management of Robert Louis Stevenson State Park; after approval from the Board, staff in June 2014 submitted a proposal to State Parks to manage some aspects of RLS; this proposal has received favorable response, <u>the necessary legislative authorization was approved as part of the proposed State budget for 2015-16 and a draft Agreement is expected from State Parks in mid-July 2015.</u> A free admission day including the dedication of the Ridge Trail/Vine Trail junction was held on July 27, 2014. State-grant funded roof repairs and day use area roadways were completed in November 2014. Hiring for 2015 seasonal employees commenced in late February; all seasonal park aides are now hired. <u>Cabin repairs and improvements continue to proceed.</u></p>
Vallejo Lakes	Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County	<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. The District GM, together with the County of Solano EO, in February 2012 each sent letters to the City of Vallejo formally expressing interest in the property and requesting notification per state law of any planned surplusing of the property. Sale of the property by the City has been delayed because of complications related to questions about how best to supply water to residents in Green Valley. The Trust for Public Land has expressed interest in assisting with the purchase of this area. Staff from the District and its partners met with the Vallejo City Manager in April 2014; the surplusing process has become more complicated and the City does not anticipate any action in the near future, but meanwhile the City Manager appears open to working with us to figure out a mutually beneficial outcome. Staff had a very interesting meeting with City of Vallejo water division staff and a tour of Lake Curry in late May. The Lake Curry property can only be described as a jewel, and the City of Vallejo would clearly like to divest it. District staff is presently exploring a broad array of options.</p>
Vine Trail	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>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. The District in April 2013 approved and sent a letter of support for the City of Calistoga's request for a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to plan the trail through Calistoga. The Board President in early June 2014 sent a letter of support for a Vine Trail federal "Tiger" grant to help construct the section of trail between Yountville and Napa. The District continues to coordinate with the Vine Trail on plans to route the Vine Trail through Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. A joint Vine Trail/Ridge Trail dedication event was held at Bothe on July 27, 2014. In March 2015 the Vine Trail initiated discussions with district staff about the possibility of the District providing maintenance for the entire Vine Trail. Syar Industries in March 2015 entered into an agreement with Napa Pipe and the Vine Trail to provide an easement for the trail connection between Napa Pipe and Kennedy Park.</p>

**Completed Projects**

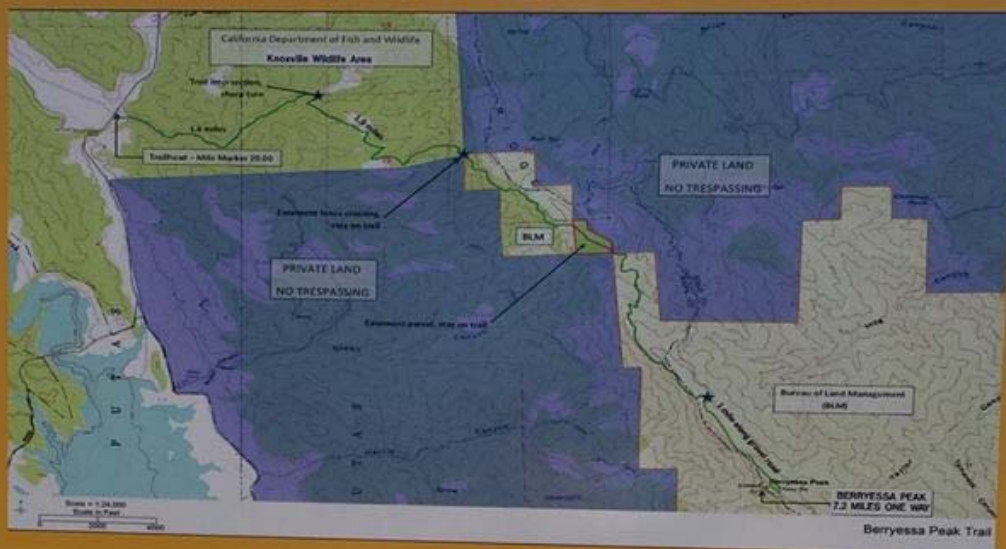
Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment Amendment to the proposed alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail extend north to the Oat Hill Mine Trail	In December of 2012 the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council approved the proposed realignment of the Ridge Trail through Napa County as requested by the District.
Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa Phase I Phase One--Euclytus Drive to Green Island Road	Constructed 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. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.
Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe	Completed construction in spring of 2015 of 0.7 miles between Soscol Ferry Road and the Napa Pipe property in the Napa Valley Corporate Park. The contractor will need to return in the summer of 2015 to reapply stabilizer in those spots where it didn't set up due to cold and wet weather.
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 0f 2008, after a major volunteer work party doing signage installation, brush removal and erosion control.	
Historic ROW Analysis Study to determine location and status of historic road Rights-of-Way and whether they have value as non-motorized recreational trails	Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those which have greatest potential.
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	
Master Plan Update First scheduled update to the Master Plan adopted in January 2009	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. The plan update was adopted by the Board at its June 2012 meeting.
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area	The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on the Milliken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running.
Moore Creek Open Space Park Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008.	
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 Ecological Reserve Restoration This multi-year project resulted in the removal of the bulk of the invasive teasel that had taken over the 5 acre meadow at the entrance to the Reserve, and the construction of a short native plant interpretive trail. Work was done by volunteers, students, and paid contractors. In doing this work, several thousand students received a day of environmental education about native and invasive plants and riparian ecology.	
Napa River Flood Control Easement Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding	
Newell Preserve Improvements Provide on-site water supply for group campground for cattle	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 diagina anv more test wells.
River to Ridge Trail Enhancements Installation of animal silhouettes along the entryway fence illustrating the types of birds and mammals that can be found in the area completed by Eagle Scout candidate in 2008. In November 2008 five Valley Oak trees were planted at the Highway 221 entrance to the trail with the assistance of a volunteer from CNPS.	

River to Ridge Trail	Deeds accomplishing the adjustment in property boundaries between Syar and the State have been recorded.
Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it curenly encroaches on	
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. Volunteers completed additional work in August 2011.
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 oranzizations.	
Skyline Park Trail Improvements	
Major volunteer event to reroute and repair trails	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.
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 Rale Grist Mill	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.



# KNOXVILLE WILDLIFE AREA

## Berryessa Peak Trail



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**HUNT DAYS: DAILY DURING OPEN SEASON FOR AUTHORIZED SPECIES**

**NO CAMPING WITHIN ONE QUARTER MILE OF BERRYESSA-KNOXVILLE ROAD**

**NO CAMPFIRES OR FIREWOOD COLLECTING**

**NO REMOVAL OR COLLECTING OF SOIL AND ROCKS: NO CUTTING OF VEGETATION**

**MOTOR VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED**

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