



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

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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

**Monday July 11, 2011 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

4. Administrative Items

- A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meetings of June 6 and June 13, 2011.
- B. Consideration of and potential action on AB 1036 (Allen) related to Section 5500 park and open space districts.
- C. Update on proposed State Park closures and local efforts to keep parks open, and potential direction to staff.
- D. Update on Camp Berryessa management agreement with Reclamation and next steps.
- E. Progress report on construction of the Napa River and Bay Trail Phase I
- F. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.
- G. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

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

6. Agenda Planning

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

7. Closed Session

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN Nos 015-070-011, -012; 016-120--024, -025

Agency Negotiator: John Woodbury, NCRPOSD General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Reverdy Johnson, Attorney for the Vincent and Fifield families,  
and Janice Killion, Attorney for the Lake Berryessa Resort  
Improvement District

Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and terms of payment.

8. Adjournment



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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday June 13, 2011 2:00 P.M.  
1195 Third Street, Second Floor, Napa, CA 94559

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

A. Consideration of and potential award of contract for construction of Phase I of the Napa River and Bay Trail.

Directors voted to award the contract to Maggiora and Ghilotti, and authorize the General Manager to execute and implement the agreement.

DF-GK-MA-HK-TN

X

B. Consideration of an authorization for General Manager to purchase fencing materials for Phase I of the Napa River and Bay Trail Phase I, in an amount not to exceed \$37,395.55.

Directors voted to authorize the General Manager to make the recommended purchase

GK-HK-MA-DF-TN

X

C. Consideration of and potential authorization for Board President to sign grant agreement with the County of Napa for fiscal year 2011-12.

Directors voted to approve and authorize the Board President to execute the grant agreement.

GK-DF-MA-HK-TN

X

D. Consideration of and potential authorization for Board President to sign Management Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the construction and operation of Camp Berryessa.

No action was taken, with the understanding that a special meeting will be called if necessary to approve the agreement in a timely manner.

E. Consideration of and potential authorization for Board President to sign a management agreement with the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency for maintenance and operation of the Napa River and Bay Trail Segments 7 & 8.

Directors voted to approve and authorize the Board President to sign a maintenance and operations agreement with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency for the Napa River and Bay Trail Segments 7 & 8.

DF-GK-TN-MA-HK

X

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

None

6. Agenda Planning

None

8. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm in memory of Dave Dickson.

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MYRNA ABRAMOWICZ,  
Board President

ATTEST:

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JOHN WOODBURY  
General Manager

Key

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

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

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



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## **STAFF REPORT**

Date: July 11, 2011  
Agenda Item: 4.B  
Subject: Consideration of and potential action on AB 1036 (Allen) related to Section 5500 park and open space districts

### Recommendation

Adopt a position of “oppose unless amended” on AB 1036 (Allen)

### Background

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District is one of just over a dozen special districts formed pursuant to Section 5500 of the Public Resources Code. Section 5500 currently states that the General Manager is responsible for all personnel hiring and firing decisions are the responsibility. This approach is consistent with how nearly all public agencies in California handle personnel issues.

AB 1036 proposes to put eliminate the General Manager’s hiring and firing functions, and instead assign these responsibilities to the governing board. This motivation for the legislation was initially to resolve a problem with the specific governance structure that applies to Sonoma County Regional Park and Open Space District. Unfortunately, the bill as currently drafted applies to all Section 5500 districts.

Staff recommends opposing this legislation unless it is amended, since the proposed change would politicize the personnel process and make it even more cumbersome than it already is. In addition, the change would blur what has traditionally been a bright line between policy and implementation.

Attached is the latest version of AB 1036, an oppose letter written by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, as well as a possible amendment that would resolve SCAPOSD’s unique needs without adversely affecting other districts.

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 29, 2011

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 25, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1036**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Allen**

February 18, 2011

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An act to amend Section 5549 of, and to add Section 5550 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1036, as amended, Allen. Parks: ~~Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District employees. Regional park, park and open-space, and open-space districts: employee relations.~~

(1) Existing law authorizes the creation of a regional park district, a regional park and open-space district, or a regional open-space district in specified ways and provides that the district may exercise any powers granted to it under law. Existing law provides that a general manager of a district has certain administrative and executive functions, powers, and duties, including appointing subordinates, clerks, and other employees, and exercising supervision and control over all departments and offices of the district. Existing law requires that the appointees hold employment at the pleasure of the general manager.

~~This bill would delete the requirement that the appointees hold employment at the pleasure of the general manager for appointees who are employees of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.~~

~~(2) The bill would declare that, due to the unique geography and circumstances pertaining to the Sonoma County Agricultural~~

Preservation and Open Space District that the bill is intended to address, a general statute within the meaning of specified provisions of the California Constitution cannot be made applicable and thus a special statute is necessary.

*This bill would delete the appointing duties of the general manager and would delete the requirement that the appointees hold employment at the pleasure of the general manager.*

*(2) The Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act provides for the representation of local public employees by employee organizations and for the execution of memoranda of understanding between those organizations and local public agencies.*

*This bill would require the act to apply to a regional park district, a regional park and open-space district, and a regional open-space district. The bill would authorize a board of directors of a district to adopt ordinances that, among other things, establish an employee relations system that may include a civil service system or a merit system.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5549 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 5549. (a) The general manager has the following administrative
- 4 and executive functions, powers, and duties. The general manager
- 5 shall do all of the following:
- 6 (1) Enforce this article and all ordinances and regulations of the
- 7 district.
- 8 ~~(2) (A) Appoint subordinates, clerks, and other employees,~~
- 9 ~~and exercise supervision and control over all departments and~~
- 10 ~~offices of the district.~~
- 11 ~~(B) Except as provided in subdivision (c), these appointees shall~~
- 12 ~~hold employment at the pleasure of the general manager.~~
- 13 (2) *Exercise supervision and control over all departments and*
- 14 *officers of the district.*
- 15 (3) Attend all meetings of the board unless excused by the board.
- 16 (4) Submit to the board for adoption any measures, ordinances,
- 17 and regulations he or she deems necessary or expedient.

1 (5) Enforce all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the  
2 district or its inhabitants in any contract and report any violations  
3 to the board or the police department, as appropriate.

4 (6) Prepare and submit the annual budget to the board and  
5 perform all other duties imposed by this article or by the board.

6 (b) (1) With the approval of the board, the general manager  
7 may bind the district, in accordance with board policy, and without  
8 advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other  
9 valuable consideration for any purpose other than new construction  
10 of a building, structure, or improvement in amounts not exceeding  
11 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and for the payment for supplies,  
12 materials, or labor for new construction of a building, structure,  
13 or improvement in amounts not exceeding twenty-five thousand  
14 dollars (\$25,000). All expenditures shall be reported to the board  
15 of directors at its next regular meeting.

16 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), with the approval of the  
17 board, the general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District,  
18 the general manager of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space  
19 District, and the general manager of the Sonoma County  
20 Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District may bind those  
21 districts, in accordance with board policy, and without advertising,  
22 for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable  
23 consideration for any purpose, including the new construction of  
24 any building, structure, or improvement in amounts not exceeding  
25 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). All expenditures shall be  
26 reported to the board of directors at its next regular meeting.

27 ~~(e) The general manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural~~  
28 ~~Preservation and Open Space District shall appoint subordinates,~~  
29 ~~clerks, and other employees, and exercise supervision and control~~  
30 ~~over all departments and offices of the district, and subparagraph~~  
31 ~~(B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) shall not apply to these~~  
32 ~~appointments.~~

33 ~~SEC. 2. Due to the unique geography and circumstances~~  
34 ~~pertaining to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and~~  
35 ~~Open Space District, the Legislature hereby finds and declares that~~  
36 ~~a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning~~  
37 ~~of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution.~~  
38 ~~Therefore, the special legislation contained in Section 1 of this act~~  
39 ~~is necessarily applicable only to the Sonoma County Agricultural~~  
40 ~~Preservation and Open Space District.~~



1     *SEC. 2. Section 5550 is added to the Public Resources Code,*  
2 *to read:*

3     5550. (a) *The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, Chapter 10*  
4 *(commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the*  
5 *Government Code, applies to all districts.*

6     (b) *A board of directors may adopt an ordinance establishing*  
7 *an employee relations system that may include, but is not limited*  
8 *to, a civil service system or a merit system.*

9     (c) *With the prior permission of the board of supervisors of the*  
10 *principal county, a board of directors may adopt an ordinance*  
11 *that makes the employees of the district subject to the employee*  
12 *relations system of the principal county. The board of directors*  
13 *may adopt an ordinance that withdraws the employees of the*  
14 *district from the employee relations system of the principal county.*  
15 *A district in which the employees of the district are subject to the*  
16 *employee relations system of the principal county shall receive*  
17 *employee relations services at cost from the county.*

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June 30, 2011

Office of Assemblymember Michael Allen  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 1036 - OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Assemblymember Allen:

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District opposes AB 1036 unless amended for the following reasons.

This bill would eliminate the authority of the general managers of approximately 16 regional park and open space districts in California established under Public Resources Code 5500 to appoint employees of the district. This would disrupt the efficient operation of such districts, conflict with long-adopted personnel systems, and create an anomaly in governance.

The bill in its current form is unnecessary to accomplish the goals of the author and sponsor. The Floor Analysis states that the purpose of AB 1036 is to eliminate the provision of Public Resources Code Section 5549 (a) (2) establishing the employment status of District employees as “serving at the pleasure of the general manager” for the Sonoma County Agriculture and Open Space Preservation District and the amendment expands the bill to all districts.

The vast majority of cities, counties, and special districts in California have the same governance structure, i.e. the manager is the appointing authority in terms of employment, subject to such personnel or civil service system established by the legislative body. This bill in its current form would relegate general managers of open space districts to supervision, while passing on the decisions on individual employment of a wide array of employees to elected officials.

Attached is a simple amendment that will achieve the goals of the bill without stripping managers of the authority they need to carry out their chief executive duties.

It has long been a fundamental principle of governance that the legislative body sets policy and the manager implements it. There is a bright line in local agency governance and this bill crosses it, i.e. the legislative body's role is to set policy and not to interfere with the manager's day to day administration of the agency. If the manager does not administer the agency according to the policies and systems adopted by the district, the district board has the duty and authority to terminate the manager's employment.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Abbors  
General Manager

Enc. Draft Amendment to Public Resources Code 5549-110625

cc: Members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
MROSD Board of Directors  
Peter Detwiler  
Ralph Heim

5549. (a) The general manager has the following administrative and executive functions, powers, and duties. The general manager shall do all of the following:

(1) Enforce this article and all ordinances and regulations of the district.

(2) Appoint and remove subordinates, clerks, and other employees, and exercise supervision and control over all departments and offices of the district, subject to such personnel rules, civil service or merit system, and policies as may be adopted by the board of directors. ~~Those appointees shall hold employment at the pleasure of the general manager.~~

(3) Attend all meetings of the board unless excused by the board.

(4) Submit to the board for adoption any measures, ordinances, and regulations he or she deems necessary or expedient.

(5) Enforce all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the district or its inhabitants in any contract and report any violations to the board or the police department, as appropriate.

(6) Prepare and submit the annual budget to the board, and perform all other duties imposed by this article or by the board.

(b) (1) With the approval of the board, the general manager may bind the district, in accordance with board policy, and without advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose other than new construction of any building, structure, or improvement in amounts not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and for the payment for supplies, materials, or labor for new construction of any building, structure, or improvement in amounts not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). All expenditures shall be reported to the board of directors at its next regular meeting.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), with the approval of the board, the general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, the general manager of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and the general manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District may bind those districts, in accordance with board policy, and without advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose, including the new construction of any building, structure, or improvement in amounts not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). All expenditures shall be reported to the board of directors at its next regular meeting.



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**STAFF REPORT**

Date: July 11, 2011  
 Agenda Item: 4.F  
 Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager

Recommendation

Receive the report.

Background

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

Date                      Purpose                                      Source / Recipient                                      Amount  
 Expenses

6/20/2011	NRER supplies	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$335.48
6/29/2011	NRER supplies	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$671.70
6/29/2011	NRER transportation	JOHN WOODBURY	\$42.84
6/14/2011	MC grading permit	County of Napa	\$362.56
6/20/2011	Mc portable toilet	UNITED SITE SERVICES	\$141.88
5/19/2011	MC Vista Trail construction	BRENT HARRIS CONSTRUCTION	\$11,112.00
6/9/2011	MC Vista Trail construction	BRENT HARRIS CONSTRUCTION	\$13,612.00
6/20/2011	MC--supplies	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$634.28
6/20/2011	MC--supplies (caretaker)	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$98.65
6/27/2011	MC--geotechnical analysis	PJC & ASSOCIATES INC	\$750.00
6/29/2011	GF--transportation	JOHN WOODBURY	\$35.19
6/29/2011	MC--supplies	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$398.87
6/29/2011	MC--supplies (caretaker)	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$200.63
6/20/2011	GF--Legal notice—budget hearing	NAPA VALLEY PUBLISHING	\$119.27
6/29/2011	GF--Web site repairs	ZENTRAAL, INC.	\$694.00

Plan of Projects

Status Report for July 11, 2011

Name of Project	Description	Status
Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment	Amendment to the proposed alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail extend north to the Oat Hill Mine Trail	Ridge Trail Board has approved evaluating the amended alignment. District staff is working with the Ridge Trail and other partners to prepare the evaluation. Sonoma County agency staff have prepared an initial analysis of trail alignments on the Sonoma side of the Napa-Sonoma border. District staff is working with two volunteers to prepare the analysis for the Napa County side.
Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa	An 8+ mile recreational trail between the cities of American Canyon and Napa generally following the Napa River and interior levees of associated wetlands.	Phase One--Euclpytus Drive to Green Island Road Feasibility study completed. Phase one (American Canyon to Green Island Rd) CEQA review and Use Permit done. The contract for a \$1,032,300 California River Parkway Grant has been signed. Agreements between the Waste Management Authority, City of American Canyon and the District for the landfill loop have been signed. The District-DFG Agreement has been signed. The Authority has approved the necessary amendment to the landfill closure permit. DFG has completed levee repair work. Questa Engineering has prepared bids and specifications <u>and the construction contract awarded to Maggiora and Ghilotti</u> . An contract for developing interpretive materials was awarded to Susan Alfeld has been awarded. <u>The CCC started installing fencing around the landfill in late June. Trail construction is scheduled to be complete by October 2011, with the interpretive elements completed by early 2012.</u>
Phase Two--Green Island Road to Soscol Ferry Road		Questa has completed a revised the draft PUC permit application for a public crossing of the SMART tracks. SMART, NRCA and the PUC have verbally agreed to allow the railroad crossing; formal concurrence is now being sought. District staff is continuing to work with SMART to get their formal approval. LSA Associates has completed a biological survey for the Fagan Marsh area; based on the results, DFG has indicated they do not want the trail alignment to follow the levee on the north side of Fagan Marsh; District staff is now reviewing the feasibility of an alternative alignment. DFG, the Bay Trail Project and the Coastal Conservancy are funding the preparation of the supplemental environmental analysis for the section of the trail next to DFG's ponds 9 and 10; this work will be handled by Ducks Unlimited on behalf of DFG. District staff met with the involved parties on May 25, 2011 to resolve questions. <u>District staff is working to set up a tour for Napa Sanitation District staff of other water treatment districts that have segments of the Bay Trail going through or past their facilities.</u>
Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe		All permits and permissions have been obtained, and construction bid documents are done. The project is ready to go to construction as soon as funding can be obtained. Funding for this project is included in the regional Transportation Improvement Plan. Caltrans staff has decided they are opposed to entering into a Master Agreement with the District for the receipt of this and expected future grants using federal transportation funds, so NCTPA will act as project sponsor. Staff met with Caltrans on May 26, 2011 to review the project, and is now preparing followup paperwork required by Caltrans. The goal is to have the funds obligated prior to July 1, 2011.
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 residentseventually be the northern trailhead for a trail between Berryess Estates and Pope Canyon.	The District met with BLM in mid-January to discuss how to speed up BLM's process for the no-fee transfer of this property. CDF and the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department have added a proposal to construct a fire substation on a corner of the property. A community meeting was held March 2009 to get input from the community. The District has completed the donation to the District of a small, 0.2 acre property that provides critical access to the northeast corner of the property. The District has allowed excess soil from a nearby public project to be disposed of on this property, which saves them money and facilitates the eventual construction of the fire substation; staff is working on a drainage easement to the County to assure the County takes care of the extension of the storm drain under this new fill. CDF crews did extensive fire break work in 2009 to protect the residences next to the BLM land.
Berryessa Vista	Planning and stewardship of this 224 acre wilderness park.	Volunteers working with the District have completed detailed GIS mapping showing all existing roads, creek crossings, vista points and potential campsites. Continuing damage by off-road vehicles trespassing on the property was noted; staff is developing a plan for how to stop the trespass. As a first step, a letter was sent to all property owners in that area introducing the District, explaining the deed restriction prohibiting off road vehicles, and asking for their cooperation. No further work is anticipated until Lake Berryessa Trail planning is completed by Berryessa Trails and Conservation. An inholding between the District's property and BLM property is available for purchase; the land trust has agreed to pursue purchase of the property, with the understanding that the District is interested in acquiring the property from the land trust at a futrue date when funding is available.

<p>Blue Ridge/Berryess Peak Trail</p> <p>Obtain right of way and construct trail to provide public access to extensive federal lands on Blue Ridge and to Berryessa Peak</p>	<p>Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. Undertook a reconnaissance of the trail route in December 2008. Based on this reconnaissance, a revised easement description was drafted, approved by the landowner and recorded. Botanical surveys field work needed for CEQA review is complete. At Negative Declaration and Use Permit hearing was approved December 16, 2009 by the County Planning Commission. An Operations and Management Plan has been approved by the property owner and the District. District staff and volunteers have flagged the route of the trail through the Ahmann property. There have been volunteer trail building work parties in November 2010 and January, February and March and April 2011. BLM staff on April 11th inspected the proposed trail alignment where it crosses BLM land, and is expected to issue their environmental clearance in the near future. <u>Trail construction is scheduled to resume in the fall of 2011.</u></p>
<p>Camp Berryessa</p> <p>Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a group/environmental education camp.</p>	<p>MOU with Bureau of Reclamation gave the District an 18 month period to develop a feasibility study for the camp. The District has completed the feasibility report, and BOR has reviewed and supports the conclusions. The draft combined NEPA/CEQA document has been completed and certified. A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction has been provided by the Mead Foundation. A \$1.5 million grant to construct Phase One of the camp was approved by the State Coastal Conservancy Board March 17, 2011. <u>The management agreement between the District and Reclamation has been approved and is now circulating for final signatures. Next step is to establish a advisory group of potential future users, and to select the engineering and design professionals to develop construction plans. The camp will likely open in 2013.</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. Board members are contacting potential future members of the foundation governing board.</p>
<p>Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails</p> <p>Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct approximately 1 mile of new single track trail, into a loop trail system on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the planned Moore Creek Open Space Park trail system.</p>	<p>The Napa City Council in November, 2009 directed city staff to work with the District to finalize an agreement for the proposed Hennessey trails. A plant survey of the new section of trail was completed on April 3, 2010. City and District staff have come to a agreement on the extent of improvements and operational parameters, and are now working to complete a draft agreement for approval by both agencies. <u>the date for consideration by the City Council is supposed to be in July of 2011, but the exact date has not yet been set and timing is not guaranteed.</u> The District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 14, 2011. The earliest this area could be opened to the public is summer of 2012.</p>
<p>Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area</p> <p>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. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on the Millken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running.</p>
<p>Moore Creek Open Space Park Development</p> <p>Development of open space park on 673 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessey to protect habitat, provide recreational trails, and overnight camping facilities.</p>	<p>Wells at the gate house and ranch house dug, pumps installed and water quality tested, and the gate house well connected up. An agreement for surveying the boundary between the District property and adjacent private property to the east has been signed, the draft survey is complete, and the draft survey documents have been submitted to the County for approval (and returned to the surveyor on May 3rd for corrections). Volunteers have demolished a large old shed, constructed a new boundary/pool fence at the ranch house, planted and irrigated 250 willows, oak and buckeyes to stabilize a section of creek bank; demolished 3 additional decrepid structures, removed thousands of invasive French broom plants, and done a lot of tree pruning and weed removal to reduce fire risk, and hauled off more than 50 yards of trash. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved by the District on February 14, 2011, and the Use Permit was approved by the County on March 2, 2011. Contracts for engineering and architectural services were approved in June 2010 and the work is nearly complete (except for the alternative septic system design). The County road crew did extensive drainage improvements to the dirt access road in August and September 2010. The ranch house driveway and parking area was surfaced with gravel in October. Construction of the first mile of the Valentine-Vista trail, from the ranch house to the main vista point, was completed in late May 2011. The park is expected to open to the public by the spring of 2012.</p>
<p>Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration</p> <p>Remove invasive plants and restore native vegetation in the entryway meadow, replace damaged signage and information panels, restorate the interior trail and interpretive elements, and if feasible install a seasonal bridge, using a \$100,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy.</p>	<p>The California Conservation Corps completed a first round of mechanical weed removal and installed an all-weather surface on the trail from the parking area to the river levee, in May 2010. In June the CCC did follow up chemical spraying and completed construction of the interpretive path. Staff is continuing to work with local teachers to development curriculum and set up educational field trips for the next school year. Additional invasive weed removal was done by volunteers on two weekends in September 2010. The District assisted Audubon coordinate a volunteer project on November 6, 2010 to prepare new maps showing the location of invasive species on the southwest side of the river and continue removal of invasive plants. The District has used grant funding to bring numerous school classes to the site to study ecology of the area and assist with the habitat restoration. Native plant cuttings gathered from the reserve are being propagated in preparation for planting this fall. A 50 volunteer work party did additional invasive plant removal on April 30, 2011. <u>Staff met with invasive plant control specialists on June 3, 2011 to evaluate eradication efforts to date and plan next steps.</u></p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Improvements to first 1/2 mile of trail next to Calistoga</p>	<p>The litigation holding up this project has been successfully concluded, meaning the District can now complete repairs to the first 1/2 mile of the trail. This should be accomplished before the end of the summer of 2011.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Transfer of 40 acre parcel from BLM</p>	<p>The District in 2008 applied to BLM for a non-fee transfer to the District of a 40 acre parcel at Maple Springs on the Oat Hill Mine Trail; this application is pending. Staff met with BLM in February 2011 to discuss how to speed up this transfer.</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.	CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--staff is preparing an update to the Negative Declaration due to the passage of time since the original approval. The project concept has been approved by the District Board, and is being positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. Veterans Home staff have been having difficulty figuring out what approval process is needed, because of ongoing discussions at the state level about the appropriate roles and future programs for the Veterans Home. District and Veterans Home staff have discussed possible short-term steps that can be taken to get the project moving. Key management staff at the Veterans Home retired in November, so progress is delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions.
River to Ridge Trail	Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it currently encroaches on private property in two locations)	Deeds accomplishing the adjustment in property boundaries between Syar and the State have been recorded. If the County ends up not being able to purchase Skyline Park, including the area with the River to Ridge Trail, then the County and the state will need to record a new trail alignment easement description.
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. About 50 feet of the trail still needs to be surfaced with quarry fines.
Skyline Park Protection	Purchase of Skyline Park from the State	Three past legislative efforts to authorize sale to the County failed due to unrelated disagreements between the state legislature and administration. Separately, the County in September 2009 approved a new park overlay zone and an updated Master Plan for Skyline Park. A fourth legislative effort by Assemblymember Evans in 2010, sponsored by Napa County and supported by the District, was approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The County and state General Services have agreed on an appraisal process for determining the fair market value purchase price, and the County will be retaining an appraisal in the near future.
Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral	Planning for 3,400 acres of open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero	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. A neighboring property owner is requesting an easement across the District's Stone Corral property; staff has met with the interested parties, and also held discussions with staff for the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District, which is also affected by this request. The next step is for the District to develop proposals for the area and discuss them with the potentially affected parties prior to developing a final proposal for public consideration.
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 surplus of the property. District staff and our partners are continuing to research issues related to the property, including potential public access locations, potential trail alignments, and easements and other encumbrances which affect the property. The State Coastal Conservancy has indicated an interest in assisting with the funding necessary to purchase the property. The City of Vallejo has hired an appraiser to prepare an estimate of the property's fair market value. The surplus process has slowed down due to new discussions between the City and residents of Green Valley over overall water supply arrangements. The District is working with the American Land Conservancy to find funding for the acquisition.
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, 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 Metropolitan Transportation Commission has included \$211,000 in the Transportation Improvement Plan for FY 10-11 to fund preliminary engineering work on the trail between Yountville and the center of the City of Napa, and the Coalition in September voted to provide the grant's required \$28,000 non-federal match. Another \$183,000 in federal Transportation Enhancements fund is available to construct the section of the trail under the Butler Bridge. NCTPA will act as pass-through for both of these grants, since Caltrans has not been willing to enter into a Master Agreement with the District. Staff is currently working through the paperwork required by Caltrans for this grant. Secretary LaHood met with the Vine Trail board recently, and encouraged the Coalition to apply for a special federal grant; this was submitted in late May 2011, with NCTPA as the fiscal sponsor.



**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.
Oat Hill Mine Trail	The Oat Hill Mine Trail was formally opened in May Of 2008, after a major volunteer work party doing signage installation, brush removal and erosion control.
Linda Falls	Conservation easement accepted in spring 2008 from Land Trust of Napa County to provide additional protection for this 39 acre property, which is owned by the land trust
Master Plan Development	The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009
Moore Creek Open Space Park	Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008. Trail reroute to remove two stream crossings mostly completed in May 2009. New heater installed in gatehouse in
Napa River Ecological Reserve Improvements	Parking area paved, and rock barrier installed to control vehicular access in 2007. Trash enclosure constructed and entry signs restored by volunteers in 2008. Deteriorated kiosk removed in 2008. The District in July 2008 assumed the County's role in managing the preserve under the joint management agreement with DFG. A new maintenance contract with the non-profit organization Options 3 was started in January 2009. The old deteriorated information kiosk, which had become a serious eyesore, was removed in November 2008.
Napa River Flood Control Easement	Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding
Newell Preserve Improvements	As part of the arrangement with the land trust on the District's purchase of Berryessa Vista, the land trust was willing to use some of the proceeds from the transaction to fund a well pump and distribution system at the Preserve. However, the first well drilled by the City of American Canyon cattle can be restricted from access to riparian areas. came up dry. The City has dropped plans for digging any more test wells.
River to Ridge Trail Enhancements	Installation of animal silhouettes along the entryway fence illustrating the types of birds and mammals that can be found in the area completed by Eagle Scout candidate in 2008. In November 2008 five Valley Oak trees were planted at the Highway 221 entrance to the trail with the assistance of a volunteer from CNPS.
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.
Skyline Park Road and Trail Improvements	Erosion control work on Lake Marie Road, and paving of campground loop road, completed in 2007 using State Prop 12 funds.
Skyline Park Concessionaire Agreement Renewal	District staff negotiated renewal of concessionaire agreement on behalf of the County. The renewal involved changes to the fee schedule and amendments to and approval of subagreements with three non-profit partner organizations.
Skyline Park Trail Improvements	Staff worked with SPCA and V-O-CAL to sponsor a weekend work party on October 15-17, 2010. Approximately 110 volunteers worked to reroute and repair trails experiencing serious erosion problems. SPCA is donating \$1,000 toward expenses. Major volunteer event to reroute and repair trails
Skyline Park Facility Improvements	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. Partner-sponsored improvement include a second
South Napa Wetlands Habitat Area	Transfer approved in concept by the flood control district. Park District staff has prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. The Flood District and staff are continuing to research details related to completing the transaction. Attorney's for the flood district have concluded it would be better from their perspective for the flood district to retain ownership of the property, but to grant an access and habitat restoration easement to the district. 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.
Trichero Open Space Acquisition	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. Donation of 3,400 acres of open space to the District by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero
Wild Lake Ranch	The District is participating in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that is being led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The advisory committee has met once, and completed a field trip to inspect the property. The planning process was put on hold due to the freeze in the state bond-funded grant; however, the freeze was mostly lifted in August and the planning process has Assist land trust with planning and possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas.