



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

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

NCTPA, 625 Burnell Street, Napa, CA 94559

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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 and potential approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of March 9, 2015.
- b. Consideration and potential approval of support for the Vine Trail Coalition's grant application to the Active Transportation Program, and support in concept for increasing funding for the Active Transportation Program.
- c. Update and potential direction to staff on the progress of the Park and Open Space District Advisory Committee.
- d. Update on the proposed Syar Quarry expansion and potential direction to staff (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.
- h. Consideration and potential support for SB 317 (De Leon), which would authorize a \$2.45 million park bond measure.

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 agendized, no action will be taken by the Board on these items unless specifically noted otherwise.

7. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: APN Nos. 025-220-003, 016, 017 and 018
Agency Negotiator: John Woodbury, NCRPOSD General Manager
Negotiating Parties: NCRPOSD and Michael McDevitt, Trustee of the Michael J. McDevitt Revocable Living Trust, as to an undivided 50% interest and John N and Mary Jean Bruce, as joint tenants, as to an undivided 50% interest
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: APN No. 018-030-007
Agency Negotiator: John Woodbury, NCRPOSD General Manager
Negotiating Parties: NCRPOSD and Anthony Micheli, as to a 50% owner
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

8. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present: Karen Bower-Turjanis, Barry Christian, Tony Norris, and Dave Finigan.

Staff present: John Woodbury, Chris Cahill and Lashun Fuller.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Set Matters

Presentation by Janelle Sellick (Chair, Parks and Community Services Commission) and Joy Hilton (Commissioner) about the newly formed American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation, its plans for fundraising, future projects and events, and increasing volunteers for Wetlands Edge in American Canyon

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of February 9, 2015.
Minutes were approved as presented
TN- BC-KBT-DF- MH
X
- b. Consideration and potential approval of interim policies for Crystal Flats and Stone Corral.
Directors voted to find the proposed agreement exempt from CEQA and to adopt the three interim policies which would limit certain activities that the staff identified as a cause for concern, such as the use of all-terrain vehicles, target shooting, and open fires.
KBT-TN- BC- DF-MH
X
- c. Consideration and potential approval of fee adjustment for the group campsite at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.
Directors voted to find the proposed action exempt from CEQA, and to approve the amendment of the fee schedule to increase the nightly group campsite charge to \$125
KBT-TN- BC- DF-MH
X

- d. Consideration and potential approval of support for AB 327 (Gordon) to make permanent the prevailing wage exemption for volunteers
 Directors voted to approve AB 327, a plan introduced by Assembly Member Gordon, to make permanent the prevailing wage exemption for volunteers, and to find that it is not applicable under CEQA guidelines.
 TN- BC- DF- KB -MH
 X
- e. Update on the progress of the Park and Open Space District Advisory Committee (oral report)
 John Woodbury gave report. Not formal action was taken.
- f. Update on the proposed Syar Quarry expansion and potential direction to staff (oral report).
 John Woodbury gave an update on Syar Quarry expansion, which outlined the new proposal by Syar to change the application in order to help mitigate public concern.
- g. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.
 John Woodbury gave report. Alternative methods for receiving expense report was discussed with Board, no formal action was taken.
- h. Consideration and potential approval of budget adjustments for FY 2014-15
 Directors voted to approve budget adjustments for FY 2014-15 and find that the proposed agreement is not applicable under CEQA.
 TN- BC-KBT-DF- MH
 X
- i. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park.
 John Woodbury gave report. No action taken.
- j. Review of the District Projects Status.
 John Woodbury and Chris Cahill gave the report with discussions on Berryessa Vista, Camp Berryessa, Cedar Roughs, Lake Hennessey, Moore Creek, Kirkland Ranch Acquisition, and Vine Trail.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- John Woodbury announced the Bay Area Open Space Council meeting will be taking place May 14th
- John Woodbury announced a meeting held by the Coastal Conservancy Board taking place later this month, March 26th, in Napa.
- Director Barry Christian announced, Commissioner Matt Plate, City of American Canyon, was awarded parks commissioner of the year

6. Agenda Planning

None

8. Adjournment

Adjourned to the Regular Board Meeting April 13, 2015

DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

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: April 13, 2015

Agenda Item: 4.B

Subject: Consideration and potential approval of support for the Vine Trail Coalition's grant application to the Active Transportation Program, and support in concept for increasing funding for the Active Transportation Program.

Recommendation

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project under CEQA
2. Support the Vine Trail Coalition's application to the Active Transportation Program.
3. Support increasing the amount of funding available through the Active Transportation Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

Background

The District and the Vine Trail Coalition entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in March 2009 that essentially states that the District supports the Vine Trail and will provide assistance where useful and feasible.

The Active Transportation Program is a relatively recent State program that consolidates most federal and state money available for non-motorized paths into one program administered by Caltrans. As a result of this restructuring, only paved bicycle and pedestrian paths are likely to be competitive for ATP funding. The Vine Trail is an ideal candidate for ATP funding, and the Vine Trail Coalition is planning on seeking ATP funding in the next funding round. Applications are due June 1, 2015. The District has no eligible projects that are sufficiently developed for the District to meet this deadline. For these reasons, staff recommends the District continue to support the Vine Trail's application to the ATP.

A coalition of non-profit organizations led by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is working to further increase the amount of funding in the ATP. The coalition is advocating for a portion of the state's cap-and-trade revenues to be allocated to the ATP. This could be useful in the future, both to the Vine Trail, but also to the completion of the Napa River and Bay Trail between American Canyon and Napa. Staff recommends the District support efforts to increase funding for the ATP.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: April 13, 2015

Agenda Item: 4.C

Subject: Update and potential direction to staff on the progress of the Park and Open Space District Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project pursuant to CEQA.
2. Discuss and provide direction if needed to staff regarding the work of the Park and Open Space District Advisory Committee, including consideration of the District's funding history, budget projections, and potential future funding options.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

Background

At the Park and Open Space District Advisory Committee of April 2, 2015, the committee provided initial feedback on the District's purposes, track record and future goals, reviewed budget projections, and began the process of developing recommendations for the future funding of the District.

The information and projections developed for the committee are consistent with prior materials projections provided to the Board, but are more detailed and current. This newer information is attached to this memo so that the Board has the most current and complete understanding.

Exhibit One shows the history of District funding. This chart was previously distributed to the Board; the only difference is that it now includes the expected County grant amount for the next fiscal year.

Exhibit Two projects future annual funding needs. Expenses are broken into the cost for general administrative purposes, the cost to complete and operate a Core Park System, and the cost for three enhancements to the Core Park System. The Core Park System is a subset of the more than 60 projects identified in the District Master Plan. The 10 parks and trails that compose the Core Park System have already received considerable District attention and funding. Potential enhancements

to the Core Park System include expanded environmental education programming, expanded land conservation, and completion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

Exhibit Three includes estimates of the level of funding that could be generated from various sources.

Several key facts can be extrapolated from this information:

- The existing County grant to the District that utilizes Transient Occupancy Tax revenues is sufficient to cover basic administrative costs and operation of the Core Park System (assuming minimal improvements beyond what is on the ground today).
- Once operating and maintenance costs are accounted for, there will be only a small amount of discretionary funding (under \$100,000/year) available for future capital needs to complete the Core Park System and for any enhancements to the system (further open space protection,, environmental education programs, or completion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail segments that are outside of the Core Park System)
- Although the District has in the past been successful in leveraging the County grant with other grants at a three to one ratio, this success rate in leveraging funds is considerably higher than is the norm for other agencies. Going forward, the District cannot count on such a high rate of success in obtaining outside grants, especially considering the limited amount of local funding that will be available as local match for state and federal grants.
- Without new funding sources, it could take 100 years or more to fully complete the remaining acquisitions and improvements needed for the Core Park System.
- An expanded environmental education program is estimated to cost an addition \$740,000/year. Assuming the District could provide an expanded program at the same cost per student as is the case for the District's past efforts, this amount of funding would provide for one field trip per year for each of the approximately 23,000 K-12 students in Napa County.
- An expanded land conservation program is estimated to cost \$250,000/year to administer, and \$41 million to implement. This estimate is based on staff knowledge of what it would cost in today's dollars to acquire from willing sellers the most significant of the priority conservation areas identified in the District Master Plan and related planning documents, as they become available over the next two decades. A reasonable assumption for planning purposes is that approximately half of the cost of acquisition can be obtained through competitive state, federal and foundation grants.
- Completion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail within Napa County is estimated to cost \$15 million. Most of this cost is for acquisition of land or easements not covered by the proposed expanded land conservation program.
- A new parcel tax dedicated to the District would enable the Core Park System to be completed more quickly, and could also fund an expanded land conservation program. However, it would not be sufficient to fund a meaningful land conservation program.

- A new property tax supporting the issuance of bonds would speed the completion of the Core Park System, but could not be used for the environmental education program, and would only fund a limited land conservation program.
- A ¼ cent sales tax over 20 years would be sufficient to complete the Core Park System and all three of the identified enhancements (environmental education, land conservation and completion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Napa County).
- The degree to which any new revenues are shared with other agencies that have compatible but different priorities than the District (eg, funding for city parks, funding for continued Napa River restoration) would reduce the amount of revenue available to the District, and thus extend the length of time necessary for the District to complete the Core Park System and protect key open space lands.

Exhibits

- One History of Funding for Park District
- Two Projected Expenditures and Revenues by Purpose
- Three Revenue Estimates for Alternative Funding Measures

History of Revenues and Assets

prepared March 18, 2015

Fiscal Year	Revenues				Off-budget			Assets	
	County grant (3)	Other Grants and Program Revenues		Program Revenues as Percentage of All Revenues	Volunteer Services and In-Kind Donations	Year-end Fund Balance (2)	Year-end Capital Assets		
		Cash Donations	Program Revenues (1)					Year-end Fund Balance (2)	Year-end Capital Assets
2006-7	\$170,136	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$66,670	\$18,204	\$0		
2007-8	\$376,579	\$6,906	\$0	0.00%	\$21,036	\$61,896	\$125,414		
2008-9	\$673,129	\$2,535,000	\$5,868	0.18%	\$45,000	\$80,070	\$2,933,295		
2009-10	\$470,899	\$33,332	\$12,979	2.51%	\$46,316	\$88,770	\$2,986,827		
2010-11	\$744,710	\$173,473	\$10,773	1.16%	\$4,320,870	\$430,168	\$7,228,314		
2011-12	\$322,324	\$1,146,942	\$92,775	5.94%	\$229,563	\$527,052	\$7,219,188		
2012-13	\$926,850	\$178,570	\$366,080	24.88%	\$210,174	\$1,114,400	\$7,210,060		
2013-14	\$688,413	\$137,803	\$514,765	38.39%	\$313,275	\$1,209,252	\$7,352,612		
2014-15	\$753,607	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		
2015-16	\$811,638								

Notes

- 1) includes rents, user fees, and interest
- 2) includes both restricted and unrestricted funds
- 3) from County TOT Special Project Fund; prior to FY 2013-14, amount shown is amount actually used, not amount available from the County grant

Projected Expenditures and Revenues by Purpose

draft for April 2, 2015

	annual expenditures		annual revenues	Net annual expense	Capital Needs	
	administration	field operations			maintenance	improvements
General Administration Includes administration, office, insurance, legal, audit, public involvement, and planning	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$0
Completed Core Park System						
Napa River and Bay Trail	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0
Napa River Ecological Reserve	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oat Hill Mine Trail including northern extension	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$2,500,000
Berryessa Vista Wilderness Park including access trails	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Berryessa Peak Trail	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Moore Creek Park including Lake Hennesey	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$300,000	\$0
Camp Berryessa	\$25,000	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
Skyline Park including Kirkland	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$600,000	\$2,000,000
Bothe-Napa Valley State Park*	\$50,000	\$350,000	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$6,000,000	\$0
Subtotal	\$131,000	\$725,000	\$270,000	\$371,000	\$14,000,000	\$7,200,000
Subtotal General Admin Plus Core System	\$481,000	\$725,000	\$270,000	\$721,000		
Enhancements to Core System						
Expanded Environmental Education Programming	\$50,000	\$690,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expanded Land Conservation	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$40,000,000
Complete Bay Area Ridge Trail	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$625,000	\$15,000,000
Subtotal	\$110,000	\$810,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$1,625,000	\$55,000,000
Total General Admin and Core System Plus Enhancements	\$591,000	\$1,535,000	\$400,000	\$1,771,000	\$15,625,000	\$62,200,000

Note: Annual Operating Expenses and revenues are estimates for buildout conditions

Revenue Estimates by Type of Funding Measure

April 2, 2015

<u>Parcel Tax</u>	<u>Number of Parcels</u>	<u>Rate/Parcel/Year</u>	<u>Revenue/Year</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
	51,124	\$9	\$460,116	most polls say this is low enough that 2/3 will support	operating or capital	more regressive than property tax or sales tax
		\$23	\$1,175,852	the highest rate that voters have approved for parks in the Bay Area	no need to form JPA with County	least ability to generate revenues
					regressivity can be reduced by exempting seniors, other low income property owners, and/or by having different rates for SFR, MFR, and commercial properties	
<u>Property Tax</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate/\$100,000/Year</u>	<u>Revenue/Year</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
	\$30,667,288,288	\$3.18	\$975,220	rate=MROSD 2012 Measure AA	probably capable of raising more revenue than parcel tax	only for capital purposes
		\$10.00	\$3,066,729	rate=EBRPD 2008 Measure WW	more progressive than parcel tax	

Revenue Estimates by Type of Funding Measure

April 2, 2015

<u>Sales Tax</u>		<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
<u>Taxable Sales</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue/Year</u>		
\$330,000,000	1/8 %	rate=smallest allowable increment per state law	operating or capital	requires partnership with Napa County
\$330,000,000	1/4 %	rate= MROSD and SCAPOSD measures	The only city in the Bay Area with a lower sales tax rate than Napa County cities is Vallejo.	
\$330,000,000	1/2 %	rate= Napa Measure A	Significant share of revenues comes from tourists and other non-residents	
<u>Transient Occupancy Tax</u>		<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
<u>Total 2014 County TOI</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenues/Year/%</u>		
\$10,883,724	12%	\$906,977	paid mostly by visitors not residents	rates already at 14%, among highest in nation
			operating or capital	requires partnership with Napa County and/or cities
				only applies to jurisdiction of city/county partner

Revenue Estimates by Type of Funding Measure

April 2, 2015

<u>Other Potential Funding Sources (non-exclusive)</u>							
<u>Type of Funding</u>	<u>Description</u>						
Mitigation Banking	Development projects often have to mitigate for environmental impacts. If District sets up approved program, it can get paid to provide the mitigation						
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Donations	The District can accept tax-deductible donations, with or without a non-profit foundation, though a foundation can raise visibility and thus effectiveness						
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User Fees	Could include charges for day use fees, camping fees, pool fees, use of facilities for group events, merchandise sales, longer term leases and rents						
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General Purpose Taxes	County or cities could seek voter approval for general purpose tax increase (parcel, sales, TOT), and make a grant to the District						
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STAFF REPORT

Date: April 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 March 2015.

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

- A contract with Steve Triolo Electric for a not-to-exceed amount of \$24,500 to provide electrical services in conjunction with the repair of the cabins at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park
- A contract with Busby Enterprises Inc for \$22,166 to provide plumbing services in conjunction with the repair of the cabins at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park
- A contract with Valley Architects for a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,850 to prepare roofing plans in conjunction with the repair of the cabins at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/06/2015	8500000	52490	PARK070115 1/2015	1/2015 Contract 07-01	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	4352.24
03/20/2015	8500000	47150	Wildlife Grant Reimbursement			6250
03/24/2015	8500000	53350	Chainsaw parts	Reimbursement-Feb 2015 Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	106.06
03/24/2015	8500000	55400	S#5Y4AJ65Y8EA103968	2014 Yamaha YFM450PEG	SANTA ROSA POWERSPORTS INC	7544
03/31/2015	8500000	52905	Mileage - March 2015	Reimbursement-Parks expenses March 2015	JOHN WOODBURY	68.32
03/31/2015	8500000	53100	Web page domain	Reimbursement-Parks expenses March 2015	JOHN WOODBURY	40.71

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/03/2015	8501001	43910	Oat Hill Allocation-50%			8140
03/06/2015	8501001	52490	PARK070115 1/2015	1/2015 Contract 07-01	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	538.64
03/24/2015	8501001	53600	Volunteer food	Reimbursement-Feb 2015 Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	48.55

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/03/2015	8501000	43910	Moore Creek Allocation-50%			145547.5
03/03/2015	8501000	47500	Iron Ranger Box			66
03/03/2015	8501000	52325	Porta Potty Unit - Jan 2015	Napa Park District-Chiles Pope Vly Rd	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	144.64
03/03/2015	8501000	53205	PG&E 1/23/15 - 2/23/15	Acct #0099759249-8	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	59.94
03/03/2015	8501000	53350	ATV accessories	ATV Supplies	JOHN WOODBURY	1173.99
03/05/2015	8501000	53350	Central Valley-Feb 2015	Cust #NAPACORP 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	145.78
03/05/2015	8501000	52325	Porta potty 12/10/14-1/6/15	Napa Parks District-Inv #55937	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	162
03/06/2015	8501000	52490	PARK140215 2/2015 compliance	Moore Creek Park	HERITAGE SYSTEMS, INC.	367.67
03/06/2015	8501000	52490	PARK070115 1/2015	1/2015 Contract 07-01	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	2839.28
03/18/2015	8501000	52800	HughesNet 3/12/15-4/12/15	Acct #DSS8836028	HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS LLC	76.59
03/24/2015	8501000	45300	Rent - March 2015			800
03/24/2015	8501000	53600	Volunteer Food	Reimbursement-Feb 2015 Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	112.52
03/24/2015	8501000	53350	Pool Chemicals, soaps, etc	Reimbursement-Feb 2015 Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	96.58
03/25/2015	8501000	52490	PARK140215 3/2015	Moore Creek Park, 3/2015	HERITAGE SYSTEMS, INC.	367.67
03/31/2015	8501000	53350	Extension cord/snake	Reimbursement-Parks expenses March 2015	JOHN WOODBURY	37.66

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/03/2015	8501005	43910	NRER Allocation-50%			11775
03/03/2015	8501005	52325	Porta potty unit-Jan 2015	Napa Park District-Yountville Cross Rd	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	144.64
03/06/2015	8501005	52490	PARK070115 1/2015	1/2015 Contract 07-01	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	256.16
03/09/2015	8501005	52490	PARK081215 1/2015	Agreement 08-12 NRER	OPTIONS3	685

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/03/2015	8501002	43910	NRBT Allocation-50%			80400
03/06/2015	8501002	52490	PARK070115 1/2015	1/2015 Contract 07-01	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	161.76
03/25/2015	8501002	52360	PARK141215 12/2014	Client ID Napa03	QUESTA ENGINEERING CO	1685
03/25/2015	8501002	52490	PARK141015 2/2015	Project: Bay Trail	NORTH VALLEY LABOR COMPL. SERVICES	37.5

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/03/2015	8501003	43910	Camp Berryessa Allocation-50%			93671
03/16/2015	8501003	52325	Porta Restroom-Special Event	Napa Parks District-7850 Knoxville Berryessa Rd	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	170.4
03/17/2015	8501003	43410	SCC - Inv 01-15			35996.45
03/24/2015	8501003	53600	Volunteer food-tree cutting	Reimbursement-Feb 2015 Parks expenses	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	24.16

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/03/2015	8501007	43910	Putah Creek Allocation-50%			31450
03/06/2015	8501007	52490	PARK070115 1/2015	1/2015 Contract 07-01	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	378.2

Actuals: 8500 - N C Parks & Open Space Distr

Date	Subdivision	Acct	Journal Line Description	Voucher Description	Name	Monetary Amount
03/02/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Day Use			1554
03/02/2015	8501008	45500	Dep 12/12 adjusted 2x			-20
03/02/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Camping			988.5
03/02/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Donations			3
03/02/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Fuel Sales			537.28
03/03/2015	8501008	47500	Tractor Donation			42
03/03/2015	8501008	52325	Bothe Park - Jan 2015	Napa County Park District-Bothe Park	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	358.71
03/03/2015	8501008	52325	Bale Mill special event unit	Napa Park District-Bale Mill	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	128.8
03/03/2015	8501008	53350	Belkorp -Jan 2015	Cust #25020	BELKORP AG, LLC	348.87
03/03/2015	8501008	53350	Steve's Hardware-Feb 2015	Acct #31248	STEVES HARDWARE	270.91
03/05/2015	8501008	53400	Bothe - Chipper	Cust #NAPACORP 136667	CENTRAL VALLEY BUILDERS	913
03/05/2015	8501008	52825	Heartland credit card fees-WFB			15.29
03/05/2015	8501008	53600	Firewood - 6 pallets	Bothe NV State Park-Inv #7784	TOURADY RANCH INC	1920
03/05/2015	8501008	52325	Bothe-Special Event 2/23-3/2	Napa Park District-Inv #56419	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	155.8
03/06/2015	8501008	52905	ParkAidelIntervTrvlExp	Calistoga Park Aid Interviews Travel Reimbursement	CHRISTOPHER CAHILL	39.1
03/09/2015	8501008	52490	PARK 120815 01/2015	Jan 2015	JEANNE MARIONI	1351.25
03/09/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-ReserveAmerica			13554
03/10/2015	8501008	52905	7898686642 JAN	Acct# 7898686642	CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY	256.12
03/16/2015	8501008	52525	Fire Ext Service	Bothe-Napa Valley Park-Order #150239	SANTA ROSA FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICE, INC.	665.82
03/16/2015	8501008	52800	Telepacific-March 2015	Acct #133326	TELEPACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS	570.88
03/16/2015	8501008	53400	Exhaust fans	Acct #882538499	GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL	441.57
03/16/2015	8501008	53400	Browns Auto-pliers, misc	Acct #8537	BROWN'S AUTO PARTS	53.5
03/16/2015	8501008	52325	Upper Vly Disp-Feb 2015	Acct #01-0013452-7	UPPER VALLEY DISPOSAL	856.95
03/16/2015	8501008	45300	March 2015 Rent			1400
03/17/2015	8501008	52490	PARK140915 1/23-2/23	1/23, 2/12, 2/19, 2/16, 2/23	JONATHAN EHLERS	1000
03/18/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-ReserveAmerica			15381
03/18/2015	8501008	53400	Golf Cart Batteries	Bothe NV State Park	A & T TOWING	855.36
03/18/2015	8501008	52840	DMV-Registration Transfer fee	Registration Fee	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	15
03/19/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Camping			1880.5
03/19/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Yearly Passes			70
03/19/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Day Use			1932
03/19/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Overage			3
03/19/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Fuel Sales			471.04
03/19/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Other Fees			391.25
03/24/2015	8501008	52490	ATP - March 2015	Acct #746-0150	ADVANTAGE TOTAL PROTECTION	40
03/24/2015	8501008	52325	Dumps on 3/12, 3/13 & 3/18	Bothe-Napa State Park-#040008	CLOVER FLAT LANDFILL	173.25
03/24/2015	8501008	53100	Frye's-copies cabin plans	Bothe Cabin-Napa County, Inv #79061	FRYE'S PRINTING INC	131.76
03/24/2015	8501008	53350	Belkorp-Feb 2015	Cust Acct #25020	BELKORP AG, LLC	123.97
03/24/2015	8501008	53330	Janitorial supplies	Bothe-Napa Valley State Park	E POLY STAR, INC.	1767.1
03/24/2015	8501008	55400	TractorPurchaseBotheNVStPark	Purchase of Tractor Serial# 61622	MARILOU KELLY	17000
03/25/2015	8501008	52490	PARK081215 2/2015	Feb 2015	JEANNE MARIONI	1236.25
03/26/2015	8501008	52840	DMV-Registration Transfer fee	Registration Fee	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	-15
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Other Fees			405.5
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Donations			10
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Yearly Pass			140

03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Overages				4
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Camping				766
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Camping				2552.5
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Day Use				2756
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Overages				15
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Day Use				1670
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Donations				2
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Other Fees				199.5
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Fuel Sales				682.64
03/27/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Fuel Sales				353.28
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks- Day Use				1010
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Fuel Sales				345
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Fuel Sales				471.04
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Camping(-\$2sht)				1655
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Yearly Pass				70
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Camping (-\$1sht)				1577
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Donations				2
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Donations				4
03/30/2015	8501008	45500	State Parks-Day Use				1278
03/31/2015	8501008	52325	Dump runs - 3/25 and 3/26/15	Bothe-Napa State Park 3/25-3/26/15		CLOVER FLAT LANDFILL	100.5
03/31/2015	8501008	53205	PG&E 2/13/15-3/16/15	Acct #2172831822-7		PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	34.98
03/31/2015	8501008	53205	PG&E-2/14/15-3/16/15	Acct #4831406953-4		PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	231.83
03/31/2015	8501008	53205	PG&E - 2/13/15-3/16/15	Acct #6765403114-4		PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	35.64
03/31/2015	8501008	53205	PG&E-2/14/15-3/17/15	Acct #9051730227-0		PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	7.07
03/31/2015	8501008	53350	Steve's Hardware-March 2015	Acct #31248		STEVES HARDWARE	45.84
03/31/2015	8501008	53400	RV Hookup Parts	Reimbursement-RV hookup parts		SANDY JONES	420.07
03/31/2015	8501008	53600	Thurston-shirts,sweatshirts	Napa County Regional Park-Inv #7155		THURSTON SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY	269.18

Park Report March 2015 - Submitted by Ranger Sandy Jones & Jeanne Marioni
Bothe-Napa State Park



Ranger Sandy on Marilou - now at Bothe and beginning to work! Thank you to all the members of our community who made it happen and a big "shout out" to Montelli's that generously picked up Marilou and trailered her home.

Bothe-Napa Visitor Center work has begun! The unsafe back staircase and landing has been torn down, old wood hauled away and new delivered for a new staircase and smaller landing deck. We are getting bids to paint the building.



Restoration of the Historic Cabins is finally underway!

Seasonal staff is onboard and completing their training.

Earth Day Network's year-round mission is to broaden, diversify and activate the environmental movement worldwide, through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns. In appreciation of our natural world, we are planning a small **Earth Day Remembrance at Bothe-Napa April 25th**. For one day, we will offer annual passes at a \$20 discount (cost reduced to \$50). Naturalist Jonny Ehlers will lead hikes along the creek, in the Redwood Grove

and along trails gently educating our visitors about the amazing and diverse natural environment at Bothe and encouraging stewardship of our parks.

We are working with **Napa County Landmarks** to develop an annual family event at the parks. This year we will gather August 22nd for a small, test version of what we hope will be a successful two-day family activity day in the parks every August starting in 2016. We are envisioning a gather of camper clubs, old-time car clubs, groups/families having fun in Yurtville, swimming, outdoor education activities for kids, docent led hikes, tours of the mill along with a few period correct life-skill demonstrations, and more. We hope to provide an authentic, old-fashioned, family-fun day in the parks. Profits will be shared.

In 2014 nearly 6,000 people looked up Bothe-Napa on **YELP** – an 11% increase over the year before. Marketing and good weather have helped. We continue to average 4 out of 5 stars – our hard work and dedication is showing. The only complaints are about the poison oak. (Although it is lovely in the fall!)

Our **TripAdvisor** ratings are also good: Bothe-Napa ranks #22 out of 58 things to do in Calistoga. Our overall rating is 4 stars out of 5.

Robert Louis Stevenson

We have repaired the leaks and breaks in the water lines that were damaged in many places by vandals. The electrical lines have been repaired and a new amp box installed for the caretaker's RV. The new liner is in place in the redwood water tank and the tank is full. While the house remains unlivable due to vandalism and neglect, the site is ready for the host caretaker to take up residence.

Bale Grist Mill

We are developing a projected 5-year maintenance plan for the mill buildings. Accordingly, are getting bids for a new waterwheel pump and the materials needed to repair/replace the shrouds and siding.

The millers have done a great job this past year. They covered all requests for school tours, senior tours and special tours/site visits. They continue to strive for a high level of interpretation and professionalism.

Yelp activity for Bale mill remained steady over the past 12 months with a 1% differential. Nearly 4,500 people visited Yelp to get more information about the mill.

Bale Grist Mill ranks #21 of 93 things to do in St Helena with a 4.5 star rating. **Trip Advisor** is a powerful marketing tool and we are doing well with our reviews.

Please go to Yelp and TripAdvisor and rate your experience in our parks.

We have new Bale Grist Mill T-shirts for our volunteers to wear at our events. They will be used for the first time at our first annual Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast. We have been busy inviting our many park supporters and everyone wants to help flip pancakes – not sure who will be available to eat pancakes! Board members are encouraged to come to the Pancake Breakfast May 3rd!

Plan of Projects
Status Report

13-Apr-15

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
Bay Area Ridge Trail Tuteur Loop	Assignment of Tuteur Loop Ridge Trail easement from the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the District	The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council obtained a donated easement from the Tuteur family and constructed a section of Bay Area Ridge Trail adjacent to Skyline Park. The Council wishes to transfer this easement to the District. Staff for the District and Council have gathered all the relevant documents, and initiated discussion with the Tuteur family to determine if there are any issues or amendments that should be considered. Next steps are to complete legal review of the documents, make amendments if warranted, obtain the consent of the Coastal Conservancy (who funded the trail construction), and then execute the assignment. Staff will resume work on transferring the easement to the District once the option agreement for purchasing a portion of the Kirkland Ranch is executed.
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.	<p>Phase Two--Green Island Road to Soscol Ferry Road 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. <u>The fence was removed and gravel installed by DFW around February of 2015.</u></p> <p>Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe The construction contract was awarded by the Board on September 8, 2014. The Caltrans encroachment permit and permission to use a parcel owned by Napa Redevelopment Partners as a construction staging area have been approved. The Notice to Proceed was issued on October 6, 2014. Construction was completed in November 2014, pending final inspection. The project will be complete as soon as directional signs are installed and grant invoices completed. Due to insufficiently warm weather, the quarry fines stabilizer did not properly set up before the major rains in December 2015; the contractor will make repairs and reapply stabilizer as soon as we have about a week of warmer weather. The contractor finished the project the last week of January 2015, <u>and final payment was made in April 2015. 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.</u></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.	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 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.
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. 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. <u>Escrow closed and title transferred in early 2015.</u>

<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 staff on April 11th inspected the proposed trail alignment where it crosses BLM land. District and BLM staff met on August 5, 2011 to discuss BLM review of this project. 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. The trail can be officially opened as soon as DFW approves the sign design, <u>which is still pending.</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 & 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. <u>A combination of Chino, Chris, District volunteers, and a Calfire convict crew completed pre-construction tree removal and brushing in early April. Contractor mobilization is slated for April 9th and 10th and groundbreaking for the date of this hearing.</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 Decembe 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. <u>The state Dept of Genereal Services in April 2015 rejected the appraisal; once we get the memo explaining why we will work on revising the appraisal.</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. <u>Director Turjanis in early 2015 began the process of identifying potential Board members.</u></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. A plan for fencing and signage improvements along the Hennessey north shore has been accepted by the Director of the Water Division. Installation of City-required fencing was completed in mid-April of 2014 and a crew of 12 hearty volunteers completed the installation of required signage and two kiosks on the weekend of May 17th. Volunteers in August installed wayfinding signs and improved a horse trough, and on September 13, 2014 removed a defunct suspension bridge, as part of our agreement with the City of Napa. Some signs still need to be designed and installed. Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails formally opened with a ribbon cutting on October 18, 2014. Staff is preparing the grading permit application in anticipation of constructing the first new trail segment at Lake Hennessey (the "Sam the Eagle" Trail) in March or April 2015. The City of Napa approved the Sam the Eagle trail plans for the City of Napa on March 2nd and staff has awarded the build contract to Forest Trails Alliance for a price of \$18,500. <u>Forest Trails Alliance began construction on April 8th (following Tuesday's rains) and expects to be done by the 14th or 15th.</u></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. <u>The eastern boundary survey and fencing project was completed June 2014.</u> 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; staff is working on scheduling a large volunteer work party in May 2015 to begin this construction. The December 2014 rains damaged sections of the Valentine-Vista Trail (mostly back slope slumping). Volunteers made repairs at the January 2015 work party; more detail work will be needed when the rainy season is over. In February volunteers helped flag the first part of the Madrone Trail. <u>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 has kindly agreed to donate a 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></p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Oat Hill Mine Trail</p> <p>Transfer of 40 acre parcel from BLM</p>	<p>The District in 2008 applied to BLM for a non-fee transfer to the District of a 40 acre parcel at Maple Springs on the Oat Hill Mine Trail; this application is pending. Staff met with BLM in February 2011 to discuss how to speed up this transfer; another meeting with the same topic was held August 5, 2011. The District is still waiting on BLM to process the application.</p>

<p>Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail</p> <p>Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.</p>	<p>CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--staff 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 project priorities are under control.</p>
<p>Skyline Park</p> <p>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>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 <u>with the substantial pro-bono legal help of retired chief deputy County Counsel Margaret Woodbury</u>. Phase I of the acquisition is scheduled for July 2015. 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. <u>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. The Skyline Wilderness Park Citizens Association and the Tuteur family have been incredibly helpful, among other things, by making their properties available for frog surveying.</u></p>
<p>Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats, and Stone Corral</p> <p>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 approved 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 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. <u>The Board in March 2015 adopted interim policies for the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral holdings regarding hunting, shooting, fires and motorized vehicle use.</u></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 and the pool was reopened immediately thereafter. The state completed installing 3 yurts in October 2012. The District has installed 7 additional yurts. Numerous volunteer projects have been organized (PG&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 in support of their mission. Utility service accounts have been transferred from the state to the District. Work on an improved recycling system is nearly complete. 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 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 deadline for using these funds was extended in June 2014, so the District will have time to fully utilize the grant. The District is sponsoring 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 has passed the Senate and all Assembly committees, but unfortunately in late July 2013 the Department of Public Health announced their opposition to the bill. After meeting with DPH, it appears they may be willing to agree to a workable compromise; this will take time to explore, so we have made the bill a two-year bill. Staff will be meeting with the author and Governor's office staff in late July. A contract to prepare architectural plans for the repair of the cabins was awarded in December 2013; the plans were submitted in February 2014 for State Parks approval. 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 from the State Parks Superintendent and her immediate superiors; <u>based on this review, District staff is now revising the agreement.</u> A free admission day including the dedication of the Ridge Trail/Vine Trail junction was held on July 27, 2014. <u>State-grant funded roof repairs and day use area roadways were completed in November 2014. Hiring for 2015 seasonal employees commences in late February.</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, from an agreement under which the City would retain title and responsibility for the water system while the District would take over land management at the lake to outright purchase of the property by the District or its partners.</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. <u>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.</u></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--Eucllyptus Drive to Green Island Road	Construction of approximately 5 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of American Canyon along the Napa River was completed in April 2012, in partnership with the City of American Canyon, Department of Fish and Game and Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.
Berryessa Vista Acquisition	Purchase of 224 acres from the Land Trust of Napa County for use as a public park completed in early 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
Connolly Ranch	Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
Oat Hill Mine Trail	The Oat Hill Mine Trail was formally opened in May Of 2008, after a major volunteer work party doing signage installation, brush removal and erosion control.
Historic ROW Analysis 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 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	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 private	
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 organizations.	
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 Bale Grist Mill open	The District took over operations of the parks on April 1, 2012, and have a 5 year agreement with the State to continue operating the parks.
Trichero Open Space Acquisition	
Donation of 3,400 acres of open space to the District by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero	The donation was completed on December 29, 2010. A related granting of an access easement to the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District was completed in mid-January 2011.
Wild Lake Ranch	
Assist land trust with planning and possible joint management of trails, camping and picnic areas.	The District participated in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that was led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust has decided, at least for the near term, to manage the Wildlake-Duff property itself.



Napa County Regional Park
and Open Space District

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 13, 2015
 Agenda Item: 4.H
 Subject: SB 317 (De Leon) Bond Measure

Recommendation

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project under CEQA
2. Support SB 317 if amended to include significant funding for the Bay Program and the Coastal Conservancy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

Background

Senator De Leon has introduced Senate Bill 317 which would authorize a \$2.45 billion park bond measure. This is good news for park supporters. However, as currently drafted the bill strongly favors southern California. Staff recommends the District support SB 317 if it is amended to include significant funding for the Bay Program of the State Coastal Conservancy. The Bay Program has been the primary source for grant funding for the District since its inception in 2006.

Other regional conservancy programs slated to receive funding in SB 317 include:

\$100 million for the Los Angeles River
 \$50 million to the Salton Sea Restoration Fund
 \$100 million to the Tahoe Conservancy
 \$50 million to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

More positive for our District is the proposal to allocate \$200 million to State Parks for grants to local and regional park districts including districts that manage State Parks. There is also \$300 million proposed for the Coastal Conservancy for grants for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal watershed resources. Depending on how this is defined, Napa could be eligible for this funding pot.

The latest version of SB 317 is attached.

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 317

Introduced by Senator De León

February 23, 2015

An act to add Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 5880) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to financing a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 317, as amended, De León. The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016.

Under existing law, various measures have been approved by the voters to provide funds for park, river, and coastal protections and programs.

This bill would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in ~~an unspecified amount~~ *the total amount of \$2,450,000,000* pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

2 (a) Californians value parks and the natural lands of the state.

3 (b) Demand for local parks has exceeded available funding by
4 a factor of eight to one, with particularly high demand in urban,
5 disadvantaged communities.

6 (c) Many Californians across the state lack access to safe parks
7 and recreation areas, which limits their ability to experience the
8 outdoors, improve their physical and emotional health, exercise,
9 and connect with their communities. Investments to create and
10 improve parks and recreation areas will help ensure all Californians
11 have access to safe places to exercise and recreate.

12 (d) Continued investment in the state's parks, natural resources,
13 and in greening urban areas will mitigate the effects of climate
14 change, making cities more livable, and protecting California's
15 natural resources for future generations.

16 (e) Investments to protect and restore the state's rivers, lakes,
17 streams, and coastal waters and their related watersheds will
18 improve water quality and reliability, enhance fish and wildlife
19 habitats, and provide recreational, economic, and public health
20 benefits to Californians.

21 SEC. 2. Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 5880) is added
22 to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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24 CHAPTER 14. THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, RIVERS, AND
25 COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2016

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27 Article 1. Title

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29 5880. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the
30 Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond
31 Act of 2016.

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33 Article 2. Definitions

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35 5880.5. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the
36 following meanings:

- 1 (a) “Acquisition” means the acquisition of a fee interest or any
2 other interest in real property including easements, leases, and
3 development rights.
- 4 (b) “Board” means the Wildlife Conservation Board.
- 5 (c) “Department” means the Department of Parks and
6 Recreation.
- 7 (d) “Development” includes, but is not limited to, the physical
8 improvement of real property, including the construction of
9 facilities or structures.
- 10 (e) “Disadvantaged community” means a community with a
11 median household income less than 80 percent of the statewide
12 average.
- 13 (f) “Greenprint” means a plan for providing parks, greenspace,
14 and urban forestry within an urbanized area to enhance climate
15 resilience, improve public health and living conditions, and protect
16 open-space lands around a developed area to support an adopted
17 sustainable communities strategy.
- 18 (g) “Interpretation” includes, but is not limited to, a
19 visitor-serving amenity that enhances the ability to understand and
20 appreciate the significance and value of natural, historical, and
21 cultural resources and that may utilize educational materials in
22 multiple languages, digital information, and the expertise of a
23 naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation.
- 24 (h) “Nonprofit organization” means an organization qualified
25 to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3)
26 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 27 (i) “Preservation” means rehabilitation, stabilization, restoration,
28 development, and reconstruction, or any combination of those
29 activities.
- 30 (j) “Protection” means those actions necessary to prevent harm
31 or damage to persons, property, or natural resources or to allow
32 the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources,
33 and includes acquisition, development, restoration, preservation,
34 and interpretation.
- 35 (k) “Restoration” means the improvement of physical structures
36 or facilities and, in the case of natural systems and landscape
37 features, includes, but is not limited to, projects for the control of
38 erosion, the control and elimination of exotic species, prescribed
39 burning, fuel hazard reduction, fencing out threats to existing or
40 restored natural resources, road elimination, and other plant and

1 wildlife habitat improvements to increase the natural system value
2 of the property.

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Article 3. General Provisions

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6 5881. The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this
7 chapter shall be deposited in the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers,
8 and Coastal Protection Fund of 2016, which is hereby created in
9 the State Treasury. Except as specifically provided in this chapter,
10 moneys in the fund shall be available for appropriation by the
11 Legislature in the manner and for the purposes set forth in this
12 ~~chapter.~~ *chapter in accordance with the following schedule:*

13 (a) *The sum of one billion four hundred fifty million dollars*
14 *(\$1,450,000,000) for parks in accordance with Article 4*
15 *(commencing with Section 5882).*

16 (b) *The sum of three hundred seventy million dollars*
17 *(\$370,000,000) for rivers, lakes, and streams in accordance with*
18 *Article 5 (commencing with Section 5883).*

19 (c) *The sum of three hundred fifty million dollars (\$350,000,000)*
20 *for coast and ocean protection in accordance with Article 6*
21 *(commencing with Section 5884).*

22 (d) *The sum of two hundred eighty million dollars*
23 *(\$280,000,000) for climate resilience in accordance with Article*
24 *7 (commencing with Section 5885).*

25 5881.5. (a) Projects funded with proceeds of bonds issued and
26 sold pursuant to this chapter shall promote state planning priorities
27 consistent with Section 65041.1 of the Government Code and
28 sustainable communities strategies consistent with subparagraph
29 (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the
30 Government Code.

31 (b) To the extent feasible in implementing this chapter, state
32 agencies shall seek to achieve wildlife conservation objectives
33 through projects on public lands or voluntary projects on private
34 lands. Funds may be used, in consultation with the Department of
35 Fish and Wildlife, for payments for the creation of measurable
36 habitat improvements or other improvements to the condition of
37 endangered or threatened species including through the
38 development and implementation of habitat credit exchanges.

39 (c) In evaluating projects for protection of natural resources and
40 wildlife, priority shall be given to projects that implement adopted

1 natural community conservation plans or endangered species
2 recovery plans.

3 ~~(d) The Natural Resources Agency shall develop and adopt a~~
4 ~~statewide resource protection plan to identify priorities for~~
5 ~~expending funds provided pursuant to this chapter that reflects~~
6 ~~statewide and regional resource protection, and public access and~~
7 ~~availability to underserved populations. Conservation plans~~
8 ~~developed and adopted by departments and conservancies shall~~
9 ~~be consistent with statewide priorities adopted by the Natural~~
10 ~~Resources Agency.~~

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12 (d) Restoration projects shall include the planning, monitoring,
13 and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of
14 the project objectives.

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Article 4. Parks

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18 5882. The sum of ~~_____~~ dollars (~~\$_____~~) *eight hundred million*
19 *dollars (\$800,000,000)* from the fund shall be available to the
20 department for the creation and expansion of safe neighborhood
21 parks in ~~critically underserved communities~~ *park-poor*
22 *neighborhoods* in accordance with Chapter 3.3 (commencing with
23 Section 5640).

24 5882.5. *The sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000)*
25 *from the fund shall be available to the department for grants for*
26 *local park rehabilitation and improvement to local governments*
27 *on a per capita basis.*

28 5882.6. *The sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000)*
29 *from the fund shall be available to the department for grants for*
30 *the restoration, preservation and protection of regional parks and*
31 *parklands, including state parks whose operation and management*
32 *have been taken over by local or regional agencies, and other*
33 *parks operated through cooperative agreements or pursuant to*
34 *joint power authorities that include state and local agencies.*

35 5882.7. *The sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000)*
36 *from the fund shall be available to the department for restoration*
37 *and preservation of existing state park facilities and units to*
38 *preserve and increase public access and to protect natural*
39 *resources.*

1 5882.8. *The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) from the*
 2 *fund shall be available to the department for enterprise activities*
 3 *that increase revenue generation to support operations of the*
 4 *department.*

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Article 5. Rivers, Lakes, and Streams

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8 5883. ~~The sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) from the fund shall be~~
 9 ~~available for the protection of rivers, lakes, streams, and their~~
 10 ~~watersheds. Funds allocated in this article shall be available for~~
 11 ~~the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes, streams and~~
 12 ~~associated watersheds of the state to safeguard sources of safe~~
 13 ~~drinking water, to protect the fish and wildlife resources of the~~
 14 ~~state, and to provide access to these resources to the people of~~
 15 ~~California.~~

16 5883.5. *The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)*
 17 *from the fund shall be available to the Natural Resources Agency*
 18 *for the restoration, protection, expansion and development of river*
 19 *parkways in accordance with Chapter 3.8 (commencing with*
 20 *Section 5750).*

21 5883.6. *The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)*
 22 *from the fund shall be available to the California Tahoe*
 23 *Conservancy pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section*
 24 *5096.351) of Chapter 1.692 for the implementation of the Lake*
 25 *Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program.*

26 5883.7. *The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)*
 27 *from the fund shall be available for protection and restoration*
 28 *projects, and for the development of river parkway projects on the*
 29 *Los Angeles River and its tributaries, pursuant to Division 22.8*
 30 *(commencing with Section 32600) and Division 23 (commencing*
 31 *with Section 33000).*

32 5883.8. *The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) from the*
 33 *fund shall be available for deposit into the Salton Sea Restoration*
 34 *Fund, pursuant to Section 2932 of the Fish and Game Code, and*
 35 *for expenditures consistent with the requirements of that fund.*

36 5883.9. *The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) from*
 37 *the fund shall be available for urban stream restoration pursuant*
 38 *to Section 7048 of the Water Code.*

1 Article 6. Coast and Ocean Protection

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3 5884. The sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) from the fund shall be
4 available for the protection of beaches, bays, and coastal resources.

5 5884. *Funds allocated in this article shall be available for*
6 *projects to protect and restore coastal watersheds, bays, marine*
7 *estuaries, and near shore ecosystems.*

8 5884.1. *The sum of three hundred million dollars*
9 *(\$300,000,000) from the fund shall be available to the State Coastal*
10 *Conservancy for the protection of beaches, bays, and coastal*
11 *watershed resources including the protection of coastal*
12 *agricultural resources pursuant to Section 31150 and projects to*
13 *complete the California Coastal Trail pursuant to Section 31408.*

14 5884.2. *The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) from the*
15 *fund shall be available to the Santa Monica Mountains*
16 *Conservancy for the protection of coastal watersheds of the Santa*
17 *Monica Mountains.*

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19 Article 7. Climate Resilience

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21 5885. *Funds allocated in this article shall be available for*
22 *projects that improve the climate resilience of urban areas and*
23 *natural resources, provide for climate adaptation and reduce*
24 *vulnerability to climate impacts of the state's water, forest, and*
25 *agricultural resources, and improve the ability of natural systems*
26 *to buffer the impacts of climate change.*

27 ~~5885.~~

28 5885.1. The sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) one hundred million
29 dollars (\$100,000,000) from the fund shall be available to the
30 Strategic Growth Council for grants to ~~improve the climate~~
31 ~~resilience of urban areas and natural resources including, but not~~
32 ~~limited to, projects that do the following: develop or implement a~~
33 ~~regional or local greenprint or climate adaptation plan, or update~~
34 ~~or develop a climate adaptation element for a general plan, and~~
35 ~~for the protection of agricultural and open space resources that~~
36 ~~support adopted sustainable communities strategies.~~

37 ~~(a) Develop or implement a regional or local greenprint.~~

38 ~~(b) Expand or protect urban forests, and provide urban greening~~
39 ~~to reduce urban heat island effect and mitigate climate change~~
40 ~~impacts in populated areas.~~

1 ~~(e) Improve forest conditions to reduce wildfires, increase~~
 2 ~~carbon sequestration, and improve forest health.~~

3 ~~(d) Use natural systems to improve resilience to climate change~~
 4 ~~including protection and restoration of watersheds and coastal~~
 5 ~~wetlands.~~

6 5885.2. *The sum of one hundred fifty million dollars*
 7 *(\$150,000,000) from the fund shall be available to the Wildlife*
 8 *Conservation Board for grants for the protection and expansion*
 9 *of wildlife corridors including projects to improve connectivity*
 10 *between habitat areas, for projects to improve climate adaptation*
 11 *and resilience of natural systems, and for projects to protect and*
 12 *improve existing open space corridors and trail linkages related*
 13 *to utility or transportation infrastructure that provide habitat*
 14 *connectivity and public access or trails.*

15 5885.3. *The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from*
 16 *the fund shall be available to the Department of Forestry and Fire*
 17 *Protection for grants pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with*
 18 *Section 4799.06) of Part 2.5 of Division 4. These grants shall*
 19 *complement existing urban forestry expenditures by covering areas*
 20 *not included for funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund,*
 21 *established pursuant to Section 16428.8 of the Government Code.*

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23 Article 8. Fiscal Provisions

24

25 5889. (a) Bonds in the total amount of ~~_____~~ dollars (~~\$_____~~)
 26 *two billion four hundred and fifty million dollars (\$2,450,000,000),*
 27 *or so much thereof as is necessary, not including the amount of*
 28 *any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section 5895 may*
 29 *be issued and sold to provide a fund to be used for carrying out*
 30 *the purposes expressed in this chapter and to reimburse the General*
 31 *Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section*
 32 *16724.5 of the Government Code. The bonds, when sold, shall be*
 33 *and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State of*
 34 *California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California*
 35 *is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both principal of,*
 36 *and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become due*
 37 *and payable.*

38 (b) The Treasurer shall sell the bonds authorized by the
 39 committee pursuant to this section. The bonds shall be sold upon
 40 the terms and conditions specified in a resolution to be adopted

1 by the committee pursuant to Section 16731 of the Government
2 Code.

3 5889.5. The bonds authorized by this chapter shall be prepared,
4 executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State
5 General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with
6 Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government
7 Code), and all of the provisions of that law apply to the bonds and
8 to this chapter and are hereby incorporated in this chapter as though
9 set forth in full in this chapter, except subdivisions (a) and (b) of
10 Section 16727 of the Government Code.

11 5890. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance
12 and sale pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law
13 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division
14 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code) of the bonds authorized by
15 this chapter, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal
16 Protection Finance Committee is hereby created. For purposes of
17 this chapter, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal
18 Protection Finance Committee is “the committee” as that term is
19 used in the State General Obligation Bond Law.

20 (b) The committee consists of the _____, _____, _____, _____, and
21 _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any member
22 may designate a representative to act as that member in his or her
23 place for all purposes, as though the member were personally
24 present.

25 (c) The _____ shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

26 (d) A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

27 5890.5. The committee shall determine whether or not it is
28 necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized pursuant to this
29 chapter in order to carry out the actions specified in this chapter
30 and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive
31 issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry out those
32 actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds
33 authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

34 5891. For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law,
35 “board,” as defined in Section 16722 of the Government Code,
36 means the _____.

37 5891.5. There shall be collected each year and in the same
38 manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,
39 in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount
40 required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds each

1 year. It is the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in
2 regard to the collection of the revenue to do and perform each and
3 every act that is necessary to collect that additional sum.

4 5892. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code,
5 there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the State
6 Treasury, for the purposes of this chapter, an amount that will
7 equal the total of the following:

8 (a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and
9 interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter, as the
10 principal and interest become due and payable.

11 (b) The sum that is necessary to carry out the provisions of
12 Section 5893.5, appropriated without regard to fiscal years.

13 5892.5. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment
14 Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account
15 in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code for the
16 purpose of carrying out this chapter less any amount withdrawn
17 pursuant to Section 5893.5. The amount of the request shall not
18 exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that the committee has, by
19 resolution, authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out
20 this chapter. The board shall execute those documents required by
21 the Pooled Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan.
22 Any amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated
23 in accordance with this chapter.

24 5893. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or
25 of the State General Obligation Bond Law, if the Treasurer sells
26 bonds that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that the
27 interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal
28 tax purposes under designated conditions or is otherwise entitled
29 to any federal tax advantage, the Treasurer may maintain separate
30 accounts for the bond proceeds invested and for the investment
31 earnings on those proceeds, and may use or direct the use of those
32 proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment
33 required under federal law or take any other action with respect
34 to the investment and use of those bond proceeds, as may be
35 required or desirable under federal law in order to maintain the
36 tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage
37 under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

38 5893.5. For the purposes of carrying out this chapter, the
39 Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General
40 Fund of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the

1 unsold bonds that have been authorized by the committee to be
2 sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter less any amount
3 borrowed pursuant to Section 5892.5. Any amounts withdrawn
4 shall be deposited in the fund. Any money made available under
5 this section shall be returned to the General Fund, with interest at
6 the rate earned by the money in the Pooled Money Investment
7 Account, from proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the
8 purpose of carrying out this chapter.

9 5894. All money deposited in the fund that is derived from
10 premium and accrued interest on bonds sold pursuant to this chapter
11 shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for transfer to
12 the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest,
13 except that amounts derived from premium may be reserved and
14 used to pay the cost of bond issuance prior to any transfer to the
15 General Fund.

16 5894.5. Pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section
17 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
18 the cost of bond issuance shall be paid out of the bond proceeds,
19 including premium, if any. To the extent the cost of bond issuance
20 is not paid from premiums received from the sale of bonds, these
21 costs shall be shared proportionately by each program funded
22 through this chapter by the applicable bond sale.

23 5895. The bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter may
24 be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with
25 Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of
26 the Government Code, which is a part of the State General
27 Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters of the state for the
28 issuance of the bonds under this chapter shall include approval of
29 the issuance of any bonds issued to refund any bonds originally
30 issued under this chapter or any previously issued refunding bonds.

31 5895.5. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this
32 chapter are not “proceeds of taxes” as that term is used in Article
33 XIII B of the California Constitution, and the disbursement of
34 these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that
35 article.

36 SEC. 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon the approval
37 by the voters of the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal
38 Protection Bond Act of 2016, as set forth in that section, which

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- 1 shall be submitted to the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide
- 2 general election.

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