



**NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK &
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 13, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Napa County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, 3rd floor, Napa, CA

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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

3. Set Matters

none

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meetings on July 9, 2018.
- b. Consideration and potential decision regarding whether the District should or should not advocate for or against land use development projects under consideration for discretionary permits by other public agencies.
- c. Consideration and potential approval of professional services agreement with Jonny Ehlers to support environmental education programming.
- d. Consideration and potential decision on whether to create a Google Inside Virtual Tour for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.
- e. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.
- f. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
- g. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

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

6. Agenda Planning

In this time period, members of the Board of Directors and staff will discuss matters for possible consideration at future meetings. Other than to determine whether and when such matters should be agendaized, no action will be taken by the Board on these items unless specifically noted otherwise.

8. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 9, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Napa County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, 3rd floor, Napa, CA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: BC, TN, DF, KT *

Absent: Brent Randol (excused)

2. Public Comment

Kellie Anderson spoke about the proposed timber harvest above the Linda Falls property and how the conversion of forest to 36 acres of vineyard will be harmful to its wildlife and natural habitat. She also referred to the Cal Fire handout she distributed that shows roughly the location of the blocks and stressed that this entire recreational resource will be destroyed if this project is allowed to go forward and asked that NCRPOSD write a comment letter on the negative impacts this project would have as part of the EIR being done by Napa County.

3. Set Matters

None

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meetings on June 18, 2018.

Minutes for the June 18, 2018 meeting were approved.

TN, BC, DF, KT

A X *(excused due to late arrival)

- b. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment 6 to Agreement 07-01 with Chino Yip and Associates.

Amendment 6 to Agreement 07-01 with Chino Yip was approved.

DF, TN, BC, KT

X*

- c. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff (May and June 2018).

Expenditure report was received by Board of Directors. No formal action was taken.

- d. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
John Woodbury and Chris Cahill gave report.
- e. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park.
John Woodbury gave report.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- Karen apologized for her tardy entrance.
- Tony mentioned the celebration of 50 years of the Ag Preserve at the Napa Valley Museum.. He also mentioned his attendance at the Napa City Renaissance Downtown Planning Celebration at the Archer Hotel as a possible precursor to updating the Napa City General Plan which he feels is an important process that we should be interested in. With the update of the upcoming City General Plan and the District updating its Master Plan, he sees opportunities for coordination of statements and the possibility to draw from each other's resources rather than each agency going at it alone.
- Barry mentioned that in American Canyon on the 4th of July he attended a hillside fireworks viewing organized by the American Canyon Community Parks Foundation. They had about 120 people who hiked up the Newell trail about a half mile to the barn area and sat up there and watched fireworks. He also mentioned he continues to look for projects that might get our Parks District down in to American Canyon more.
- Tony mentioned they had their very last meeting as the technical advisory panel for the Flood Control District, one of the two oversight committees that were mandated by Measure A and they are now in talks about reinventing a similar advisory panel so be on the look-out for requests to join such a panel if you have an interest.

6. Agenda Planning

None

7. Closed Session

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Raja Development Co., Inc. vs. Napa County Regional Open Space, Napa County Superior Court #17CV000211
No reportable actions.

8. Adjournment

Adjourned to the Regular NCRPOSD Board Meeting of August 13, 2018

BRENT RANDOL, Board President

ATTEST:

Teresa Bledsoe, Acting District Secretary

Key

Vote: TN = Tony Norris; KBT = Karen Bower-Turjanis; DF = David Finigan; BC = Barry Christian; BR = Brent Randol

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



STAFF REPORT

By: John Woodbury
Date: August 13, 2018
Item: **4.B**
Subject: Consideration and potential decision regarding whether the District should or should not advocate for or against land use development projects under consideration for discretionary permits by other public agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to prepare a draft resolution for Board consideration that sets District policy for when and how it will involve itself in land use development permits being considered by other public agencies.

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 July 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, under public comment, a member of the public requested the District take a position in opposition to a proposed vineyard development project (Le Colline) adjacent to Linda Falls. Linda Falls is owned by the Land Trust of Napa County, and the District in addition holds a conservation easement over their property.

At the same meeting, under agenda planning, the Board asked that at the next meeting there be an agenda item to discuss District policy regarding whether to comment on, or take positions for or against land use development projects that other agencies are considering for discretionary permits.

The Open Space District is a voter-established special district organized pursuant to section 5500 *et seq* of the California Public Resources Code. The purposes of the District by statute and by the District-adopted Master Plan are to protect and preserve open space lands and the resources contained on those lands, and to provide appropriate public access for recreation, research and education. The District has no land use regulatory powers (except to the extent the District owns land and is regulating the use of the property it owns). The District is subject to General Plan,

Zoning and other regulations adopted by Napa County and the municipalities therein, as well as regulations adopted by regional, state and federal agencies.

As a special district, there is no question whether the Open Space District has the legal authority to comment on proposed actions by other public agencies—it does. The more important question is whether doing so advances its ability to accomplish its primary mission. Several factors are worth considering:

- (a) Would the land use decision under consideration directly and materially affect the primary mission of the District and the lands and other property interests that it has acquired?
- (b) Does the District have the financial and staff resources to engage in broader public policy debates that are before other public agencies, without detracting from the District's ability to acquire open space lands and manage them to serve appropriate public purposes?
- (c) Would the opinion of the District have a material impact on the decisions being made by other agencies?
- (d) Would taking positions on land use decisions of other agencies help, harm or have no material effect on the District's ability to obtain and retain the support of the public and the agencies and organizations that provide the grants and donations that enable the District to operate?

The District has since its inception in 2006 had a practice of not taking positions for or against land use development applications under consideration by other public agencies. In addition, in 2009 the District adopted Resolution 09-03 regarding the specific question of how and when the District would get involved if mitigations that are proposed by other development projects would have an impact on the District (see attachment 1). The policy basically states that if asked, the District may comment on whether a proposed mitigation is something the District would be willing to accept should the project be approved, but the District will not take a position for or against the project itself.

The District has on a few occasions commented on land use development projects that could directly and materially affect the District's mission by providing information, raising issues and offering recommendations, but has never taken a position for or against the projects themselves. For example, the District provided comments on the Syar quarry expansion proposal when it was under consideration by Napa County. The comments were in the form of identifying issues that should be considered in the environmental review process, questioning the accuracy of some aspects of the draft Environmental Impact Report, and requesting certain mitigation measures designed to protect Skyline Park.

Separately, in September of 2017, the District's General Manager provided comments to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CalFire) on the proposed Timber Harvest Plan for Le Colline (Attachment 2). Those comments noted the District holds a conservation easement over the adjacent Linda Falls property, mentioned some concerns the District believed should be considered, and requested no decision be made on the Timber Harvest Plan until after the County of Napa had completed environmental review for the Erosion Control Plan for the vineyard development project that is proposed once the timber harvest is complete.

District staff recommends the Board adopt of formal policy consistent with past practice, as follows:

- (1) The District may comment on development proposals when they may foreseeably have a direct and material impact on District owned and/or managed properties and facilities.
- (2) If the District does comment, comments will focus on identifying issues, providing information, discussing potential impacts and recommending ways to reduce potential impacts.
- (3) The District will not take a position for or against the project itself.

Attachment 3 to this memo is a letter from Kellie Anderson requesting the District comment to CalFire on the proposed Le Colline Timber Harvest Plan. As noted above, the District General Manager did provide comments in September of 2017. Subsequently, CalFire agreed to defer their decision until after the County of Napa completed its environmental review of an Erosion Control Plan for the related proposed vineyard development. That environmental review is now in process, and a draft EIR is expected to be released for public review in the next few months. Staff recommends the District wait until the draft EIR is released for public review before deciding whether to comment further on that project.

Resolution No. 09-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT****A RESOLUTION APPROVING A POLICY RELATED TO ACCEPTING
DONATIONS AND MITIGATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (“District”) from time to time may be asked to accept a donation or a required mitigation including but not limited to fee simple ownership of land, open space easement and/or funding, in association with a private or other public agency development project; and

WHEREAS, if the District is going to be asked to accept such donations or required mitigations, it needs to be able to provide information to relevant regulatory bodies and development proponents regarding the conditions under which the District would be willing to accept such donations and required mitigations; and

WHEREAS, the District does not want the provision of such information to be regarded as an endorsement of a private or unaffiliated public agency project which is in the process of obtaining discretionary regulatory agency approvals,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District hereby adopts the following policy:

The District will consider accepting donations and mitigations associated with private and unaffiliated public agency development projects, including including but not limited to fee simple ownership of land, open space easements, and funding for habitat restoration and enhancement and public access projects, provided they are consistent with the District Master Plan. Any such acceptance will be subject to the same procedural approval requirements as apply to other forms of donations. Prior to action on a discretionary development project by a regulatory body, the Board or Directors and/or the General Manager may provide information regarding District goals, objectives and procedures; however, neither the District Board of Directors nor District staff will endorse or otherwise indicate support for a discretionary private or unaffiliated public agency development project.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by

the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 9th day of MARCH, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTOR(s)

MA, TN, HK, GK, DF

NOES: DIRECTOR(s)

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ABSENT: DIRECTOR(s)

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Signed: *Joe Ferguson*
President, Board of Directors

Attest *Melissa Gray*
Melissa Gray, District Secretary

Date: 3-9-2009

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of District Counsel
By: *Chris R.Y. Apallas*
Date: March 9, 2009

From: [Woodbury, John](mailto:Woodbury.John)
To: ["santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov"](mailto:santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov)
Cc: ["bill_solinsky@fire.ca.gov"](mailto:bill_solinsky@fire.ca.gov); ["megan.reeves@fire.ca.gov"](mailto:megan.reeves@fire.ca.gov); ["kim.sone@fire.ca.gov"](mailto:kim.sone@fire.ca.gov); ["anthony.lukacic@fire.co.gov"](mailto:anthony.lukacic@fire.co.gov)
Bcc: Randy's Email; Bordona, Brian
Subject: comments on THP for Le Colline
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 4:22:09 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

To: California Department of Forestry

Bill Solinsky
Forest Practices Manager
123 Ridgeway Avenue
Santa Rosa CA 95401

Re: Timber Harvest Plan for Le Colline (THP #1-16-079)

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District holds a conservation easement over parcels (APN # 024-332-004 and -022) that are owned in fee title by the Land Trust of Napa County. These easement parcels are located immediately to the west of the property owned by Le Colline LLC (APN # 024-300-070, -071 and -072, and 024-340-001). The purpose of our easement is to permanently preserve the water, habitat and wildlife resources of 163 acres of pristine watershed including Linda Falls and the upper middle reaches of Conn Creek.

I understand the issue before the California Department of Forestry is an application for a Timber Harvest Plan. However, as the applicant has made clear, the THP is simply step one in a process of developing the property with a vineyard, residence and ancillary structures. For this reason, I understand that before a final decision on the THP application, the project will be sent to the County of Napa to prepare the environmental document that covers the ultimate project.

Because of the sensitive nature of the Le Colline property itself, and it's location immediately adjacent to and upstream of the Linda Falls Preserve, combined with the County's other regulations affecting conversion of forest land to vineyards and residential development, it is highly probable that the proposed development of the property will need to undergo considerable revision. For this reason, I would like to encourage you to start the process now of identifying alternatives to the project as proposed. The California Environmental Quality Act requires a consideration of alternatives, so this will have to be done by the County to the extent it is not done by CalFire. A thorough vetting of alternatives by CalFire now will make the subsequent review process go more smoothly, and reduce the need for time-consuming back and forth negotiations between the County, CalFire and the applicant.

Alternatives that our District would like to see explored include: increased setbacks from Conn Creek, less clear-cutting and thinning of the forest canopy, and the location of mitigation sites for oak woodland loss (including the potential donation or sale of the most sensitive property to a conservation agency or non-profit organization).

Thank you for your consideration of our request for a thorough identification of project alternatives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.



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Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District
1195 Third St, Second Floor
Napa CA 94508

August 8, 2018

Dear Commissioner Randol,

I am requesting the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District provide written comment on the proposed Timber Harvest Conversion (THP) to Vineyard application being reviewed by Cal Fire (project 1-16-079NAP-THP-CON) which is located immediately adjacent to, and east of the Linda Falls Land Trust Preserve. As you know, Linda Falls is held in a conservation easement by the District and held in fee title by Land Trust of Napa County. The project site, immediately adjacent to the Linda Falls Preserve, is a critical wildlife migration corridor, is the location of unique rock outcroppings, an amazing tufa dome, bat and raptor roosts, shaded forest trails and Native American grinding stones. The project impacts would irreparably degrade the water resources, recreational value, scenic vistas, historic and cultural resources and destroy roost, forage, nest and breeding habitat of countless animal species. Impacts to recreational use include increased noise, dust, pesticide applications, removal of forest canopy resulting in increased temperatures and sunlight, and fencing of currently open and utilized trails.

Linda Falls is one of the most unique watershed features in Napa County and is the headwaters source for the City of Napa's Lake Hennessey reservoir. Pacific Union College students and other volunteer organizations routinely conduct habitat restoration work at the Preserve. The site is well used by the community and provides an easily accessible natural experience, with well-developed trail and interpretative signage. In addition, Linda Falls provides some recreational trail connectivity to nearby Pacific Union College Forest Reserve and potential connectivity to Dunn Sentinel Hill, Las Posadas State Forest and the District's Moore Creek Park. Important landscape level connectivity supporting wildlife migration include Dunn Wild Lakes, Weintraub Preserve, Cedar Roughs, Robert Louis Stevenson State Park and ultimately the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area.

The proposed project would impact multiple springs that are the actual source of the stream flows supporting the watershed and constitute the water flowing over the falls.

Currently the Draft Environmental Impact Report is being reviewed by The County of Napa Conservation and Planning Department acting as the Lead Agency. The County is solely responsible for review of the EIR and is in no way a sponsor of the project. The project EIR must evaluate consistency with the County of Napa General Plan. Yet the project impacts violate many applicable General Plan Goals and Policies including the following:

Goal CON-1: The County of Napa will conserve resources by determining the most appropriate use of land, matching land uses and activities to the land's natural suitability, and minimizing conflicts with the natural environment and the agriculture it supports

Goal CON-2: Maintain and enhance the existing level of biodiversity.

Goal CON-3: Protect the continued presence of special-status species, including special-status plants, special-status wildlife, and their habitats, and comply with all applicable state, federal, or local laws or regulations.

Goal CON-4: Conserve, protect, and improve plant, wildlife, and fishery habitats for all native species in Napa County.

Goal CON-5: Protect connectivity and continuous habitat areas for wildlife movement.

Goal CON-6: Preserve, sustain, and restore forests, woodlands, and commercial timberland for their economic, environmental, recreation, and open space values.

Policy CON-17: Preserve and protect native grasslands, serpentine grasslands, mixed serpentine chaparral, and other sensitive biotic communities and habitats of limited distribution. The County, in its discretion, shall require mitigation that results in the following standards: a) Prevent removal or disturbance of sensitive natural plant communities that contain special-status plant species or provide critical habitat to special-status animal species. b) In other areas, avoid disturbances to or removal of sensitive natural plant communities and mitigate potentially significant impacts where avoidance is infeasible. c) Promote protection from overgrazing and other destructive activities. d) Encourage scientific study and require monitoring and active management where biotic communities and habitats of limited distribution or sensitive natural plant communities are threatened by the spread of invasive non-native species. e) Require no net loss of sensitive biotic communities and habitats of limited distribution through avoidance, restoration, or replacement where feasible. Where avoidance, restoration, or replacement is not feasible, preserve like habitat at a 2:1 ratio or greater within Napa County to avoid significant cumulative loss of valuable habitats.

Goal CON-3: Protect the continued presence of special-status species, including special-status plants, special-status wildlife, and their habitats, and comply with all applicable state, federal, or local laws or regulations.

Goal CC-4: Identify and preserve Napa County's irreplaceable cultural and historic resources for present and future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Multiple immitigable impacts to Linda Falls include: destruction of wildlife corridors, impacts to streams and reservoirs, impacts to oak wood lands, species of limited distribution (Ponderosa Pine) as identified in the County of Napa Base Line Data report, migratory birds and bats, impacts to Northern Spotted Owl, destruction of aesthetic values, impacts to hydrology and water quality and increased fire hazard.

Land Trust of Napa County has expressed their desire to see this area conserved as part of the greater Linda Falls headwaters landscape. I am requesting the District review the Timber Harvest Conversion and associated documents and submit a comment letter on the project impacts to be included in the Environmental Impact Report. Please include this letter in Board agenda Packet.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kellie Anderson

District 3 Resident



STAFF REPORT

By: John Woodbury
Date: August 13, 2018
Item: **4.C**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of professional services agreement with Jonny Ehlers for environmental education programming.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the agreement with Jonny Ehlers (the Mycellium Project) to support environmental education programming, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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 in 2016 contracted with Jonny Ehlers to provide naturalist services at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, including leading school groups visiting the park, offering a junior ranger program and leading adult nature walks. That contract was for \$20,000. In 2017 the District entered into a new contract to continue providing those services, as well as start to train District staff to deliver those services. That contract was for \$27,174, and resulted in a dramatic expansion of the environmental education program, including more interpretive walks and offering the first summer day camp at Bothe provided by the District. A full report of what was accomplished under that contract should be available for the Board to review at the next meeting. The Board is now requested to approve a new contract for the current fiscal year, in the amount of \$30,000. This contract will further train District staff, so that by next fiscal year most of the environmental education activities will be handled by District staff.

Attached to this report is a written description of the proposed program. Also attached is a projected budget; the details and costs may shift during implementation, but the proposed budget gives a good picture of what is expected. Most of the programming will take place at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, but the plan is to also expand activities at Moore Creek Park and the Napa River Ecological Reserve. Outside of the proposed Agreement, the adopted budget for the District also includes \$15,000 for transportation to enable school

groups to travel to the parks. Also outside of the agreement are an estimated \$33,715 in salary costs for District staff who work on the program.

The Napa Valley State Parks Association has agreed to support up to \$38,850 of the costs of the outdoor education program, or roughly one-half of the total cost. The rest of the costs would be covered by revenues generated at the State Parks managed by the District, as well as the District's general operating grant from Napa County.

The proposed agreement is a key step in the continuing process to build a robust and effective outdoor education program, and to build internal staff capacity to operate the program in the future.

NOSD Naturalist Program Proposal (Year 2) 2018-2019

Introduction:

Beginning July 1st, 2018, the Naturalist Program for the NOSD will enter its second full year and will be another exciting year of transition and growth. The primary goal is to continue delivering professional programming for all our clients, free or paid, young or aged. Beyond that, we think there is room for expansion, for more paid programs, free hikes, and field trips, too. We're looking into growing our Summer Camp for 2019 and exploring the feasibility of using Eco Camp Berryessa for a week or two. This summer we are beginning to collaborate with the Boys and Girls Club of Calistoga and looking into connecting with other organizations like The Cal Academy in San Francisco. You'll also see that we revisit most of the ideas in the year 1 proposal, providing updates on feasibility and realistically indicating when and how we can implement those programs and what we anticipate costs to be.

One big achievement in the previous year was the training and integration of more Bothe staff into all programs and planning processes which includes two Park Steward Assistants and three Park Aides. While there is much essential training in the coming year, we have a stable group of naturalist interpreters which puts us in a great position to continue to innovate and grow.

To accomplish our primary goal, The Mycelium Project and the Park Steward Assistants will continue to document the process and create written procedures and best practices for the programs we are currently facilitating, as well as, to guide staff trainings and further program development. The Park Steward Assistants will take on more administrative responsibilities from The Mycelium Project in the form of school program scheduling, outreach and curriculum development. Park Aides, who have already begun the Naturalist Training, will begin creating new curriculum for the school and summer programs. Meanwhile, The Mycelium Project will continue to train new/current staff, continue outreach, create new programs and curriculum, and expand programming to NOSD sites in addition to Bothe.

In this proposal we will highlight the various programs and events we are currently facilitating, as well as, spell out our plan for new programs and events. Please refer to the NOSD Naturalist Program Year 2 Budget for the costs and compensations associated with them.

School Program

Once again, we will hit the ground running, and start our School Program with outreach during the spring and summer, in the effort to fill the calendar as early in the year as possible and help the teachers get those District Buses. We feel we can handle 75 classes this coming year after the 49 we had this year. For one, we feel that the wildfires of last fall hampered our efforts to get more classes out and 75 seems very doable next school year. And two, our Naturalist staff has grown in numbers and skill, and can handle more classes.

One end goal with this program is to have a registration period in the spring, and once we have reached capacity we start a waiting list. This will allow us to schedule for the entire school year before the first day of school, and the teachers can subsequently get their transportation all squared away with the most sustainable options (no charter buses). This may not be possible for next year but we are working toward that as a goal.

This coming year we will implement new curriculum and new programs, including incorporating the Bale Grist Mill in field trips to Bothe and vice a versa. We will start booking field trips to Moore Creek and the Napa River Ecological Preserve and create curriculum specific to those places. Though we don't have a proposed number of field trips at other district sites, we plan to communicate this w/ the Park Steward, to be sure that funding is accurate. Park Aides who have already started the Naturalist training will help create new curriculum for the School Program and other events too.

Other “Free” Programs & Events

Themed Hikes

In addition to our summer adult hikes every Saturday from Memorial to Labor Day weekends, we have begun to offer themed hikes with a focus on redwoods, birds, botany, and mushrooms as part of “Free Second Saturdays,” which is part of the centennial celebration for the Save the Redwoods League. Depending on their popularity, we may add others. This was an expansion goal in last year’s proposal, and it’s been helpful to join with the Save the Redwoods initiative in order to set dates and pilot these kinds of hikes which occur beyond the traditional summer season. Building on the success of this year, we’d like to add hikes beyond Bothe Park to include Moore Creek and Oat Hill Mine Trail (or other sections of the Robert Louis Stevenson/NOSD trails). We’d like to propose a total of seven “off-season” themed hikes—four at Bothe and three at other sites. In addition to being a worthy offering in themselves, these hikes will also give our Naturalist staff more experience “catering” hikes to specific groups and interests, which could develop into more naturalist/interpretive menu items for paid programs. We’ll also want to continue to hone our advertising and outreach for these themed hikes in the coming year.

Earth Day and Get Out and Play Day (the day after Thanksgiving)

We want to celebrate Earth Day and Get Out and Play Day by offering a free hike and bandanas at Bothe and 3 other NOSD sites, most likely Oat Hill Mine, Moore Creek, and the Am Can Wetlands Trail. For safety reasons, we would staff 2 people per site, who would act as ambassadors of the perspective parks, and the NOSD.

Día del Niño’s (Day of the Child)

This year we provided the first Día del Niño’s celebration at Bothe and it was a hit! Next year we will improve on what we learned this year and make it even better.

Inclusion of the Mill

A goal for the Naturalist Program at Bothe is to have better coordination and some training overlap with the Bale Grist Mill. The eventual goal would be that interpretive programs would be under the same Open Space District umbrella, while still respecting the distinct programming offered at both parks—this is an important first step as we might be able to eventually funnel certain age groups to one or the other and/or have some overlapping field trips.

As a first step, three of Bothe staff have begun some initial training at the mill. Though Naturalist staff will not likely become millers (at least any time soon!), this training will make us more familiar w/ the overall operation and give us the ability to do some shortened interpretive programs there. In the next few months, our staff will also be taking on field trip coordination from the mill—this will both help millers focus on other essential tasks, and give staff some further experience with the logistics of setting up field trips since this will eventually be done in-house for all interpretive programs. Both of these initiatives should help by giving overall support to current millers and further vetting Naturalist staff in the mill. The upcoming summer camps will also incorporate the mill as the theme for both camps is related to natural history and historical timelines. Likewise, we still have the goal related to other themed hikes to have a hybrid natural history/history hike incorporating the history trail where both an interpreter from Bothe and a mill interpreter would team-up.

Collaborating with other organizations

Starting this summer, 2018, we will have the Boys and Girls Club of Calistoga out to Bothe once in July and once in August for games and a hike. We reached out to the St Helena Clubhouse but they haven't created their calendar yet and need to get back to us.

We also want to partner with The California Academy of Sciences for a Bio Blitz at Bothe or another NOSD site... look them up if you don't know.

Paid Programs

We have the long-term goal of offering paid programs both as a way to expand the potential options that might otherwise be too costly and as a possible supplemental funding stream for “free” programs. Though in our initial proposal we thought it might be possible to expand further into paid programming the first year, we have been busy expanding the free programs, including further staff training, and planning for two weeks of summer camp; we wanted to make sure we had enough staff capacity and were excelling in those areas before turning our attention to paid programs.

For the upcoming year, in addition to two weeks of summer camp, we plan to offer kid's interpretive programs (highlighted below). Currently we don't have a timeline for offering any additional programs, but we are actively discussing when and how to implement them and have narrowed our list of menu items from the first proposal to 2 or 3 to pilot, before revisiting the original proposal options.

Mindfulness/Awareness hikes or retreats are one option. Enhanced cabin stays where cabin guests pay for additional time w/ a Naturalist at Bothe or possibly at another NOSD site, is another (on hold while

we work out problems w/ Reserve CA.). And, Campfire Programs, Guest Speakers or Movie Night at Bothe could be in the works too.

Summer Camps

We will be kicking off our 2018 fiscal year with our first Naturalist summer day camps, Camp Calypso and Camp Sequoia. These camps will run concurrently for two sessions. Each session will cost \$200 per camper and run Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm, with after care available at an additional cost from 3pm to 5pm. The camps will be based at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and incorporate activities at the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park. Children will be exploring life in the Napa Valley from the prehistoric to the present. There is space for twenty 8-12 year olds and ten 13-16 year olds each session, for a total of sixty campers in 2018. To make this experience accessible to all children, scholarships will be available for families in need. We plan to establish this as an annual camp that will expand in 2019 by offering an additional week-long session and possibly including a Thursday overnight stay to all sessions. These camps will offer a fun learning experience for all campers and a mentoring program for the teen sequoia campers. Kids and teens will create lasting memories and friends that they can return to year after year.

As noted in our original proposal we hope to expand summer camp options and utilize other NOSD available sites; we are considering the feasibility of offering an overnight summer camp at Eco Camp Berryessa in 2019. This will be an overnight camp allowing kids to break free from the day to day monotony and connect to the wonders of the outdoors with a longer stay. The Eco Camp Berryessa site is set up for accommodate up to 24 boys, 24 girls and 2 staffing headquarters. Activities will include hiking, canoeing/kayaking, survival skills, campfire programs, and much more.

Naturalist-Led Children's Program

This program will target children-based events, such as a birthday parties, family reunions, etc. Amenities will include rental of the Ramada and a three-hour naturalist-led program for kids. The price will be based off the number of naturalists needed to accommodate the children's program. Prices are as followed: \$250 for 1-15 children, \$325 for 16-30 children, \$400 for 31-45 children, and will increase in \$75 increments for every 15 children. The Naturalist will have a scheduled time to lead the children in nature-based games, activities, and interpretive hikes. The Ramada use will be based on availability and include all-day use of a covered picnic area and parking for up to 60 people. This will allow the group to come to the park before and after the naturalist program for their enjoyment of the park, set-up, celebrations, activities, and clean-up. During the pool season, they can visit the pool during hours of operation for either an additional cost per swimmer or a discounted group fee. During closed in-season hours the group will also have an option to rent the pool, with the existing public access or private rental fees. The public access rental provides the pool to be open from 1-5pm for all visitors with purchasable ticket or a private pool rental for \$120 per hour with a three-hour minimum. Throughout the 2018-2019 fiscal year we estimate to have 10 paid naturalists led kid's programs estimating in a \$3,000 income.

Here is the Cost Breakdown for the 2nd year from July 2018 to June 2019, including the NOSD Staff costs (broken down between Park Aids (PA) \$14hr and Park Steward Assistants (PSA) \$23hr), Mycelium Project Staff costs, Liability Insurance costs, Supply costs, and Transportation costs.

NOSD Naturalist Staff Costs:

Summer 2018 Programs,

Jr Rangers and Free Sat Hikes, 13 days/ 3hrs/ 1 PA=	\$600
Jr Rangers and Free Sat Hikes, 11 days/ 3hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$800
Summer Camp Calypso/Sequoia Facilitation, 10days/ 6hrs/ 2 PA=	\$1,700
Summer Camp “ “, 10 days/ 6hrs/ 1 PSA (Jessica)=	\$1,400
Summer Camp “ “, 10 days/ 4hrs/ 1 PSA (Jay)=	\$900
Boys and Girls Club of Calistoga and St. Helena, 4 days/ 5hrs/ 2 PA=	\$550
Boys and Girls Club “ “, 4 days/ 5hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$500
Staff Training: Fall, 3 days/ 6hrs/ 3 PA=	\$800
Fall, 3 days/ 6hrs/ 2 PSA=	\$800
Winter, 3days/ 6hrs/ 3 PA=	\$800
Winter, 3 days/ 6hrs/ 2 PSA=	\$800
Summer, 4 days/ 6hrs/ 3 PA=	\$1,000
Summer, 4 days/ 6hrs/ 2 PSA=	\$1,100
Leading School Field Trips, 40 days/ 6hrs/ 2 PA=	\$6,800
Leading School Field Trips, 35 days/ 6hrs/ 2 PSA=	\$9,700
Free Public Events/Hikes: Earth Day Bothe, 3hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$69
Earth Day Bothe, 3hrs/ 1 PA=	\$42
Earth Day 1 NOSD site, 3hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$69
Earth Day 3 NOSD sites, 3hrs/ 3 PA=	\$126
Día del Niño’s Bothe, 5hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$115
Día del Niño’s Bothe, 5hrs/ 3 PA=	\$210

Free Public Events/Hikes Continued	Get Out and Play Day Bothe, 3hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$69
	Get Out and Play Day Bothe, 3hrs/ 1 PA=	\$42
	2 nd Sat Save the Redwoods Bothe, Oct. 3hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$69
	2 nd Sat Save the Redwoods Bothe, Oct. 3hrs/ 1 PA=	\$42
	Flowers of Bothe, 3hrs/ 1 PSA=	\$69
	Flowers of Bothe, 3hrs/ 1 PA=	\$42
Leading Paid Programs, 5 days/3hrs/ 2 PSA=		\$700

*note: paid programs will pay for naturalist time

Admin. Outreach/Program Logistics, 45hrs / 2 PSA=	\$2,100
Program/Curriculum Enhancement, 22.5hrs / 2 PA=	\$700
Program/Curriculum Enhancement, 22.5hrs/ 2 PSA=	\$1,000

(Includes Planning Next Summer 2019)

Estimated Total of NOSD Staff Costs: \$33,714

Mycelium Project Staff Costs:

Summer 2018 Programs,

Jr Rangers and Free Sat Hikes, 4days/3hrs/2Staff/\$25 =	\$600
Summer Camp Calypso/Sequoia Facilitation, 10days/8.5hrs/2Staff/\$25=	\$4,200
School Program Logistics and Teacher Outreach, 20hrs/\$25=	\$500
Staff Training: Fall, 3days/6hrs/2Staff/\$25=	\$900
Winter, 3days/6hrs/2Staff/\$25=	\$900
Summer, 4days/6hrs/2Staff/\$25=	\$1,200
Leading School Field Trips, 40days/6hrs/2Staff/\$25=	\$12,000
Free Public Events/Hikes: Earth Day NOSD site, 3hrs/ 2Staff/\$25=	\$150
Día del Niño's Bothe, 5hrs/ 2Staff/\$25=	\$250

Free Public Events/Hikes Continued:

Get Out and Play Day NOSD site, 3hrs/ 2staff /\$25=	\$150
Mushrooms of Bothe, 3hrs/ 2Staff/ \$25=	\$150
Birds of Bothe, 3hrs/2Staff/ \$25=	\$150
Spring Hikes 2 NOSD sites, 2 days/ 3hrs/ 2Staff/ \$25=	\$300
Leading Paid Programs, 5days/3hrs/2Staff/\$25=	\$750
Admin. Outreach/Program Logistics, 120hrs/\$25=	\$3,000
Program/Curriculum Enhancement, 45hrs x \$25=	\$1,125
(Includes Planning Next Summer 2019)	

Estimated Total of Mycelium Project Staff Costs: \$26,325

Liability Insurance Costs for 1 year: \$1,536

Supplies (see attached Wants/Inventory List): \$2,000

Transportation for School Programs: 40days, at a rate up to \$500/day or \$20,000

*Money not used on buses can be used for more Field Trips and Outreach

Estimated Grand Total: \$83,575



STAFF REPORT

By: John Woodbury
Date: August 13, 2018
Item: **4.D**
Subject: Consideration and potential decision on whether to create a Google Inside Virtual Tour for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to develop of Google Virtual Tour for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, with an emphasis on the cabins and yurts.

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

Board President Randol has requested the District consider creating a 360 degree Google Inside Virtual Tour for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. A virtual tour enables an internet user to travel around a site, inside and out of buildings, and look around in all directions at selected locations. It can be a very useful way to show potential visitors what you have to offer. Virtual tours are becoming increasingly popular, particularly with hotels and tourist destinations.

A Google Virtual Tour of the cabins and yurts at Bothe could be an effective way of increasing the occupancy rate for our cabins and yurts. A Virtual Tour that includes the park entrance, the pool, and the inside of one yurt and one cabin would cost about \$1,000 to produce. A demonstration of a Virtual Tour will be provided at the Board meeting.

Staff believes this would be a good feature to have. The Virtual Tour would be placed on the Google Business page that Google has created for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. To do this, the District would need to take control of this Google Business Page. At the present time, there is no fee associated with taking control of Google Business Pages, though that may change in the future.

Any time someone uses Google to search for the park, the Google Business Page for the park is automatically displayed. Currently, because the District has not taken control of this Google Business Page, the information contained on the page is incomplete and not entirely accurate. By taking control of the page, in addition to serving up the Virtual Tour, the District would be able to improve the quality of the information provided.



NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK &
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Date: August 13, 2018
Item: **4.E**
Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff

RECOMMENDATION

(1) 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 July of 2018. There are very few expenses for this month as most invoices were held to be paid August 1st at the request of the County auditor's office due to the need to close out the books for last fiscal year.

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

Agreement 18-08 Nimbus Arts for Nature Camp no cost agreement

PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT -JULY 2018 EXPENSE REPORT

Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
07/19/2018	Insurance Premium	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES	\$ 923.97
07/19/2018	Internet July 2018	VALLEY INTERNET	\$ 169.00

Camp Berryessa - 85010-03

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
07/24/2018	Expense Reimbursement	CAHILL,CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	\$ 50.14

State Park - 85010-08

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
07/13/2018	PR2GL Pay End 6/29/18		\$ 6,315.90
07/13/2018	PR2GL Pay End 6/29/18		\$ 339.51
07/13/2018	PR2GL Pay End 6/29/18		\$ 391.61
07/18/2018	Heartland credit card fees-USB		\$ 70.34

Amy's Grove - 85010-10

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
07/31/2018	Delinquent tax, roll year 2017	NAPA COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 38.21
07/31/2018	Delinquent tax, roll year 2017	NAPA COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 38.21

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

Projects Status Report

August 13, 2018

Name of Project Description

Status

<p>Amy's Grove Planning and permits for public use of Amy's Grove</p>	<p>The archaeological survey has been completed and did not find evidence of native American activity. The botanical survey has been completed and submitted for review. Much of Amy's Grove burned in the October 2017 fires, but the damage appears to be limited. Staff is engaged in ongoing conversations with neighboring property owners which may ultimately result in changes to or even an expansion of the project.</p>
<p>Bay Area Ridge Trail Napa-Solano Ridge Trail Loop Assignment of Tuteur Ridge Trail easement from the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the District</p>	<p>The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council obtained a donated easement from the Tuteur family and constructed a section of Bay Area Ridge Trail adjacent to Skyline Park. The Council and the property owner wish to transfer this easement to the District. Staff has reviewed with Mr. Tuteur the results of our survey for the Soscol Headwaters acquisition and together have arrived at a common understanding of property boundaries; Tuteur has agreed to modify the trail easement, as part of the transfer of the easement to the District, to reflect the actual property boundaries. In June 2017 the SPCA Board unilaterally decided to regulate access on the River to Ridge Trail through constructing and staffing a new guard shack, gate, and cyclone fencing at the eastern end of the trail. The guard shack, gate and cyclone fence on the R2R Trail was removed in late November 2017. Nearly all of the backcountry at Skyline Park burned in the 2017 fires. In December 2017, Forest Trails Alliance completed District-funded fire remediation trail work on the Tuteur Loop and the Loop is now accessible from Soscol Headwaters and the Soscol Knob. The Ridge Trail Council and Land Trust of napa County approved transfer of the trail easement in April 2018. The transfer of the easement to the District was completed in late May. Fire remediation work, including repairs to two partially burned bridge, has been completed. <u>District staff have upgraded gates and installed signage between Soscol and the Tuteur property in collaboration with the Tuteurs.</u></p>
<p>Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa An 8+ mile recreational trail generally following the Napa River and interior levees of associated wetlands.</p>	<p>Phase 2-B--Pond 10 to Soscol Ferry Road The design for the public crossing of the SMART tracks has been completed, and SMART, NRCA and the PUC have verbally agreed to allow the railroad crossing. A biological survey for the Fagan Marsh area has been completed; based on the results, CDFW 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. At the request of the City of American Canyon, in August 2017 City and District staff met to discuss strategies for completing the trail and those discussions are ongoing. The Board President and General Manager met with CDFW staff on June 12, 2018 to discuss CDFW concerns.</p>
<p>Berryessa Estates Acquire 480 acres next to Berryessa Estates from BLM at no fee through their Recreation and Public Purpose Act procedure. Would connect Lake Berryessa Estates to the District's Spanish Valley holdings.</p>	<p>The District in 2009 applied to BLM for a no-fee transfer of this property to the District for the no-fee transfer of this property; while this transfer has received conceptual approval by BLM staff, the formal approval has been delayed because of property title issues between BLM and BOR. 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. In 2015 Reclamation said they have done their work to clear up the title issue and it is now up to BLM to finish the transfer. BLM thought they would complete their work by the end of 2015, but this did not happen, and a new date for completion has not been set. BLM's timeline has been extended because BLM has determined that not only these but other federal lands in the same general area also need to have their revocation process completed, and they wish to resolve all at the same time. At a meeting on April 14, 2016, the new Superintendent for the Ukiah District of BLM committed to completing the transfer. Because of staffing changes at BLM, as of July 2018 no progress had been made.</p>

Berryessa Vista	Planning, stewardship and expansion of this wilderness park.	Volunteers working with the District have completed detailed GIS mapping showing all existing roads, creek crossings, vista points and potential campsites. The District sent a letter 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. In 2014 the Land Trust acquired an 80 acre inholding between District and BLM land, based on a District Board action in November 2014 agreeing to acquire the property from the Land Trust at a later date when funding is available. District and Land Trust staff in April 2016 placed a camera on the property in an attempt to identify the off-road vehicle and motorcycle users who have been causing some damage to the property. Staff has been monitoring the cameras since spring 2016 and has noted a small decrease in illegal off road vehicle use; staff will continue to monitor the cameras. <u>Staff is working on plans to create a formal boat-in backcountry camp at Berryessa Vista accessed from the BOR Capell Cove boat launch.</u>
Camp Berryessa	Redevelopment of former Boy Scout Camp into a 64 bed group/environmental education camp with 8 tent cabins, 2 covered group activity centers, a canoe/kayak dock, a central amphitheater and campfire ring, and a shower and composting toilet restroom facility.	A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction was provided by the Mead Foundation, together with a \$1.7 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. Construction of Phase I, which includes beds for up to 64 campers was completed in June 2016. Jim Hankes, a Bureau of Reclamation maintenance employee and life-long Berryessa resident has moved his park unit trailer onto the property and become our first volunteer camp host. Tuleyome, the BOR, and Forest Trails Alliance are very close to completing the new North End Trail, running from +/- Camp Berryessa to the north end of the Lake, approximately 7 miles each way. It's a wonderful amenity to Camp Berryessa and to the Lake. In early October, 2017 Caltrans delivered (at no cost to the District) the disassembled and individually numbered pieces of a former Monticello Road stone arch bridge to Camp Berryessa for our eventual use somewhere. A group of trail builders working with Tuleyome and the Student Conservation Association has also been staying at the Camp while they complete finishing work on the Berryessa North End Trail. We have been working to resolve issues with the composting toilets that have lead to several water leaks. <u>The County Fire, which ultimately burned 90,000+ acres on the east side of Lake Berryessa, spared the Camp but did lead to at least one cancellation.</u>
(The) Cove at Mt. Veeder	Reconstruction of campground and trails	The Cove was severely burned in the October 2017 fires; since then staff has been working on cleanup. A forester inspected the trees in late November 2017 to determine how many will need to be removed as hazards. Most of the trees in The Cove are dead or will be soon and will need to be removed before the camp can be reopened. Staff hiked most of the property in early January and confirmed that fire damage is severe and extensive. In early February the County Wildlife Conservation Commission toured the Cove to inspect fire impacts and discuss ways in which they might direct funding to fire recovery efforts County-wide. Staff is working with a forester to develop a plan for salvage logging after the rainy season is over to (a) remove hazardous dead trees in the campground area and (b) in the process also repair/improve the access road into the site. The Napa Girl Scout troops have already undertaken a number of projects to help restore the Cove, including new signage and rehabbing the campfire circle. Installation can, however, only happen once salvage logging is complete. Doug McConnell (NBC's Open Road) segment on The Cove (and Suscol Headwaters), comparing the effects of the fires in each location and lessons learned, was aired on Sunday June 24, 2018. Salvage logging commenced in late May, 2018 and is proceeding well. <u>Active logging wrapped up during the week of July 23rd and the logger has now shifted to clean-up and erosion control operations; after that work is complete the access road into the camp will be repaired and improved.</u>
District Non-profit Foundation	Organize a non-profit foundation to raise funds for District projects	The District Board has approved the goals, objectives and basic structure for a non-profit foundation to assist the District with fundraising. Director Turjanis in early 2015 began the process of preparing articles of incorporation and identifying potential Board members, but plans have been postponed to ensure what the District does is coordinated with fundraising efforts of other organizations.
Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails	Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct approximately 1 mile of new single track trail, into a loop trail system on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the planned Moore Creek Open Space Park trail system.	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. Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails formally opened with a ribbon cutting on October 18, 2014. The Sam the Eagle Trail was completed in April 2015 and, in staff's opinion, turned out wonderfully. Forest Trails Alliance donated a hand carved wooden trail sign that was installed at the northern terminus of the new trail. District staff and volunteers installed the Harold Kelly bench in early June 2015 and constructed a short ADA-compliant access trail to it on July 11, 2015. The County Wildlife Conservation Commission awarded the District a +/- \$2,000 grant to fund installation of an interpretive birding trail developed in partnership with Napa Solano Audubon along the north shore of the lake, signage was installed in May 2015. A new bench along the shoreline was dedicated to former Director Harold Kelly on October 22, 2015. Napa Marble and Granite installed (well, carved) new trail signage for the Shoreline and Sam the Eagle trails in early September 2017. A new trail ("Old Man's Beard Trail") was completed in February 2018. An extension of this trail to continue to the top of the unnamed peak in the Lake Hennessey Unit and connect to the existing Hennessey Vista Trail is planned for late 2018 or early 2019. <u>In June 2018 we met with the City of Napa and received approval to modify several not-yet-built trail segments and discussed an alternate parking configuration for the Conn Valley Road terminus. In mid July we inspected recently-constructed trails in Santa Cruz County in partnership with REMBA, all with an eye towards future trail builds on the Hennessey Unit.</u>

Moore Creek Park Development

Development of open space park on 673 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessey to protect habitat, provide recreational trails, and overnight camping facilities.

The park opened on June 30, 2013. Many miles of trails have been constructed, fencing installed, emergency communications capacity set up, repairs made to the two houses on the property, and invasive french broom removal has been ongoing. The eastern boundary survey and fencing project was completed June 2014. The property owner to the east of Moore Creek filed suit in June 2017 claiming the District owed additional money for the boundary survey and fence separating his property from ours. After several interim victories, the judge in early April 2018 issued the final ruling in support of the District's position; the District will now seek attorney's fees from the losing party. The "Dry Foot" Trail, including three small stone arch bridges, was completed in late January; this trail parallels the Moore Creek Trail but bypasses three stream crossings. Staff hosted trail scouting and trailbuilding volunteer events focused on the Madrone Trail in late May and early June, 2018. We have finalized leases with a tenants for the Gate House (effective Aug 1) and the Ranch House (effective September 1).

Montesol West

Acquisition of 1,254 acres west of Highway 29 north of Robert Louis Stevenson State Park

The District has the opportunity to purchase 1,254 acres west of Highway 29 adjacent to Robert Louis Stevenson State Park for a price of \$200,000. The area's conservation values have already been protected through an easement negotiated by the Trust for Public Land and now held by the Land Trust of Napa County. Purchase of fee title will permit the area to be used for public recreation. The District is preparing a Habitat Conservation Program grant application with assistance from TPL. A public presentation to the Middletown Area Town Hall was made on August 10, 2017, and to the Middletown Area Merchants Association on August 15 and September 14, 2017. With assistance from the Trust for Public Land, the District submitted a grant application to the State Habitat Conservation Fund for the remaining \$200,000 needed to complete the acquisition. We were awarded the grant in May, 2018; we attended a grant workshop in July 2018. We are working with the seller to work out final details, and expect to complete the purchase before the end of 2018.

Oat Hill Mine Trail

Various improvements to the historic Oat Hill Mine Road

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. Staff and volunteers in February 2013 did a comprehensive evaluation of erosion issues on the trail, and experts from the RCD joined staff for another evaluation in early April. 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. Volunteers made drainage improvements on the trail in late January 2015 and work parties to install drain dips to control erosion were held in January and April of 2016. A PG&E contractor attempted to drive an ATV up the OHMT in early June, and ended up going over the side and into a gully. They promptly removed the vehicle and repaired the trail damage. The first 1.3 miles of the trail was bulldozed as a result of CalFire efforts to suppress the October 2017 wildfires; one volunteer work party has already spent a Saturday remediating the damage. CalFire had agreed to come back to do more remediation, but subsequent fires in Southern California diverted their staff to help fight those fires. District staff and volunteers in February 2018 replaced the gate at the Calistoga trailhead that had been damaged by CalFire's fire fighting efforts. With the annual start of deer season, we recently hung advisory trail closure signs for the OHMT north of Holms Place. Staff has been tracking and participating in the City of Calistoga's trail and parkway redesign project at the Vine / Silverado/ OHM Trail intersection, which may result in parking improvements and general beautification of the area.

Rector Ridge/Stags Leap Ridge Trail

Construction of staging area and 6+ miles of Ridge Trail climbing east from Silverado Trail near Rector Creek.

CEQA on this project was completed several years ago--staff has prepared a draft update to the Negative Declaration due to the passage of time since the original approval. The project concept has been approved by the District Board, and was positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. However, Veterans Home staff had been having difficulty figuring out what approval process is needed, because of ongoing discussions at the state level about the appropriate roles and future programs for the Veterans Home, and then key management staff at the Veterans Home retired in November 2010, so progress was delayed pending the filling of their vacant positions. The District will restart the process when other priorities are under control.

Skyline Park

Permanent protection of Skyline Park

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 Assembly member 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; the Planning Commission certified the EIR on October 21, 2015. On October 22, 2015, the State applied to the county to rezone Skyline Park by removing the Skyline Wilderness park Combining District overlay, which would make it easier for the State to sell for development and at a higher price. The Planning Commission certification for the quarry expansion was appealed to the Board of Supervisors by two organizations. The District in February 2016 submitted two letters to the Board of Supervisors, one requesting the setback between the quarry and the park be protected through a permanent conservation easement, and the other expressing support for the changes to the quarry project that were recommended by the County Planning Department, with additional protection for Pasini Ridge. In April 2016 the District presented its position to the Board of Supervisors at the public hearing for the project. The Board of Supervisors rejected the appeals and approved the quarry expansion in July 2016. Legislation introduced by Senator Wolk in January 2016 stalled when the State announced it was opposed to any sale of Skyline Park to the District until completion of a state planning process for future health and welfare services.

Smittle Creek

Planning and permits to open this 411 acre holding for public use

The District completed purchase of this property in December 2015. The next step is to conduct resource surveys, complete CEQA, and obtain permits. A botanist was retained in early 2016 to do a reconnaissance level survey of plant resources as the first step in planning for the property; his report was received in January 2017; the report describes the property as one of the best locations in the County for native grasses. US Geological Survey has requested permission to place a seismic monitoring station on the property; staff has worked with them to identify an appropriate location. In July 2016 the placement request was submitted to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for concurrence, which as the provider of the grant to acquire the property has the right to review such changes. WCB approved the request in August. An access agreement with USGS is before the District Board for approval at the September 2016 meeting. A group of 20+ people from Tuleyome were given a hiking tour of the property in December 2016, as a way to build interest in the property and build a pool of volunteers to help with restoration and improvement of the property. On March 4 2017, Tuleyome volunteers brushed the Iron Mountain trail (in the Cedar Roughts Wilderness, but accessed via Smittle Creek.) A volunteer clean-up project tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2017 was postponed due to the need to focus on fire remediation elsewhere.

Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats, and Stone Corral

Planning for open space donated by Bob and Evalyn Trinchero

Staff met with key community leaders from Lake Berryessa Estates on February 6 and March 6, 2011. A public session was held April 21st at the Pope Valley Farm Center. The District took possession of the properties on January 1, 2012. The District in October 2012 granted an easement across the District's Stone Corral property to resolve one of the clouds on the title to this land. Staff met with the LBEOA Board many times in 2011-2013 to discuss use of the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral areas. District staff 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 boy scouts GPS'd old ranch roads and 4-wheel drive tracks on the Spanish Valley. A contract for archeological surveying (a required part of the CEQA process) was completed by Tom Origer and Associates in in June, 2014. Staff completed a preliminary survey of the Spanish Valley access road in late July 2012 and, while legal access to the property has been established, it does not appear that the existing road is located within the Spanish Valley Trail easement. Staff discussed purchasing the affected property, but the landowner wanted more than staff believed the property would be appraised for. 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. The Board in March 2015 adopted interim policies for the Crystal Flats and Stone Corral holdings regarding hunting, shooting, fires and motorized vehicle use. The District in 2015 reimbursed the Lake Berryessa Estates Property Owner's Association for half the cost (~\$4,000) for pruning hazardous trees in the small campground within the Crystal Flats property. In late March 2017 staff met with the Association President to talk about potentially splitting the cost of new automatic gates to better control access to Putah Creek within the District's Stone Corral and Crystal Flats holdings. In late April 2017 the General Manager authorized using the \$5,000 in restricted funds available to these holdings to help pay for the new gates. In late May District staff met with biologists and lands specialists from the Land Trust to discuss controlled burns and other preservation management options in Spanish Valley. The District and Land Trust have begun the process of developing a backup conservation easement that would be held by the Land Trust to provide additional protection for the property. In March 2018 the Property Owners Association approached the District to get authorization for them to involve the sheriff when faced with trespass by unauthorized people and vandalism of the gates that controls access. Staff is encouraging the Association to enter into an operating agreement with the District.

Suscol Headwaters Preserve

Improvements to Suscol Headwaters Preserve

Having completed purchase of the Preserve in November, 2017 the District now needs to make improvements required by funders, acquire a Napa County Use Permit, and make improvements necessary to open and operate the eventual park. Improvements needed to satisfy funders include the construction of a California red legged frog (CRLF) breeding pond and various habitat improvements focused on, but not exclusively in, the pond area. Improvements necessary to open and operate the eventual park include in the planning and construction of a trail network, design and installation of signage, and the potential future construction of a parking lot and trailhead improvements off-property to the south, on or near Highway 12 in Jameson Canyon. On July 1st 2015 the board of the Napa Sanitation District approved an easement option agreement which may allow us to construct a trail and trailhead parking lot on their Kelly Road sprayfield property. Alternate off-site options are also being pursued. A portion of the property, mostly in Phase II, burned in the October 2017 firestorm; some trees were killed, and a perimeter grazing fence was destroyed, but otherwise damage was not catastrophic. Staff is working on a funding agreement with the County of Napa that would result in the District receiving the remaining \$196,000 needed to fund frog pond construction. We have installed No Trespassing signs adjacent to ranch roads descending off of Suscol Knob to further limit access to the lower portions of the preserve, where property lines are not necessarily well marked or fenced.

State Parks

Operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park

The District, with assistance from the Napa Valley State Parks Association, took over management of the parks on April 1, 2012. Since then the District has obtained permits and done improvements to the pool, installed 7 yurts, instituted recycling in the campground and day use areas, pumped all septic

system tanks annually, repaired the historic Wright House for use as a rental property, restored 5 cabins, constructed a new shower/toilet facility, and made a large dent in the backlog of deferred maintenance. District efforts to pass legislation allowing the sale of grain from the Bale Mill were unsuccessful. The District has de facto also taken on responsibility for Robert Louis Stevenson State Park, funding repairs to the Silverado House, working with State Parks to get a caretaker into that house to prevent vandalism. In 2014 the District started the process of extending the District's 5 year Operating Agreement and including RLS in the agreement; approval of that new agreement is still pending. The existing OA expired on March 31, 2017; the District is now operating the parks on a month-to-month basis until State Parks can complete the new agreement. The draft OA is now undergoing final review in Sacramento. The District is working with the Vine Trail on the proposed alignment of the Vine Trail through Bothe. More detail on current activities are contained in a separate Parks Report for Bothe and Bale. A storage area at the vacant Silverado House in RLS was broken into in May 2018; State Parks has verbally agreed to let the District repair the house and place a camp host/caretaker on site to prevent further vandalism, and staff is seeking bids to do the repair work.

Vallejo Lakes

Possible purchase of 1100 acres of surplus Vallejo Water District lands, of which 200 acres are located in Napa County, and Lake Curry which is entirely in Napa County

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 surplussing 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 surplussing 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 surplussing 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. The Solano County Board of Supervisors has met in closed session to discuss the Lake Curry property. A meeting with Solano County representatives took place January 27, 2017. Solano County is seriously investigating the feasibility of acquiring the lakes and managing their water supplies; as part of this investigation they are also looking at the feasibility of partnering with the District to manage public recreational access.

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.

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, but in the end the cities and the county decided that each entity will maintain the section within their jurisdiction, rather than paying into a common fund for common maintenance. District staff joined with Vine Trail and State Parks staff in October 2016 to discuss the Vine Trail route through Bothe-Napa Valley State Park; the solution that State Parks is willing to accept will add an estimated \$600,000 to the cost of the Vine Trail. On behalf of the District, the GM in January 2017 wrote a letter of support for their application for funding from NVTA. Caltrans is proposing to replace the aging bridge over Mill Creek; since the construction as proposed could have significant adverse effects for both the Vine Trail and the Bale Mill, District and Vine Trail staff meet with Caltrans and NVTA to discuss ways to mitigate the impacts.

Completed Projects

Amy's Grove Donation of 50 acres along Dry Creek and Wing Creek

The donation of approximately 50 acres of open space from the Chamberlain family to the District closed in December 2015.

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

Constructed approximately 5 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of American Canyon along the Napa River was completed in

Phase One--Eucalyptus Drive to Green Island Road	April 2012, in partnership with the City of American Canyon, Department of Fish and Game and Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.
Phase Two-A Pond 10	DFW surfaced the existing levee with gravel and opened the gate to the public in spring 2015.
Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe	Completed construction in spring of 2015 of 0.7 miles between Soscol Ferry Road and the Napa Pipe property in the Napa Valley Corporate Park. The contractor will need to return in the summer of 2015 to reapply stabilizer in those spots where it didn't set up due to cold and wet weather.
Berryessa Peak Trail	Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. A Negative Declaration and Use Permit hearing was approved December 16, 2009 by the County Planning Commission. An Operations and Management Plan has been approved by the property owner and the District. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. There have been volunteer trail building work parties have been held numerous times between 2011 and the present, and the trail is now done except for signage and a fence crossing. District staff met with Fish and Game on June 15, 2012 to discuss signage at the trailhead on DFG property, and in November 2012 submitted signage language for DFG review. Staff contacted DFG (now DFW) in February of 2013, again in early April, and again in late summer to determine the status of their review. In January 2014 DFW staff responded with an alternative entry sign design, and accepted our fence stile design. Volunteers installed the fence stile in March 2014. DFW installed the trail sign in late June 2015, though the sign copy is missing some information required by the trail easement that the trail uses after leaving DFW property. See attached picture. Staff has prepared two new signs to be placed at the termini of the private land trail easement that clearly state the rules for using the easement; these were installed by volunteers in late December 2015.
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.
Cedar Roughs/Smittle Creek	Purchase of the property closed in December 2015.
Acquisition of 443 acres providing public access to Cedar Roughs from Smittle Creek Day Use Area	
Connolly Ranch	Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.
The Cove at Mt Veeder	The acquisition of The Cove was completed in December 2017.
Aquisition of a 160 former Girl Scout Camp	
Historic ROW Analysis	Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those which have greatest potential.
Study to determine location and status of historic road Rights-of-Way and their value as non-motorized recreational trails	
Linda Falls Conservation Easement	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
Linda Falls Conservation Easement	The District previously obtained a conservation easement on one of several parcels owned by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust desired to expand this conservation easement to include all of the land trust's holdings at Linda Falls. The purpose is to provide an additional layer of protection for the property. This is a continuation of a long-term project for the district and land trust to hold easements over each other's properties to protect against unforeseen circumstances that could threaten the conservation values of the properties. The District Board approved acceptance of the easement at its October 2016 meeting, and the easement was finalized and recorded in December 2016.
Expansion of conservation easement to cover all of the property at Linda Falls owned by the Land Trust of Napa County	
Master Plan Development	The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009
Master Plan Update	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.
First scheduled update to the Master Plan adopted in January 2009	
Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study	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 Miliken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running.
Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area	

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.

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.

Oat Hill Mine Trail

Transfer of 40 acre parcel from BLM

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. BLM in April 2016 indicated they did not want to transfer this parcel, so the District's application will be dropped.

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 currently encroaches on

River to Ridge Trail Entrance Enhancements

A new information kiosk was installed at the entrance in December 2008 as part of a Boy Scout project. Several Live Oak seedlings were donated by CNPS and have been planted at the entrance to improve its appearance.

River to Ridge Trail

Correct drainage problems to trail can be used year-round.

Two volunteer work weekends in March and April and two more in May of 2010 were organized by the District to clear brush, improve drainage, and surface about 300 feet of the trail with quarry fines to control problems with mud. Volunteers completed additional work in August 2011.

Skyline Park Road and Trail Improvements

Erosion control work on Lake Marie Road, and paving of campground loop road, completed in 2007 using State Prop 12 funds.

Skyline Park Concessionaire Agreement Renewal

District staff negotiated renewal of concessionaire agreement on behalf of the County. The renewal involved changes to the fee schedule and amendments to and approval of subagreements with three non-profit partner 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 was approved in concept by the flood control district, and Park District staff prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. Subsequently,

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.

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.

Suscol Headwaters

Acquisition of 709 acres of the former Kirkland Ranch

The acquisition was completed in November 2017.

Trinchero 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.

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.

July 2018 Bothe-Napa Valley State Park/Bale Mill Report:

- State Parks' construction crew has been inactive most of the month awaiting parts for door handles for upper restroom. State Parks has provided a punch list to the contractor. The contractor's projected completion of upper restroom and start on the next restroom demolition is August 14th.
- The State Park Trail crew is nearly complete with the Cemetery trail. There are a couple spots needing touch up for full ADA compliance for grade requirements. Work on display panels continues in consultation with State Parks.
- July 4th weekend(s) were busy but not overwhelming due to the actual holiday being on a Wednesday.
- The Napa Open Space District and The Mycelium Project ran their inaugural summer camp, Camp Calypso, from July 16- 20. The camp followed a timeline theme from the formation of the earth to the preservation of the environment today. Activities included storytelling, creek exploration, sawing and mill tour, swimming, and general immersion in the beauty of Bothe-Napa Valley Park. While we had hoped for more participants, the size of the group was good for the first camp. We hope to build on this success by creating even more offerings and look at marketing and promotion for next year.
- Carolyn Sanders held the 19th annual Nature Camp at Bothe July 30-August 3. They had 16 participants from local areas including returnees. Bothe staff supported the camp, providing lifeguards and a mill tour.
- Unfortunately vandalism at the mill caused a break to the waterline from the pump to the flume. Tours and interpretation continued but milling demonstrations did not occur for 2 weeks. The repair has been made and the mighty wheel spins again!
- Junior Ranger and adult hikes are held every Saturday through Labor Day. There were 61 children and 36 adult participants for junior ranger program, and 2 adult hike participants for hikes in July.
- The environmental education team reached out to the Boys and Girls Club to provide programming at the park. On July 12th, a group of 20 kids came for a led hike, activities and tour of the visitor center.
- Bothe has been hosting evacuees from Lake County Fires, making it four years in a row.