



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

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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

Napa County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Napa, CA

#### General Information

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

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

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

#### 2. Public Comment

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

### 3. Set Matters

- a. Consideration and potential approval of the Suscol Headwaters Park Development Plan and adoption of the project CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration.

### 4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meeting of December 9, 2019.
- b. Consideration and adoption of Board meeting calendar for 2020.
- c. Consideration and potential approval of 20 year operating agreement with California State Parks for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.
- d. Consideration and potential approval of a bicycle skills course at Skyline 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.*

### 7. Closed Session

- a. Annual Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)  
TITLE: General Manager

### 8. Adjournment



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## **STAFF REPORT**

*By:* Kyra Purvis  
*Date:* January 13, 2020  
*Item:* **3.a**  
*Subject:* Consideration and potential approval of the Suscol Headwaters Park Development Plan and adoption of the project CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration.

### RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Open public hearing and take comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- (2) Close public hearing and adopt the project Mitigated Negative Declaration based on recommended findings 1-5, below.
- (3) Approve the proposed Suscol Headwaters Park Development Plan.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared.** According to the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the proposed project would have potentially significant effects on Biological Resources unless mitigation measures are adopted. The project site is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code §65962.5.

### BACKGROUND

The District acquired 709 acres at the headwaters of Suscol Creek in southern Napa between 2015 and 2017, and has been preparing to develop the land for public access. Since that time, the District has planned a network of trails, and has had the land surveyed for potential biological resources by local botanical expert Jake Rugyt. Consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District intends to act as lead agency for this project and has prepared the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration to that end. The Board should read and consider that attached CEQA document prior to taking action on this item.

The proposed park is located near the intersection of Highway 12 and Highway 29, approximately 6.5 miles northeast of American Canyon and 3.5 miles southeast of central Napa, serving the two fastest growing population centers in the County. It is adjacent to Skyline Wilderness Park and Tuteur Ranch. Access to Suscol Headwaters will be through Skyline Wilderness Park and the Napa Solano Ridge Trail easement across the Tuteur Ranch, with the existing Napa Solano Ridge Trail being extending into the proposed park. Visitors will access Suscol Headwaters through either the main Skyline Wilderness Park entrance off Imola Avenue, or the River to Ridge entrance off the Napa Vallejo Highway. There is no new access proposed at this time.

The District is planning approximately 7.31 miles of multi-use trail within Suscol Headwaters, approximately 6.25 miles of which is new trail. The majority of trails are single-track, although some follow the existing ranch roads for short stretches. The environmental review determined that there would be no significant impacts as a result of the project, with one mitigation measure implemented. The botanical report found a special status plant onsite, which will be flagged prior to trail construction in order to avoid potential impacts.

On December 12, 2019 the District General Manager issued a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Public comments must be received in writing by 4:45 pm on Monday, January 10, 2020, or submitted to the District Board as part of the public hearing for this item. No comments have been received as of the time of this writing; if additional comments are received at or prior to the hearing we will respond either with an addendum to this staff report or verbally at the hearing.

The District applied for a Use Permit from the County for this project on December 12, 2019. The application also included a modification to the existing Use Permit for the Napa Solano Ridge Trail, to correct the route, provide a public through-connection to the Suscol Headwaters Park from the existing trail, and update the conditions of approval. If the District Board adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Use Permit, consider acceptance of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and consider the Use Permit and Use Permit Modification. Planning Commission action is tentatively scheduled for February 19, 2020. The Suscol Headwaters Park would be officially opened to the public shortly thereafter.

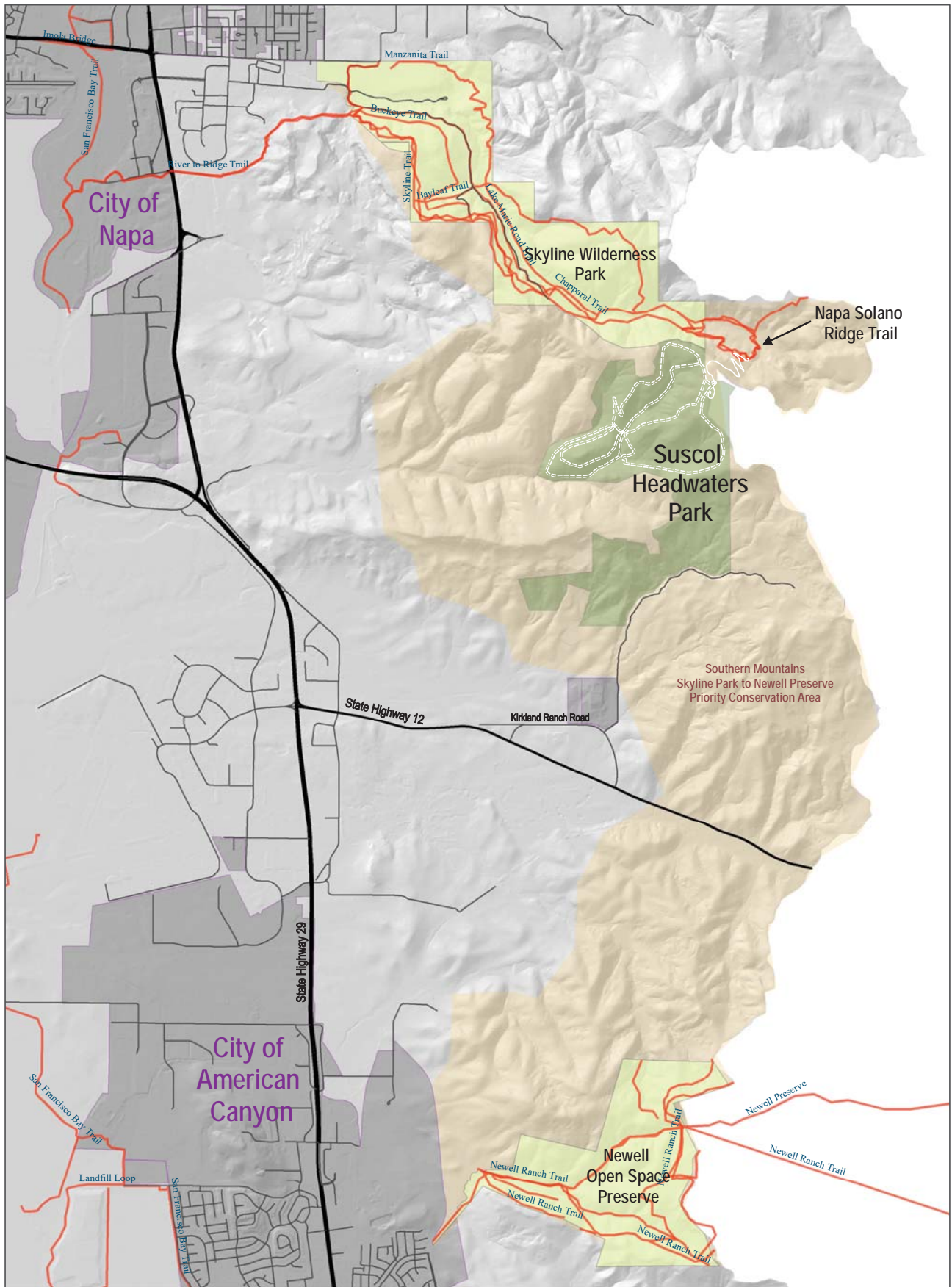
The park will initially be served by the existing trails, as shown in the Park Development Plan, which would be accessible by the public immediately upon park opening. Construction of the remaining trails would likely begin in the winter of 2020-2021.

#### RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

The Board of Directors has received and reviewed the proposed **Mitigated Negative Declaration** pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and of the District's Local Procedures for Implementing CEQA, and makes the following findings. That:

1. Prior to taking action on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed project, the Board read and considered said Declaration.
2. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on independent judgment exercised by the Board.
3. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and considered in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. Considering the record as whole, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
5. The Secretary of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District is the custodian of the records of the proceedings on which this decision is based. Records are located at the offices of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, 1125 Third Street, Second Floor, Napa, Calif.

# Napa Open Space District



## Location Map Suscol Headwaters Park

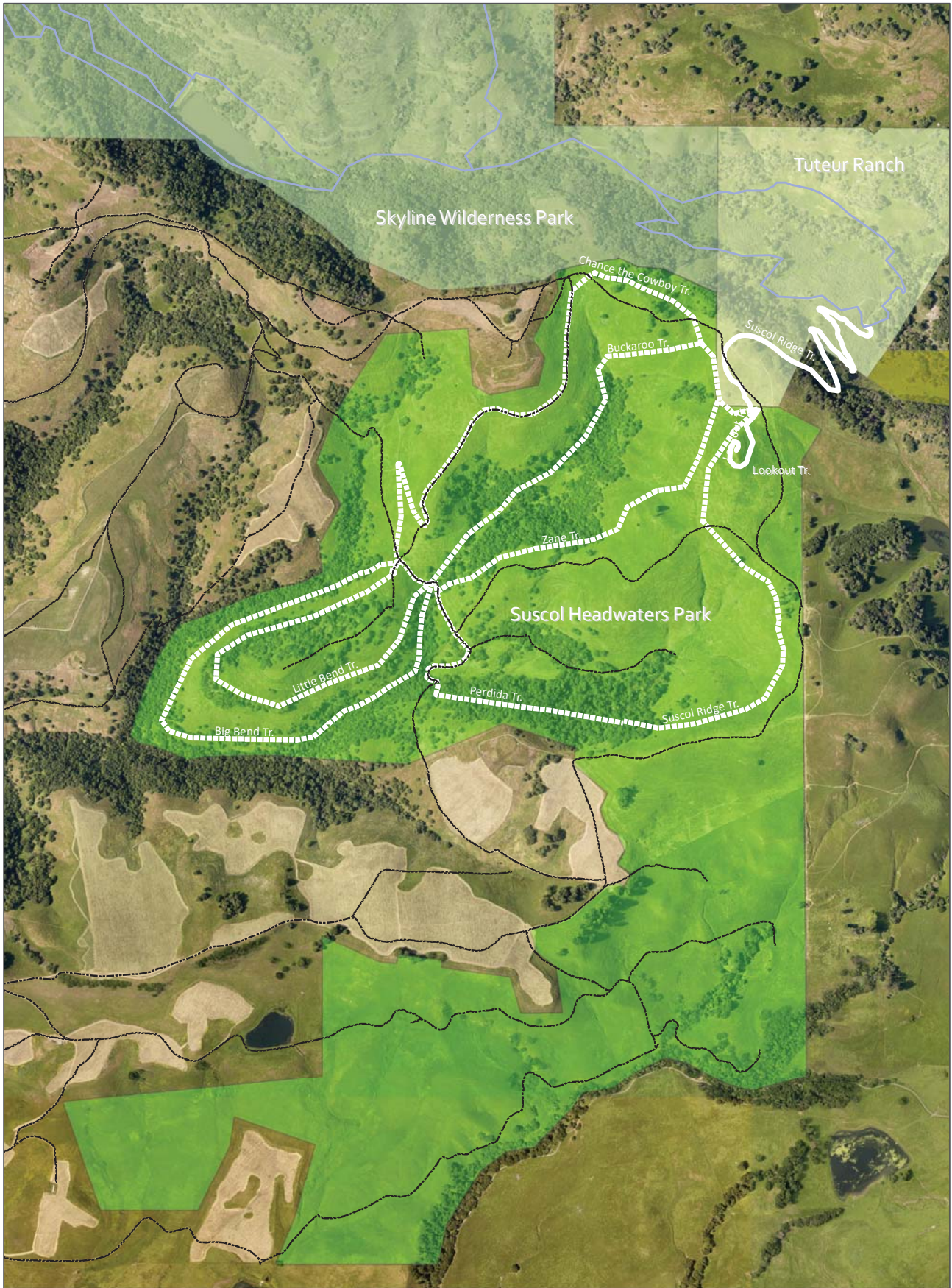
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	Existing open space
	Cities
	Priority Conservation Area

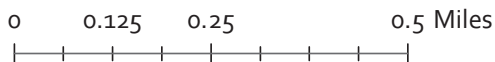


# Napa Open Space District



## Draft Park Development Plan Suscol Headwaters Park

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Legend	
	Suscol Headwaters
	Ranch Roads
	Skyline Trails
Project Trails	
	Proposed
	Existing



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## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

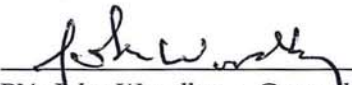
December 5, 2019

1. **Project Title:** Suscol Headwaters Park
2. **Property Owner:** Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District
3. **Contact person, phone number and email:** Kyra Purvis, Park and Open Space Planner, (707) 299-1788, [kpurvis@ncrposd.org](mailto:kpurvis@ncrposd.org)
4. **Project location and APN:** The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration covers 709 acres owned by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, spread among four parcels immediately south of Skyline Wilderness Park (APNs #045-360-013 (partial), -014, -022, and 057-030-014). County Zoning: Agricultural Watershed (AW) and Agricultural Watershed-Airport Compatibility (AW-AC).
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, Chris Cahill, Principal Planner, 1195 Third Street, Second Floor, Napa, Calif. 94559 ([ccahill@ncrposd.org](mailto:ccahill@ncrposd.org))
6. **General Plan Designation:** The project site is designated as Agricultural Watershed/Open Space in the County of Napa General Plan.
7. **Zoning:** The majority of the project site is designated as Agricultural Watershed in the County of Napa Zoning Code. The western-most portions of the project site are designated Agricultural Watershed-Airport Compatibility.
8. **Project Description:** Adoption of a Park Plan by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District and application to and adoption of a Use Permit by the County of Napa, to allow the Suscol Headwaters Park to be improved and operated as a publicly-accessible open space and park and recreational facility, with access via the existing Skyline Wilderness Park and development primarily consisting of trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The project also includes an amendment to Napa County Use Permit P04-0416 (Napa Solano Ridge Trail) to correct the route, provide a public through-connection to the Suscol Headwaters Park from the existing trail, and update the conditions of approval.

### PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION:

The General Manager of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District has tentatively determined that the following project would not have a significant effect on the environment and the District intends to adopt a **negative declaration**. Documentation supporting this determination is contained in the attached Initial Study Checklist and is available for inspection at the offices of the Napa County Department of Planning, Building and Environmental Services, 1195 Third St., Suite 210, Napa, CA 94559 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:45 PM Monday through Friday (excepting holidays).

Dec 10, 2019  
DATE:

  
BY: John Woodbury, General Manager

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD:** Written comments may be submitted through January 10, 2020

*Please send written comments to the attention of Kyra Purvis, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, at 1195 Third St., Second Floor, Napa, Calif. 94559, or via e-mail to [kpurvis@ncrposd.org](mailto:kpurvis@ncrposd.org). The Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District will consider adoption of this Mitigated Negative Declaration at a public hearing subsequent to the close of the written comment period. A public hearing for the Use Permit and associated County approvals on this project will be held by the County of Napa thereafter. Oral and written comments may also be submitted at the time of these hearings. You may confirm the date and time of Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District hearing by calling (707) 299-1788. Please contact the Napa County Department of Planning, Building and Environmental Services for information on any County of Napa proceedings.*



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6. **General Plan Designation:** The project site is designated as Agricultural Watershed/Open Space in the County of Napa General Plan.
7. **Zoning:** The majority of the project site is designated as Agricultural Watershed in the County of Napa Zoning Code. The western-most portions of the project site are designated Agricultural Watershed-Airport Compatibility.
8. **Project Description:** Adoption of a Park Plan by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District and application to and adoption of a Use Permit by the County of Napa, to allow the Suscol Headwaters Preserve to be improved and operated as a publicly-accessible open space and park and recreational facility, with access via the existing Skyline Wilderness Park and development primarily consisting of trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The project also includes an amendment to Napa County Use Permit P04-0416 (Napa Solano Ridge Trail) to correct the route, provide a public through-connection to the Suscol Headwaters Park from the existing trail, and update the conditions of approval.
9. **Environmental Setting and Surrounding Land Uses**

The proposed project encompasses the 709-acre Suscol Headwaters property owned by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. Suscol Headwaters is mostly undeveloped and currently includes a network of dirt ranch roads traversing the property. It has historically been used for cattle grazing, which continues to take place on the property under a lease with the District. The property contains a variety of mostly non-native grasslands, mixed Oak Woodlands, and riparian vegetation.

The land east and north of Suscol Headwaters is divided into four primarily undeveloped parcels, much of which are used for cattle grazing. There are four adjacent properties to the west and south that are developed with vineyard, and one permitted for vineyard but not yet developed. To the southwest, but not immediately adjacent to Suscol Headwaters are the Napa Sanitation District spray fields.

The Project is approximately 2 miles east of State Highway 29 and one mile north of State Highway 12.

10. **Other agencies whose approval is required:** (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement).  
County of Napa (Use Permit, Use Permit Minor Modification)

**Responsible (R) and Trustee (T) Agencies:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Other Agencies/Organizations Contacted:**

Skyline Wilderness Park Citizen's Association

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND BASIS OF CONCLUSIONS:**

The conclusions and recommendations contained herein are professional opinions derived in accordance with current standards of professional practice. They are based on a review of the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps, other sources of information listed in the file, the comments received, conversations with knowledgeable individuals, the preparer's personal knowledge of the area, and where necessary visits to the site and surrounding areas. For further information see the environmental background information contained in the permanent file on this project.

**On the basis of this initial evaluation:**

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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BY: John Woodbury  
General Manager  
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

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Date

## Detailed Project Description

### Suscol Headwaters Park

The Suscol Headwaters Park project involves the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District improving and providing public access to and nature-based recreation on 709 acres of publicly-owned ridgeline open space spread across the Suscol Creek, Sheehy Creek, and Fagan Creek watersheds adjacent to Skyline Wilderness and due north of Jameson Canyon Road. Public access to the park would be via the Skyline Wilderness Park trail network with alternate administrative, public safety, and other by-invitation access from Anderson Road to the west over existing improved vineyard roads. The project also includes an amendment to Napa County Use Permit P04-0416 (Napa Solano Ridge Trail) to correct the route, provide a public through-connection to the Suscol Headwaters Park from the existing trail, and update the conditions of approval. Proposed uses, facilities, and other notable features of the project are summarized below:

#### Proposed Uses

- **Hiking.** Allowed except when the park is closed due to high fire hazard, excessively wet trails, or other hazards (see discussion in “Other Notable Features” section regarding park closure policy).
- **Mountain biking.** Allowed on all named trails, except when park is closed due to high fire hazard, excessively wet trails, or other hazards (see discussion in “Other Notable Features” section regarding park closure policy).
- **Horseback riding.** Same as for mountain biking.
- **Nature observation and study.** Allowed year-round, except when necessary to restrict use due to high fire hazard, excessively wet trails, or other hazards (see discussion in “Other Notable Features” section regarding park closure policy).
- **No Motorized Recreation.** Except as required or recommended by state and federal disability access laws and regulations, no motorized recreation will be permitted, and the public will not be permitted to drive any form of motorized vehicle within the preserve.
- **Other low-impact outdoor recreation and education.** Open space-based activities that do not disturb the natural character of the area, such as non-invasive geocaching or picnicking, but not including public hunting (hunting and trapping for management purposes by the District and its agents would be allowed), target shooting, or barbecuing, may be allowed.

#### Proposed Facilities<sup>1</sup>

A total of 7.31 miles of trails are included in the project, +/- 6.25 of which are new trails.

- **Lookout Trail** (0.19 mile). An existing single-track trail that connects a lookout point in the northern portion of the property to the existing portion of the Suscol Ridge Trail, which in turn connects to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District’s Napa-Solano Ridge Trail, a dedicated easement over the Tuteur Family property that goes on to connect to Skyline Wilderness Park.
- **Suscol Ridge Trail** (1.70 miles). A new single-track trail that sweeps from higher elevations in the northeastern portion of the property down through grassland to meet the Perdida Trail. The Suscol Ridge Trail also includes a portion of existing single-track trail connecting Suscol Headwaters Park and the Napa Solano Ridge Trail.
- **Buckaroo Trail** (0.88 mile). A new single-track trail that descends from the existing portion of the Suscol Ridge Trail, following a tributary to Suscol Creek. This trail joins an existing ranch road

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<sup>1</sup> Trail routes and lengths are approximate and may be adjusted, within the corridors shown in the Park Development Plan, as required by field conditions. Trail names are preliminary and subject to change.

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for approximately 0.25 mile, where it crosses the Suscol Creek tributary at an existing ranch road crossing (no new crossing would be constructed).

- **Chance the Cowboy Trail** (1.16 miles). An existing unimproved ranch road that follows a north-south ridge on the northwestern portion of the property, plus an approximately 300-foot stretch of new single-track at the northern end of the ranch road and a 500-foot segment of new single-track at the southern end. This trail connects with the Buckaroo Trail to the north and the Big and Little Bend Trails to the south.
- **Big Bend Trail** (1.17 miles). A new single-track trail that begins at the southern terminus of the Chance the Cowboy Trail and loops around a prominent topographic feature (“the Knob”) in the western portion of the property.
- **Little Bend Trail** (0.97 mile). A new single-track trail that follows a similar course to the Big Bend Trail, but at higher elevations around the Knob.
- **Zane Trail** (0.64 mile). A new single-track trail that follows a similar descent to the Buckaroo Trail, on the eastern side of the basin above the creek. This trail connects to the Buckaroo Trail in the north and the Perdida Trail in the south.
- **Perdida Trail** (0.60 mile). A new single-track trail connecting the Suscol Ridge and Zane Trails, creating a 2.09-mile loop through the central and eastern portions of the property.
- **Signage**. A kiosk and map will be installed at the park entrance from Skyline Wilderness Park, welcoming visitors to Suscol Headwaters and advising them of rules and regulations. Directional signage will be included at trailheads and junctions, and signs advising users of park boundaries.

#### Other Notable Features

- **Low Impact**. Every aspect of construction and operation of the park will be designed to be low impact in terms of resource and energy consumption and generation of pollutants. There will be no motorized recreation within the park.
- **California red-legged frog**. The District will be constructing a red-legged frog pond and improving the surrounding habitat as part of an existing funding and mitigation agreement with Caltrans and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The area immediately surrounding the pond will be fenced to exclude both humans and wild pigs and to allow tightly controlled flash cattle grazing.
- **Wildfire hazard**. Park activities will be limited as appropriate, up to and including full park closure, as needed during periods of extreme wildfire hazard, as determined by the County Fire Marshall or additionally whenever in the District’s judgment the combination of forecasted temperature, humidity, and wind suggest extreme wildfire hazard. No open fires will be allowed.
- **Wet weather**. Trails will be closed as needed during and after rainstorms to prevent soil erosion and damage to trails. Appropriate closure protocols for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians will be adopted and enforced. The performance standard used to guide the closure protocols will be that there is no trail-related sediment flow either directly or indirectly into local creeks.
- **Other Hazards**. Trails will be partially or fully closed, and the park may be completely closed to the public as needed to avoid conflict with District property maintenance activities, or as needed to avoid any other public safety hazard or to protect water quality or other natural resources.
- **Hunting and shooting**. No sport hunting or target shooting will be allowed.
- **Grazing**. Existing grazing will be allowed to continue. The duration and intensity of grazing will be guided by the existing Suscol Mountain grazing management plan, adopted as a component of the Suscol Mountain Vineyards ECP. A key grazing objective will be to use grazing to control the risk of wildfire and the spread of invasive weeds.
- **Fencing**. The property is largely fenced along its perimeter and internal fencing was reviewed and approved as a component of the Suscol Mountain Vineyards Agricultural Erosion Control Plan (ECP, P09-00176). Any additional fencing will be the minimum necessary to provide for

public safety and limit trespass onto neighboring agricultural properties or for resource protection.

### Environmental Commitments and Best Management Practices

The project incorporates the following features to enhance environmental protections during construction and operation in order to ensure minimal impacts:

#### **Air Quality Best Management Practices, during construction:**

- All exposed surfaces (graded areas, staging areas, stockpiles, and unpaved roads) shall be covered or watered twice per day as needed to maintain sufficient soil moisture to control fugitive dust.
- All trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials shall be covered in accordance with Section 23114 of the California Vehicle Code during transit to and from the site.
- The adjacent public roads shall be swept daily with wet power vacuum street sweepers, if visible soil material is carried/tracked out onto roadways.
- Traffic on unpaved areas and roads shall be limited to 10 mph.
- Grading and earthmoving activities shall be suspended when winds exceed 25 mph.
- Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to 5 minutes, as required by the California airborne toxics control measure Title 13, Section 2485 of California Code of Regulations (CCR). Signs clearly indicating this provision shall be installed at all access points.
- All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance in manufacturer's specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition prior to operation.
- A sign with the telephone number and person to contact at the Lead Agency regarding dust complaints shall be visibly posted at the site. The contact person shall respond and take corrective action within 48 hours. The Air District's phone number shall also be visible to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

#### **Biological Resources Protections:**

- No construction or soil disturbance will take place within the banks of any blue line stream.
- Excavated materials along the entirety of the trail routes shall be distributed in a manner that does not create piles or berms of uncompacted disturbed soil that would encourage colonization by invasive plants.
- No sport hunting shall not be allowed. Hunting or trapping on the property would be limited to wildlife management activities by the District, its agents, and/or wildlife agencies having jurisdiction over the relevant resource.
- The presence of bears and mountain lions shall be regarded as natural and desirable, and depredation permits for problem animals shall only be sought as a last resort, and only if there is a clearly demonstrated and immediate need to protect public safety and where other methods of risk minimization, avoidance, and public education cannot be relied upon.
- In the event any mature trees ( $\geq 6$ -inch dbh) must be removed for trail construction, replacement trees of the same species shall be replanted and tended until successfully established at the ratio of two replacement trees for every one lost. No tree removal for trail construction purposes shall be allowed in recorded Oak Woodland Conservation Areas.

#### **Cultural Resources Protections:**

- Should any archaeological, cultural, or paleontological artifacts be found during any soil disturbing construction activities, construction will cease until the District has had the location inspected by a qualified professional and has taken appropriate steps as recommended by the qualified professional to protect the resource.

- If human remains are encountered the Napa County Coroner shall be informed to determine if an investigation of the cause of death is required and/or if the remains are of Native American origin. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if such remains are of Native American origin the nearest tribal relatives as determined by the State Native American Heritage Commission will be contacted to obtain recommendations for treating or removal of such remains, including grave goods, with appropriate dignity.

**Soil Protections:**

- New trail construction shall follow the standards and best management practices adopted by the District in its Moore Creek Trail Construction Standards, as amended.

**Safety Features:**

- Public motor vehicle use shall be prohibited, except as required or recommended by the Americans with Disabilities Act and related federal and state regulations.
- Power tools shall only be used by properly trained and equipped staff and volunteers.
- Smoking shall be prohibited.
- The park shall be closed to public use during periods of extreme wildfire hazard, as determined by the County Fire Marshall, as well as when in the District's judgment the combination of temperature, humidity and wind create a potentially unsafe situation.
- The public shall not be permitted to have open fires.

**Water Quality Protections:**

- New trail construction shall follow the standards and best management practices adopted by the District in its Moore Creek Trail Construction Standards, as amended.
- District shall obtain a grading permit or a grading permit exemption and comply with the conditions of the County's Grading Permit or exemption for all trail construction.
- No grading shall take place within the banks of any blue line streams.
- Where trails cross seasonal drainages, the drainages shall be kept clear of loose dirt created by trail grading activities, and then armored with native rock as needed to prevent soil from washing downhill during periods of significant rainfall and eventually getting into Suscol Creek.
- Trails will be closed as needed during and after rainstorms to prevent soil erosion and damage to trails. Appropriate closure protocols for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians will be adopted and enforced. The performance standard used to guide the closure protocols will be that there is no trail-related sediment flow either directly or indirectly into local creeks.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>I. AESTHETICS. Would the project:</b>				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-d. Due to the topography of the area, singletrack trails, which have an average width of 4 feet and are surfaced with natural materials are unlikely to be visible from surrounding public roads; they are effectively no more visible than the game and cattle trails that already proliferate on this and neighboring properties. No physical changes to the property are proposed which would be visible from any public road or other public access point or from the handful of existing residences which have views of the property. Approximately 6.25 miles of new trails are proposed. No mature trees will be removed by the project and no new lighting is proposed.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES. Would the project:</b>				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Important (Farmland) as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g), timberland as defined in Public Resources Code Section 4526, or timberland zoned Timberland Production as defined in Government Code Section 51104(g)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use in a manner that will significantly affect timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, or other public benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a.-e. None of the subject property is classified as Prime, Unique, or of Statewide importance. The property is designated Agricultural Watershed/Open Space by the Napa County General Plan. The property has historically been grazed, and grazing will continue into the future under the long-term grazing lease in place with Five Dot Cattle Company. The County General Plan indicates that public recreation is permitted in areas designated Agricultural Watershed/Open Space, and that public recreation and agriculture can be compatible uses. The riparian corridors on the property qualify as forest land as defined by the Public Resources Code; however, there is no conflict or impact because forest land is defined in the code section as being compatible with recreation, water quality, and other public benefits. The proposed Use Permit would thus not cause any change in the forest land status of the property. The project site is not zoned as a Timberland Production Zone.				

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
III. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



**Discussion:**

a-c A small amount of dust (PM 10 and PM 2.5) may be generated during trail construction. The May, 2017 update to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District CEQA Guidelines (page 2-2) (BAAQMD Guidelines) indicates that the Threshold of Significance for fugitive dust for construction activities will not be exceeded if Best Management Practices are adopted. These practices are included in the environmental protections included in project design.

The amount of dust generated by trail users post-construction is expected to be too minor, infrequent, and localized to be significant based on the standards and examples provided in the BAAQMD Guidelines.

Reactive Organic Gases (ROG) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) will be generated by both construction activities and by users driving to and from the park. The BAAQMD Guidelines indicate that the level of significance for ROG and for NOx is 54 lbs/day for both construction activities and ongoing operations. The BAAQMD Guidelines do not contain a specific threshold for the type of open space park proposed in this project, but Table 3-1 makes it clear that the proposed project will generate far less than these levels. The screening threshold for a city park is 2,613 acres for operations, and 67 acres for construction. In a city park, virtually every acre is constructed landscape, hardscape, or buildings, and is used intensively by the public. By comparison, the area of disturbance for trail construction for this project will be between ½ and 6 acres. Nearly all of the remaining open space acres within the project will seldom if ever be used by the public. As such, the project does not begin to approach the screening thresholds that would require further analysis and impacts are less than significant with implementation of the BMPs included in the project description.

d. According to the BAAQMD Guidelines, sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of a proposed activity need to be considered relative to air pollutants for which the region is in non-attainment. The region is a non-attainment basin for particulates. Two sensitive receptors—both private residences—exist within 1,000 feet of the project area. As noted above, construction Best Management Practices will be utilized to control fugitive dust, and according to the BAAQMD Guidelines these will keep fugitive dust below the BAAQMD-prescribed level of significance. No public vehicular traffic will be allowed. Furthermore, the actual trail construction associated with the project is more than a mile from these residences. Thus, the two sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of the project area will not be exposed to a significant level of particulates and impacts are less than significant.

e. The project is not expected to generate any new odors. There are no impacts.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>IV.</b>	<b>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:</b>				
	a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, Coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-d. No special status species are noted in the County’s natural resources databases as potentially occurring in the project area. Three special status species are nearby: narrow-anthered brodiaea (*Brodiaea leptandra*) and Greene's narrow-leaved daisy (*Erigeron greenei*) were recorded approximately one mile northwest of the of the project area, and western pond turtle was recorded approximately 600 feet southeast. Additionally, the project area includes approximately 350 acres of designated California red-legged frog critical habitat, but no frogs have been observed. The County’s databases identify two sensitive biotic communities that are present at various locations within the project area: California Annual Grasslands and Oak Woodland.

Botanical surveys were conducted on six days in 2019 at the appropriate times of year, in addition to biological surveys completed in 2007 and 2009 for a previously proposed project on the property. The surveys identified one special-status species onsite: Streamside daisy (*Erigeron bioletti*), a perennial herb endemic to California. This species has no state or federal listing status, but has a California Rare Plant Rank of 3, as listed by the California Native Plant Society, and analysis of impacts is therefore required under CEQA. Rank 3 plants are those for which the necessary information to assign them to one of the other ranks is lacking. Not enough about these plants is known to determine their threat level.

Eight streamside daisy locations were recorded during 2019 surveys in addition to a mitigation site for this species that is located just inside the western boundary of the property. This mitigation site was established without the knowledge or consent of the District by a neighboring property owner as compensation for 0.61 acre of habitat converted during establishment of Suscol Mountain Vineyards. In some areas, trails are proposed in the

vicinity of some streamside daisy individuals. As such, there is the potential for significant impacts. At present there are no trails proposed near the unauthorized mitigation site.

Based on the databases and surveys referenced above, there are a variety of other listed species that have the potential to inhabit the project area. However, no significant impacts to threatened, endangered, or sensitive species or habitats are expected, as discussed below:

- Nature based, non-motorized recreation as proposed will be low-intensity, with most of the property undisturbed and unlikely to experience much public use. Anticipated weekday use, based on visitorship at Skyline Wilderness Park, is not expected to exceed a couple dozen people, with peak summer weekends seeing up to 300. Conservatively assuming all Skyline users cross into Suscol Headwaters, these 300 users would be spread across the many miles of trails within Skyline and Suscol. Access to the preserve is currently provided through Skyline Wilderness Park, with proposed project trails commencing nearly 4 miles from the Skyline Wilderness Park staging area. These park users will be distributed over 25 miles of trail within Skyline and 6.25 miles of trails within Suscol, for a peak weekend density of less than 10 people per trail mile on average.
- The only notable potential disturbance to plants will occur due to trail construction. As described in the below mitigation measure, the known special status plants will be flagged and avoided.
- No construction or soil disturbance will take place within any wetland/blue line creek.
- The most sensitive habitat within the project area is the riparian habitat along the creeks. The project's proposed trails will utilize existing crossings using ranch roads and will therefore not result in any additional impacts to the creeks. Although Suscol Creek is designated critical habitat for steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a federally endangered species, the fact that no work will occur within the streams and that the project includes measures in the project design that minimize erosion and runoff during construction and operation, will result in no impacts to this species.
- The property is largely fenced along its perimeter and internal fencing was reviewed and approved as a component of the Suscol Mountain Vineyards ECP. Any additional fencing will be the minimum necessary to provide for public safety and limit trespass onto neighboring agricultural properties. Neither trail construction nor operation will have any effect on wildlife movement. Wildlife will continue to be free to move through the area.
- No California red-legged frogs or Western pond turtles have been observed onsite. Although the project property overlaps with red-legged frog critical habitat, the trails proposed are entirely outside of this area. The known western pond turtle occurrence is nearly a mile from the closest proposed trails. While the species can overwinter up to 1,500 feet from aquatic habitat and may migrate overland up to ½ mile, lack of habitat between the know occurrence and proposed trails would preclude turtles migrating into the project area.
- There are several Oak Woodland Conservation Areas throughout the property, areas where development is constrained by a deed restriction resulting from the Suscol Mountain Vineyards ECP. Natural surface single track trails operated by public agencies are in keeping with the requirements of the deed restriction and will not have any impact on the Oak Woodland Conservation Areas.

**Mitigation Measure:** Prior to the start of construction, a qualified biologist will flag the existing eight streamside daisy plants plus a 10-foot buffer surrounding the plants, such that all trail construction will avoid the plants.

Impacts after implementation of the mitigation measure will be less than significant.

- e. There will be minimal development as a result of the project. No trees are anticipated to be removed as a result of the project. However, in the unlikely event final trail alignments require that mature trees be removed to accommodate trail construction, trees of the same species shall be replanted in the same general area at a ratio of 2 to 1.

The project would not conflict with any local policy or ordinance protecting biological resources or any tree preservation policy or ordinance.

- f. The project will not conflict with the provisions of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan, because no such plans have been adopted that include the project area.

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<b>V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:</b>				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-d. A Cultural Resources Study was prepared for a previous project on this property in 2009. It concluded that there are no known historical, archaeological, cultural or paleontological resources within the areas that would be affected by the project. Ground disturbance on the property is expected to be minimal, as improvements would be limited to a network of new single-track trail and some signage. No deep ripping, trenching, or extensive excavation of the type required for foundations, footings, or similar features is foreseeable. Should any artifacts be found during construction, construction will cease until the District has been able to have the location inspected by a qualified professional and appropriate steps taken to protect the resource, as described in the environmental protections section of the project description.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VI. GEOLOGY and SOILS. Would the project:</b>				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1997), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. The County database indicates one potential earthquake fault running north-south approximately 1,200 feet south of the project area. This fault bisects the southern portion of the preserve property, where no improvements are currently planned. The County database also identifies a large landslide deposit within the project area, as well as large landslide deposits in parts of the preserve property that will not have any trails constructed at this time.

The proposed new trails avoid areas that show evidence as having active landslide problems, though they do often traverse steep slopes. One section of the proposed Basin Trail comes within approximately 35 feet of the large landslide deposit noted above, but tree growth in the area indicates it has not slid in at least several hundred years. The soils in the area (Hambright rock outcrop) are gravelly with moderately high permeability. This area has mature tree growth where tree roots provide considerable soil stability. For these reasons, as long as water is properly controlled as discussed below, landslides and soil erosion are not expected to be a significant problem.

- b. Trails will be constructed using modern trail design standards, specifically the standards and best management practices adopted by the District in its Moore Creek Trail Construction Standards, as amended.. These design standards include generally keeping trail slopes less than 9 percent, outsloping the trail tread and installing reverse grades as needed to prevent changes in natural water flows and concentration of water along the trail rather than across it, and by using native rock to stabilize the soil when needed where trails cross seasonal gullies.

- c. As noted in "a" above, one short section of proposed new trail skirts an area that has in the past or may in the future be subject to landslides. This is not expected to be a significant adverse impact, however, due to the following:
- o New trails will have a four foot wide or narrower tread, which is much narrower than the typical 10 or more feet in width of dirt roads, so the amount of cutting into the hillside is considerably less than would be the case for the typical road.
  - o Trails will be closed during periods of heavy rains when soils are saturated, which is when a landslide is most likely to occur.
  - o A failure of a trail would not have any serious consequence other than the need to temporarily close the trail until repairs could be made.
- d. None of the project area contains highly expansive soils. Furthermore, no structures are proposed as part of this project and expansive soils pose little risk to trails. Therefore, there would be no impacts associated with expansive soils.
- e. The proposed project largely involves the development of trails. No septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems are needed or proposed at the project site. Therefore, there would be no impact with regard to soils supporting septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems

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<b>VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:</b>				
a) <b>Generate a net increase in greenhouse gas emissions in excess of applicable thresholds adopted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District or the California Air Resources Board which may have a significant impact on the environment?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Conflict with a county-adopted climate action plan or another applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

- a-b. Greenhouse gasses will be generated by construction activities and by users driving to and using the park. The BAAQMD Guidelines provide a screening threshold of 1,100 metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalents per year, which is roughly equivalent to a 60-unit residential subdivision. Standard trip generation models used by traffic engineers project that a 60-unit residential subdivision will generate more than 600 vehicle trips per day. Assuming a likely maximum of no more than 30 additional park visitors on peak weekend days (a 10 percent increase over current Skyline Wilderness Park use), greenhouse gas emissions would still be only 10 percent of the Air District-prescribed threshold. The project does not conflict with any county-adopted or another applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

Although greenhouse gas emissions from the project will be far below significance levels, the project nonetheless has built into it several features designed to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. First, non-motorized recreation relatively close to where Napa residents live and work is facilitated, which reduces the need to drive

greater distances, usually outside of Napa County, to enjoy this form of recreation. Second, motorized recreation of any kind is prohibited, except as is necessary to comply with the ADA.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:</b>				
	a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild-land fires, including where wild-lands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wild-lands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-b. No hazardous materials are expected to be used, with the possible exception of minor amount of gasoline and oil for running equipment, or herbicides for controlling invasive plants. Because of the small amounts that may occasionally be used, no significant impact is expected.

- c. There is no school within or near the project area. The closest school is over 2.5 miles from the project area.
- d. No part of the project is on any list of hazardous materials sites. The project area has historically been used for cattle grazing, which would not produce any historical hazardous materials such as buried tanks.
- e.-f. The closest public airport to the project site is Napa County Airport, approximately 3 miles west. The western-most portion of the project area is within an airport compatibility zone identified in the Airport Compatibility Plan (Napa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, and Napa County GIS zoning layer). This portion of the project site is located in Zone E, Other Airport Environs, which prohibits noise-sensitive outdoor uses. Noise-sensitive resources usually include residential and school land uses. Outdoor recreation, including multiuse trails, is an allowed use within Zone E, and will not result in any safety hazard. Therefore, the project will result in less than significant impacts.
- g. The project will not affect the implementation of or interfere with any emergency response plan.
- h. According to CalFire, the project is located in an area which is subject to moderate risk of wildland fires (on a scale of low, moderate, high, and very high). The project area was burned in a back-fire lit in the fight against the 2017 Atlas Peak fire. The project is not expected to create a significant increased risk of wildland fire for the following reasons:
  - o The general public will not be allowed to drive cars, trucks, motor cycles, ATV's, or other motorized recreational equipment on the property.
  - o Only trained staff or volunteers will use motorized maintenance equipment, and its use will be limited to low-fire hazard periods.
  - o The public will not be permitted to smoke while in the park.
  - o Park activities will be limited as appropriate, up to and including full park closure, as needed during periods of extreme wildfire hazard, as determined by the County Fire Marshall and additionally whenever in the District's judgment the combination of forecasted temperature, humidity, and wind suggest extreme wildfire hazard.
  - o No open fires will be allowed anywhere within the preserve.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:</b>				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. & f. Impacts to water quality could potentially occur from increased erosion and resulting sediment flows into Suscol Creek from trail construction, and from wildland fire. The District's Moore Creek Trail Construction Standards contain up-to-date standards for designing and maintaining trails; proposed trails will be constructed and operated consistent with those guidelines, thereby reducing erosion potential and sedimentation. Wildland fire is discussed in Section VII.8. As such, potential impacts to water quality will be less than significant.
- b. The project will not result in any significant increase in water usage. Potentially foreseeable new facilities would be limited to one or two water spigots for park visitors and/or a limited number of new cattle watering troughs. In net, water use would be substantially less than the amount permitted in the vineyard development erosion control plan already approved for this property.

- c.-e. The project will not increase impervious surface, and therefore stormwater runoff will not increase. Overall, groundwater recharge rates should actually increase due to improved range management which will increase vegetation cover and thus reduce runoff rates.
- g.-h. No construction is proposed within any mapped floodplain.
- i. There is no reservoir upstream of the project site, so there is no risk of dam failure affecting the project. The park will be closed during major storm events, so there is no risk of injury to people or significant harm to property.
- j. The project location is such that it is not subject to any reasonably conceivable seiche or tsunami, and the soils are not conducive to mudflows.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>X. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:</b>				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. The project will not divide any established community.
- b. The project does not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project. The project is consistent with and helps implement many policies in the County General Plan that call for expanded nature-based public recreational opportunities.
- c. There are no habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans applicable to this area.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XI. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:</b>				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-b. The closest mineral resource is the Syar Industries aggregate quarry, which is located adjacent to Skyline Wilderness Park, approximately one mile from Suscol Headwaters. The proposed project would not interfere with this resource. No other resources are known in the vicinity, resulting in no impact.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XII. NOISE. Would the project result in:</b>				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-b. Currently the only noises present at the site are natural sounds made by animals and flowing water, and occasional distant engine noises (from Highways 12 and Highway 29, and from aircraft overhead) and the adjacent vineyard operation. Park users will therefore not be exposed to excessive amounts of noise.

- c.-d. Regular park use will result in a minor increase in ambient noise levels due to human voices. However, any such noise will be well within the limits of what the Napa County Exterior Noise Ordinance considers reasonable.
- e.-f. As noted in Section VIII, Hazardous Materials, the eastern-most portion of the project area is within an airport compatibility zone identified in the Airport Compatibility Plan (Napa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, and Napa County GIS zoning layer). This portion of the project site is located in Zone E, Other Airport Environs, which prohibits noise-sensitive outdoor uses. Noise-sensitive resources usually include residential and school land uses. Outdoor recreation, including multiuse trails, is an allowed use within Zone E, and will not result in any safety hazard. No one will be residing within the preserve, and any work done in this portion of the park will be intermittent and short in duration. Therefore, the project will result in less than significant impacts.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIII. POPULATION and HOUSING. Would the project:</b>				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. This project will not build new housing, establish new businesses, or induce substantial population growth in or near the project site. It will not change the projections and cumulative impacts related to population and housing balance that were identified in the County of Napa 2008 General Plan EIR.
- b.-c. The proposed project will not result in the loss of any existing housing units and will not necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in:</b>				

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. Based on the experience with Skyline Wilderness Park, which is the adjacent open space used by hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, and thus comparable to the proposed project, the project will result in occasional new emergency calls for ambulance, police, or fire services. However, recreation users of wilderness areas are informed of and accept a certain amount of risk, and do not expect and are not provided with the level of public services and response times that are considered standard within urban areas. No new ambulance, fire, or police facilities, staffing, or equipment will be required as a result of the project. Most of the trails proposed by the project are accessible by ATV's. If needed, emergency service helicopters can land at several locations within the project area. Excellent cell phone coverage exists at all ridgetop locations with the project area. No impacts to schools, parks, or other public facilities are foreseeable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV. RECREATION. Would the project:				
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a.-b. The project increases the supply of outdoor recreation opportunities. It will not increase the physical deterioration of any existing facility, nor require the construction or expansion of other recreational facilities.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC.</b> Would the project:				
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system and/or conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-16, which seeks to maintain an adequate Level of Service (LOS) at signalized and unsignalized intersections, or reduce the effectiveness of existing transit services or pedestrian/bicycle facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature, (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-23, which requires new uses to meet their anticipated parking demand, but to avoid providing excess parking which could stimulate unnecessary vehicle trips or activity exceeding the site's capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-b. County General Plan Policy CIR-16 states that the County's policy is to maintain at least a Level of Service (LOS) of "D" or better.

Access to Suscol Headwaters will be primarily via Skyline Wilderness Park, the staging area for which is at the main park entrance at the intersection of Imola Avenue and Fourth Avenue, approximately 1 1/3 miles from the signalized intersection of Imola Avenue and Soscol Avenue/State Route 221. Based on annual users of approximately 25,000, busy weekends at Skyline Wilderness Park likely see approximately 300 visitors, while off-season weekdays approximately 20 people may visit the Park. Assuming the opening of Suscol Headwaters increases visitorship by 10 percent and conservatively assuming that half of these new trips occur during the peak hour, the number of trips to the Imola Avenue entrance would be no more than 15. The most recent available traffic counts for the area are from 2005, at which time the peak hour Level of Service (LOS) on this segment of Soscol Avenue/State Route 221 was LOS D, which translates to a peak hour traffic count of 3,256. The 15 additional vehicles generated as a result of this project would be an 0.5 percent increase in traffic on Soscol

Avenue, which would not affect the Level of Service and would be a less than significant impact. The segment of Imola Avenue that intersects with the Skyline Wilderness Park entrance operates at peak hour LOS B, or a traffic count of 177. The 15 additional cars on Imola Avenue represent an 8.5 percent increase in traffic, and given the road's peak hour capacity of 1,480, the projected number of trips from the project would easily be accommodated by this road.

Additional access to Skyline and thus Suscol is provided via the River to Ridge Trail, which enters Skyline Wilderness Park from farther south on State Route 221. Parking for the River to Ridge Trail is available in a City of Napa public lot near Kennedy Park on Streblov Drive, just off State Route 221. Annual entry via the River to Ridge Trail was recently recorded at approximately 6,000 visitors. Making similar assumptions as above, the project would add approximately four trips to peak hour traffic. The segment of State Route 221 terminating at Streblov was LOS D in 2005, with a traffic count of 3,256. The additional four trips would increase peak hour traffic by 0.1 percent and would not impact the service level.

There is existing access to Skyline Wilderness Park via a continuous off-road trail system, including the Napa River, Bay, Vine, and Ridge Trails, from central Napa to the River to Ridge Trail entrance. Some portion of the new Suscol Headwaters Park users will arrive via bike, and will not contribute to increased traffic. As such, the above analysis is quite conservative.

The project does not conflict with any applicable congestion management program or other standards adopted by the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency.

- c. The project will not cause any change in air traffic patterns.
- d. The project would result in a potential minor increase in the number of people entering or leaving the park using Imola Road and Fourth Avenue. The access driveway to the park is located on the outside circumference of a curve in the road, at a location where there are good sight distances to both Imola Road and Fourth Avenue. There will also be minor increases in use of the River to Ridge entrance and associated parking off Streblov Drive. This access driveway is located on a straight segment of road with unobstructed views in both directions. Thus, the modest increase in turning movements at these locations should not create any increased safety risk.
- e. The entrance and main parking within Skyline Wilderness Park is paved and provides access to the staging area for both Skyline and Suscol Headwaters. South of the main entrance are existing trails that traverse Skyline connecting to the proposed trails on the project property. While these are not passable by standard on-road vehicles, they can be traveled by ATV. There is also a network of existing ranch roads, which require a high clearance/four-wheel drive vehicle, that provide access from State Route 221 to much of the project property, and to Skyline. The District has right of administrative access using these roads. Although these roads do not reach Skyline, they provide much closer vehicular access to the southern-most portions of that park, thereby improving emergency access to that property as well as the project property. Thus, emergency access for purposes of rescuing an injured user is as good as or better than is typical for a regional park.
- f. The existing parking available associated with both the main and River to Ridge entrances to Skyline Wilderness Park is more than adequate for current use. The additional visitors anticipated to result from the proposed project will be accommodated by this existing parking.
- g. The project does not conflict with any existing policies or plans and would have minimal impact on existing facilities

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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XVII. **TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.** Would the project:

Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

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| a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Discussion**

On September 17, 2009, the State of California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was asked to review the Sacred Lands file for information on Native American cultural resources on the project site. A response was received on September 29, 2009 indicating that the search of the sacred lands file failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate area. The NAHC provided a list of Native American organizations/individuals for further consultation. These individuals were contacted by letter on October 1, 2009 and again by email on November 11, 2009. None of the organizations indicated an interest in the project. A notice regarding this project was provided to The Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley, Middletown Rancheria, and Yoche Dehe Winton Nation on December 10, 2019. Should they respond to that notice, their concerns will be incorporated into the project design where feasible.

- a-b. As discussed in Section V (Cultural Resources) the Cultural Resources Study prepared for the Suscol Mountain Vineyard ECP did not identify any historic or archaeological resources onsite. As such, no resources listed or eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) are present and impacts to archaeological resources as a result of the proposed project are considered to be less than significant. Furthermore, no resources that may be significant pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5024.1(c) have been identified or are anticipated onsite. The Cultural Resources protections noted in the project descriptions will avoid and reduce potential impacts to unknown resources.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:</b>				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of a new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of a new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a.-e. The project will not require any new or expanded public sewage or water system. No new public water use is proposed. There will be no increase in storm water runoff, and no need for new storm water conveyance or treatment facilities.
- f.-g. The project is intended to be a zero waste facility to the greatest practical extent, and the public will be advised to pack out what they pack in. Any new recycling or trash containers resulting from the project would be limited.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>				

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. As designed, the project will have a less than significant adverse impact on wildlife resources, and in many ways will actually improve wildlife habitat (particularly for the California Red-legged frog). The project will not result in a significant loss of native trees, native vegetation, or important examples of California’s history or pre-history. In addition, because the property is in public ownership , with only light, nature-based recreational usage, significant natural plant and animal communities will be permanently protected.
- b. The proposed project does not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
- c. There are no environmental effects caused by this project that would result in substantial adverse effects on human beings, whether directly or indirectly. No significant hazardous conditions resulting from this project have been identified. The project would not have any environmental effects that would result in significant impacts.

**Suscol Headwaters Park  
Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**

Mitigation Number and Environmental Impact Subject	Adopted Mitigation Measure	Time Frame	Implementation	Monitoring	Reporting & Date of Compliance/ Completion
(1) Biological Resources	Prior to the start of construction, a qualified biologist will flag the existing eight streamside daisy plants plus a 10-foot buffer surrounding the plants, such that all trail construction will avoid the plants.	Prior to Construction	District	District	

Notes: District = Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, RCD = Resource Conservation District, AG = Agricultural Commissioner, CDFG = California Dept of Fish & Game, USFWS = US Fish and Wildlife Service, USACE = US Army Corp of Engineers, CT = CALTRANS, EMD = Environmental Management, County=Napa County, Expert=qualified professionals retained by NCRPOSD, City= City of Napa  
 PC = Prior to Project Commencement CPI = Construction Period Inspections FI = Final Inspection OG = Ongoing



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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 9, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Napa County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Napa, CA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Directors absent: Brent Randol

Staff present: John Woodbury, Christopher Cahill, Richard Fessenden and Cesselea Thepkaisone

Vice-President Barry Christian called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

**None.**

3. Set Matters

**None.**

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meeting of November 4, 2019.

**Minutes for the November meeting were approved as corrected.**

**TN-KBT-BC-DF- BR**

**A X**

- b. Acceptance of final independent audit for FY 18-19 prepared by Brown Armstrong, Certified Public Accountants.

**Directors voted to accept the final independent audit for FY 18-19.**

**DF- TN-KBT -BC- BR**

**X**

- c. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 18-10, to extend the option period for the purchase and sale of approximately 164 acres of property on Dry Creek Road (APN Nos. 034-370-036 and -039, the "Chamberlain Property")) to April 15, 2020, approval of Certificate of Acceptance and authorization to execute documents.

Directors voted to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 18-10; Approve Certificate of Acceptance; Authorize Board President or General Manager to complete all actions and execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase of the Chamberlain property.

**DF- KBT- TN -BC- BR**

**X**

- d. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment N<sup>o</sup>3 to Agreement N<sup>o</sup> 18-04 with Matt Greene Forestry and Biological Consulting, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$103,080.

Directors voted to approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 18-04.

**TN- DF- KBT-BC-BR**

**X**

- e. Consideration and potential approval of clarified and amended effective dates for District employee participation in the California State Disability Insurance (SDI) program.

Directors voted to approve employee participation in the State Disability program start date of July 1, 2019 for regular benefited District employees and a start date of January 1, 2020 for temporary employees.

**DF- TN- KBT-BC-BR**

**X**

- f. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.

**The Board received the report, no action taken.**

- g. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

John Woodbury, Richard Fessenden and Chris Cahill gave the report, with discussions on: Amy's Grove, Bay/River Trail, Berryessa Vista, Camp Berryessa, The Cove at Mt. Veeder, Lake Hennessey, Moore Creek, Oat Hill Mine Trail, Putah Creek, Skyline Park, Smittle Creek, State Parks, Suscol Headwaters Preserve and Vine Trail.

- h. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park.

**The Board received the report, no action taken.**

- i. Election of Board President and Vice President.

Directors voted to elect Barry Christian as President and Tony Norris Vice President of the Board of Directors for 2020.

**DF-KBT-TN- BC-BR**

**X**

#### 5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- **Tony Norris – Attended the trail dedication of the San Rafael Bridge.**
- **Barry Christian – Thanked Richard Fessenden for guidance on the Newell Preserve erosion. Attending Fish and Game meeting December 11, 2019, Latino Leaders Luncheon December 13, 2019. Mentioned the offer of Tony McClimans to build a park bench and tables at Amy's Grove.**

#### 6. Agenda Planning

- **None**

7. Adjournment

**Adjourned to the Regular NOSD Board Meeting January 13, 2020**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Christian, Board President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cesselea Thepkaisone, 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



**NAPA** COUNTY REGIONAL PARK &  
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## **STAFF REPORT**

*By:* John Woodbury  
*Date:* January 13, 2020  
*Item:* **4.b**  
*Subject:* Consideration and adoption of the calendar of regular meeting dates for the Board of Directors for calendar year 2020.

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proposed calendar of meeting dates and times for regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

### BACKGROUND

District by-laws state that the District will annually adopt a schedule of dates and time for regular meetings of the Board of Directors. The by-laws also specify that regular meetings are to be scheduled the second Monday of each month at 2 pm unless a different time is specifically adopted. For 2020, all proposed meeting dates and times are on the second Monday of each month.



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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting Calendar 2020

Adopted January 13, 2020

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
Monday	January 13
Monday	February 10
Monday	March 9
Monday	April 13
Monday	May 13
Monday	June 8
Monday	July 13
Monday	August 10
Monday	September 14
Monday	October 12
Monday	November 9
Monday	December 9

### Note

Board meetings are normally the second Monday of each month. Exceptions if any are noted in bold red type.  
All meetings start at 2:00 pm and are held in the County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of 1195 Third Street, Napa, California.





## **STAFF REPORT**

*By:* John Woodbury  
*Date:* January 13, 2020  
*Item:* **4.c**  
*Subject:* Consideration and potential approval of 20 year operating agreement with California State Parks for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.

### RECOMMENDATION

Authorize General Manager to execute a 20 year operating agreement with California State Parks for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.

### 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

In order to avoid the closure of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park due to State budget concerns, on April 1, 2012 the District began operating these two state parks under a five year agreement with California State Parks. In 2015 the District and State Parks began negotiations to extend the agreement for 20 years, and to expand the agreement to include operation of Robert Louis Stevenson State Park (RLS). The original 5-year agreement expired March 31, 2017. Since then the District has been operating at the State Parks on a month-to-month extension.

Even though RLS was not included in the list of state parks that were slated to close in 2012, the reality has been that District staff stationed at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park have been the first responders for many of the problems that have occurred there, since State Parks has not had any staff stationed at the park. The District has organized litter pickup, worked with the County Sheriff to deal with vehicle break-ins that sometimes happen in the main parking area at RLS, performed trail maintenance, installed new trail directional signage, and repaired and maintained the Silverado House. For the past three years, a District employee has been the caretaker/tenant living in the Silverado House, under a rental agreement with State Parks. Since the District-operated Oat Hill Mine Trail is the primary access to the eastern section of RLS, the District has also been involved with trespass issues and illegal camping in that section of RLS. For these reasons, District staff proposed, and State Parks agreed, that RLS should be formally included in the Operating Agreement along with Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park.

The proposed new Operating Agreement is similar to the initial agreement in most respects, but is organized very differently and contains far more detail. One significant difference is that going forward the District will

be responsible for the entire water system, from spring to faucets, including daily water testing and any repairs that may be needed. In the past State Parks had retained control of the water system from the spring to the start of the distribution system at the campground. This was a very inefficient arrangement, because State Parks employees monitoring the system had to daily drive from Petaluma to Bothe to collect water samples. With the new agreement, State Parks initially wanted to bill the District a minimum of \$40,000 annually for the cost of this water testing. Since on-site District staff can do this far more efficiently, we proposed and State Parks eventually agreed to let us take on this responsibility. Currently, two District staff have the certifications required to monitor and service the water system.

The proposed Operating Agreement continues to allow the District to plan and permit special events. State Parks had wanted the new agreement to require all special events to be subject to State Parks review and approval; in the end, they agreed the District could continue to plan and permit special events, so long as they are consistent with the mission and character of the park.

The old Operating Agreement required the District to obtain permits from both State Parks and from the County for any construction, even though State property is not normally subject to local building permits. This was a slow, duplicative and unnecessarily costly approach. With the proposed agreement, the District will only be required to get approval through the State Parks process.

Overall, the District has been able to operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park solely using the revenues generated by the two parks, plus some grants and gifts either directly obtained by the District or donated by our non-profit partner the Napa Valley State Parks Association. As of July 1, 2019, the District had a fund balance of just over \$830,000 in the State Parks division, which has been accumulated over the past 7 years from program income and various grants.

While operating under the month-to-month extension of the original agreement, it was not practical to start new projects to repair and improve the parks. With a new 20-year Operating Agreement in effect, the District will be able to restart the process of repairing, restoring and putting into productive use those buildings within the parks that suffer from deferred maintenance and are currently boarded up.

Going forward, it should be possible for the District to continue to operate the three parks without financial subsidy, but with the extra costs associated with taking on management of the water system and operation of RLS, the District will need to continue to develop new revenue sources. These will probably include restoring and renting the Banditini House at RLS as a vacation rental, and restoring an existing vacant craftsman-style house at Bothe near the Visitor Center as either a vacation rental or on a month-to-month tenant lease.

Assuming approval of the new Operating Agreement by the District Board of Directors, the Director of State Parks will sign the agreement shortly thereafter. The 20-year term will begin on the date the agreement is signed by State Parks.



## **STAFF REPORT**

**By:** John Woodbury  
**Date:** January 13, 2020  
**Item:** **4.d**  
**Subject:** Consideration and potential approval of a bicycle skills course at Skyline Park

### RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve a 5-year extension to the Concessionaire Agreement between the County of Napa and the Skyline Park Citizen's Association, while removing from the agreement one-half acre that will be used to construct a bicycle skills course.
- (2) Authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with the County of Napa that gives the District site control over the one-half acre that will be used to construct a bicycle skills course.
- (3) Authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with the Skyline Park Citizen's Association for the design, construction and operation of a bicycle skills course.
- (4) Authorize the General Manager to sign a license agreement between the County, the Association, the State of California and the District that authorizes the construction and operation of the bicycle skills course.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Categorically Exempt.** The proposed bicycle skills course is exempt from the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines, Class 4 (*Minor Alterations to Land*) and the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's Local CEQA Guidelines, Class 1, Sub c (*Existing Facilities – Widening Existing Trails*). There are no unusual circumstances associated with either the proposed project or with its location which would cause it to have a significant effect on the environment.

### BACKGROUND

Staff is working with the Skyline Park Citizen's Association, Supervisor Ryan Gregory and various bicycle advocates to plan, obtain permits, construct and operate a bicycle skills course at Skyline Wilderness Park. The skills course is intended to be a low-speed course that teaches balance and motion skills to both novice and more advanced bicyclists (see Exhibit 2 for a conceptual design). The majority of users are small children learning how to ride safely. Skills courses are sometimes also referred to as pump tracks, because the idea is to move forward without pedaling, instead relying on the rider "pumping" their body up and down as the bicycle goes up and down over small humps and dips in the trail to generate momentum.

The proposed location is one-half acre of land just east and south of the park entrance (see Exhibit 1). This area is current undeveloped and vegetated with mostly non-native grasses and forbes. No trees or brush exists in the proposed area.

Ryan Gregory, acting as a private citizen, has been raising funds to construct the skills course. Skyline Park is willing to hire a private contractor to design and construct the course. Skyline Park staff would also maintain and operate the course day to day. However, Skyline Park's liability insurance carrier's quote to cover the operation of the course turned out to be excessive and beyond what the Association could justify.

Fortunately, the District's insurance carrier does not share the same concerns about the safety of the skills course that the Association's carrier has, and is willing to add the operation of the skills course to the District's liability insurance with minimal to no change in insurance premium.

For the skills course to be added to the District's insurance, the District needs to have site control. This can be accomplished by having the County remove from the Association's operating agreement the small area where the skills course will be located, and instead enter into an agreement with the District to oversee the management of this small area.

Another wrinkle is that all of Skyline Park is owned by the State of California, which leases the park to the County, which then leases the park to the Association. These leases run for 50 years (expiring in 2030). The State of California lease to the County requires any changes to the approved master plan for the park to be approved by the State. The State, through its Department of General Services, has agreed to approve the addition of the skills course, provided that all the relevant parties (the State, the County, the Association and the District) enter into a new license agreement that overlays the existing 50-year lease. The State wants this new license agreement because they believe the original lease agreement's insurance and liability language is obsolete, and it is easier for them to add a license agreement with current insurance and liability language than it is for them to amend the original 50-year lease agreement.

To make this all happen, the following agreements need to be approved:

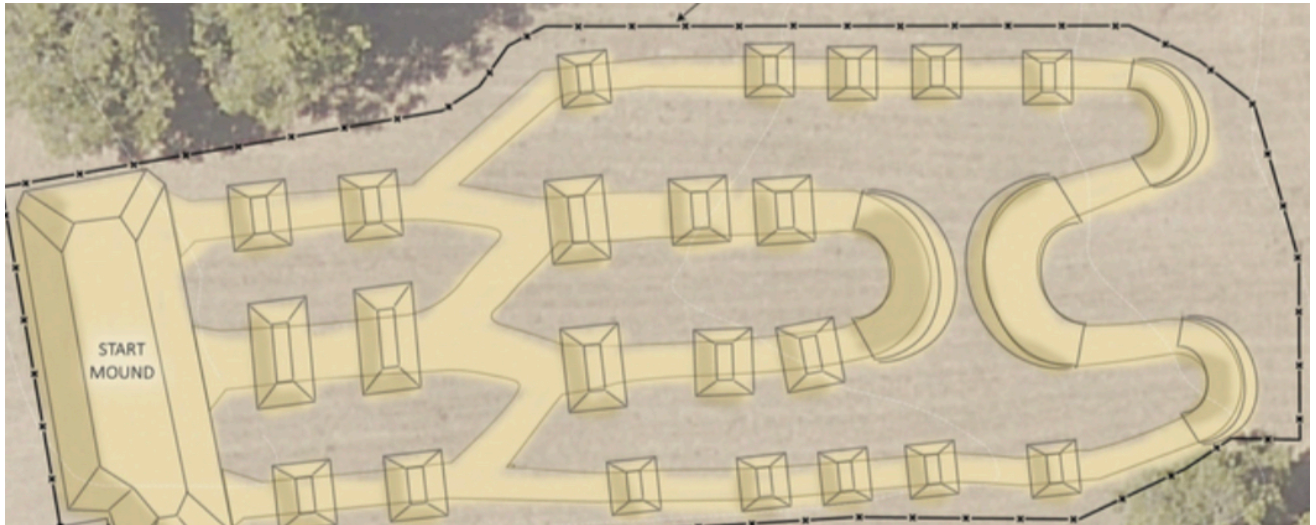
- (1) As part of its 5-year review and extension of its agreement with the Association (due February, 2020), the County needs to remove from the scope of the agreement the one-half acre where the skills course would be located.
- (2) At the same time, the County needs to enter into an agreement with the District to operate the one-half acre where the bicycle skills course would be located.
- (3) The District and the Association need to enter into an agreement giving the Association the right to construct and operate the bicycle skills course, subject to District approval of the design and the ability to monitor the operation to ensure its safety.
- (4) The County, the District, the Association and the State need to enter into a new license agreement to overlay the existing 50-year lease for the park.

Once all of the above agreements are in place, the Association under the direction of the District would fund, design, construct and operate the skills course. Before operations start, the District would add the skills course to the list of District facilities covered by the District's liability insurance.

# Exhibit 1 Proposed Location



## Exhibit Two Preliminary Conceptual Designs





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

## **STAFF REPORT**

*Date:* January 13, 2020

*Item:* **4.e**

*Subject:* Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.

### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the report.

### BACKGROUND

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

Attached is a report showing all District expenditures for November 2019.

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

None

PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT - DECEMBER 2019 EXPENSE REPORT

**General Admin - 85000-00**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/03/2019	Moo.com business cards	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 160.58
12/03/2019	11/2019 Google suite	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 30.00
12/05/2019	10/26/19-11/25/19	KAISER PERMANENTE	\$ 3,681.41
12/06/2019	Oct 2019 Invoice	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$ 19.93
12/17/2019	Admin Services FY 2019/2020	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	\$ 49.00
12/17/2019	Nov 2019 Invoice	RYBICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	\$ 237.00
12/19/2019	12/2019 Google Gsuite	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 30.00
12/19/2019	11/26/19 Pens from Amazon	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 27.22

**Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/04/2019	11/8/19 MooreCreek Food	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 90.68
12/09/2019	Truffel Mix	ZELLER'S & CLARKS ACE HARDWARE	\$ 53.85
12/09/2019	Pool Maintenance Supplies	DONS SWIMMING POOL CENTER	\$ 47.41
12/17/2019	Jan 2020 Invoice	HERITAGE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$ 367.67
12/31/2019	Porta Potty Rental 12/19	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	\$ 178.94
12/31/2019	Trufuel mix	ZELLER'S & CLARKS ACE HARDWARE	\$ 26.93

**Camp Berryessa Dept - 85010-03**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/09/2019	Furniture Strap, Serv-A-Lite	ZELLER'S & CLARKS ACE HARDWARE	\$ 16.80
12/17/2019	Waste Services 11/19	BERRYESSA GARBAGE SERVICE AND	\$ 143.00

**Berryessa Vista Dept - 85010-04**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/31/2019	Secured Tax FY 19/20	NAPA COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 7.12

**NRER Dept - 85010-05**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/31/2019	Porta Potty Rental 12/19	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	\$ 278.94
12/31/2019	Security Cam11/14/19-12/13/19	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 38.01

**Putah Creek Dept - 85010-07**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/31/2019	Water Assessment Annual Fee	MBK ENGINEERS	\$ 14.27

**State Park - 85010-08**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
12/03/2019	Moo Inc business cards	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 95.91
12/03/2019	Bleach, Ace Bag	STEVES HARDWARE	\$ 23.79
12/03/2019	PGE10/15/19-11/13/19	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$ 904.24
12/03/2019	Heartland credit card fees-USB		\$ 61.19
12/03/2019	Replacment Cots for Yurts	JORDAN,JASON GERALD ALLAN	\$ 130.48
12/03/2019	Fire Pit, Dry Erase Board	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 143.29
12/03/2019	Planting Mix, Key Cut	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 16.56
12/03/2019	Outdoor Ed&Summer Camp	ARDIZZONE,JESSICA JO	\$ 117.23
12/03/2019	12 Cup Coffee Maker	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 21.53
12/03/2019	10Pk Masks	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 15.07
12/03/2019	Bait,Plumb Tape,Trowel,Bypass	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 68.04
12/03/2019	Putty	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 6.45
12/03/2019	Bait Station w / Refill	STEVES HARDWARE	\$ 34.62
12/03/2019	Distilled Water	STEVES HARDWARE	\$ 10.98
12/04/2019	11/7/19 Event Supplies	ARDIZZONE,JESSICA JO	\$ 396.88
12/04/2019	9/8-9/13/19 fiesta event promo	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 25.00



12/04/2019	Native plants for Bothe	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$	88.50
12/09/2019	PARK190620 11/2019	AMERICAN SANITATION INC.	\$	950.00
12/09/2019	Waste Disposal Service 11/19	UPPER VALLEY DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.	\$	1,025.52
12/09/2019	Toys - Visitor Center	HISTORICAL FOLK TOYS, LLC	\$	497.45
12/09/2019	Eyewash Station,Water Heater	GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL	\$	755.05
12/10/2019	Shipping- Balle Mill templates	JORDAN,JASON GERALD ALLAN	\$	306.35
12/11/2019	10/09/19 Event Supplies	ARDIZZONE,JESSICA JO	\$	30.55
12/17/2019	Clorox Cleaning	CASH & CARRY	\$	184.56
12/17/2019	Phone Line 10/28/19-11/27/19	AT&T	\$	20.43
12/17/2019	Caution Sign	GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL	\$	24.90
12/17/2019	Safety Sign	GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL	\$	57.38
12/17/2019	Maintenance Supplies	THE PAINT WORKS	\$	52.43
12/17/2019	Parts	BROWN'S AUTO PARTS	\$	7.89
12/17/2019	Glue, Sticks, Oil Cloth	STEVES HARDWARE	\$	72.30
12/17/2019	Cotton T-shirt	THURSTON SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY	\$	314.64
12/17/2019	Cotton T-Shirt	THURSTON SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY	\$	643.60
12/17/2019	T-Shirts	THURSTON SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY	\$	472.51
12/19/2019	11/08-15/19 ChipperRental	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$	1,232.00
12/19/2019	12/02/19 BrochureDisplayRack	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$	40.86
12/23/2019	Internet Line 11/10/19-12/9/19	AT&T	\$	330.27
12/23/2019	BeesWax, Vinyl Repair	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$	13.99
12/23/2019	Duck Tape, WD40, Pin	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$	21.52
12/23/2019	Organic, Berries, Corn, Wheat	KEITH GIUSTO BAKERY SUPPLY LLC	\$	496.09
12/31/2019	Battery	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$	18.31
12/31/2019	Alarm 11/13/19-12/12/19	AT&T	\$	49.73
12/31/2019	PGE 11/15/19-12/13/19	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$	17.48
12/31/2019	Travel from Napa Junc to Bale	NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$	694.00
12/31/2019	Travel McPherson to Bothe	NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$	661.00
12/31/2019	Photo, light, Outlet, Cover	STEVES HARDWARE	\$	141.41
12/31/2019	PGE 11/14/19-12/12/19	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$	40.00
12/31/2019	PGE 11/15/19-12/13-19	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$	109.42

**Suscol Headwaters Dept - 85010-09**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name		Monetary Amount
12/06/2019	Oct 2019 Invoice	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$	125.00

**Amy's Grove - 85010-10**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name		Monetary Amount
12/03/2019	Miles, week of Nov 18, 2019	CAHILL,CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	\$	16.24
12/12/2019	Aborist Service	CUT-RITE TREE SERVICE	\$	1,000.00
12/12/2019	PARK190320 Thru 10/31/19	REB ENGINEERING	\$	6,053.80
12/23/2019	The Cove road work	MATT GREENE FORESTRY & BIOLOGICAL	\$	648.95
12/31/2019	Trufuel Mix	ZELLER'S & CLARKS ACE HARDWARE	\$	53.85
12/31/2019	9/8/19 StormDamage/RoadRepair	CAMPBELL LOGGING AND CONSTRUCTION	\$	9,115.00
12/31/2019	Porta Potty Rental 12/19	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	\$	119.29

**Other Projects - 85010-90**

Date	Journal Line Description	Name		Monetary Amount
12/06/2019	Oct 2019 Invoice	CJ YIP & ASSOCIATES	\$	2,206.64
12/11/2019	8/16-10/11/19MileageLand Trust	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$	85.84

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District**Projects Status Report**

13-Jan-20

<b><u>Name of Project</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
Amy's Grove	Planning and permits for public use of Amy's Grove	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. In Sept 2018 the Board approved placing a restrictive covenant over a portion of Amy's Grove, accepting the donation of an adjacent 7 acres of land, approving an option to acquire 164 acres north of Amy's Grove, and applying for a grant to help fund the purchase. Grant awards are expected to be announced in mid-2019. A legal description of the conservation area covering the meadow at Amy's Grove has been completed. PG&E is marking trees for transmission line clearance trimming in the right of way adjacent to our property. We have attempted to limit the scope of that work, but ultimately we have little say in the process. In late July 2019 we learned that we did not receive the Habitat Conservation Fund grant we had applied for to assist with the purchase of the 164 acres to the north. As soon as State Parks releases the Prop 68 per capita grant funds (it was supposed to happen in mid-September) we will move immediately to complete the purchase.
Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa	An 8+ mile recreational trail	
	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 CADFw staff on June 12, 2018 to discuss CDFW concerns. Senator Dodd organized a meeting in October with the City of American Canyon, County of Napa and the District in an attempt to move the project forward, and another meeting with District staff and CADFw staff on November 28, 2018. Staff has been working with BCDC to determine whether DFW plans to impose user fees for people walking on the trail along the edge of the wetlands would be allowed under DFW's permit from BCDC. Director Christian has been volunteering considerable time to remove weeds blocking the trail both north and south of Green Island Road. Staff has also been working with the Bay Trail Project and Director Christian to ensure the draft Countywide Bicycle Master Plan includes the trail connection from Green Island Road to Suscol Ferry Road.
Beryessa Vista	Planning, stewardship and expansion of this 304 acre 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. Staff is working on plans to create a formal boat-in backcountry camp at Beryessa Vista accessed from the BOR Capell Cove boat launch. Staff has been reviewing PG&E plans to grade and widen an access road to their high power lines that cross the property, to ensure the work does not cause future erosion nor increase vehicular trespass. The Bureau of Reclamation has completed environmental review and authorized the District to improve the trail leading from water's edge up into the District property and install directional signage. <u>We have scheduled a boat-in volunteer workday for February 8th to hand build the new access trail.</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 1, 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. Tuleyme, the BOR, and Forest Trails Alliance have completed the adjacent North End Trail, running from +/- Camp Berryessa to the north end of the Lake, approximately 7 miles each way. 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. Issues with the composting toilets and water systems (the result of poor design and power failures) appear to have all been resolved. With the help of the Bureau of Reclamation, historic bridge stones have been placed around the property to restrict vehicle access and add character. We completed a fresh fee survey in early 2019, the results of which we are now analyzing to see if our rental rates need to be updated, we will be bringing those to the Board. We are looking in to solar battery backups to provide more reliable power as rural blackouts on windy days have become the new normal. BOR has informed us of a new rule restricting open flames during red flag warnings making cooking in our pedestal barbecues impossible. We have been providing notice of the new regulation to all users. As of mid September, some of our septic system valving and wires have been damaged by denning animals. The septic system is now repaired, and the valve boxes have been hardened to make it more difficult for our furry friends to get into them in the future. It's quiet season at the Camp, so we have been focusing on (the many) maintenance and repair projects.

## (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. 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 Commission toured the Cove to inspect fire impacts and discuss ways in which they might direct funding to fire recovery efforts County-wide. Staff worked with a forester to develop a plan for salvage logging to (a) remove hazardous dead trees in the campground area and (b) 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 was completed during the week of July 23rd/followed by the logger completing his clean-up and erosion control operations. Road rebuilding is complete. Heavy rains in early 2019 (more than 5 inches in one day) happily did not wreak too much havoc at the Camp or on the new driveway. A State Employment Development Department funded crew of 4 (using fire emergency job training funds) started work on April 2, 2019; they will be available through the end of the calendar year, so far they have completed chipping of much of the remaining woody debris, and are well along with cutting larger logs into rounds for eventual splitting for firewood. In July 2019 we worked with our salvage logging contractor on improvements to the gravel driveway to make it more useable to visitors in 2WD vehicles. We met with a local engineer on site on Sep 5th to begin designing facilities for a rebuilt camp. Our EDD crew has been doing preliminary work clearing debris out of future camp site areas. We removed a very large standing dead oak tree adjacent to the parking area in mid-November for safety reasons. The EDD work crew wrapped up their season at the end of December.

## Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails

Would open up several miles of existing dirt access road, and construct a network of new single track trails on the north side of Lake Hennessey, and connecting to the 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 staffs 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. Old Man's Beard Trail was completed in February 2018. 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. It appears likely the final section of new trail planned for the Lake Hennessey Unit will be funded through an Active Transportation grant and constructed by Conservation Corps North Bay under our direction. The Whiskey Ridge and Conn Peak Trails (along with the Conn Peak Spur) are now complete and open to the public, nearly three miles of new singletrack a-h-h. We met with our partners at REMBA, Conservation Corps North Bay, and the Sonoma Co. Trails Council on Oct 23 to refine the Catacoula Trail alignment, slated to be built this spring. The park has been closed on five or six separate occasions in October and November due to Red Flag fire weather conditions. We have been informed that PG&E will be doing clearing around the high tension lines that cross the Hennessey Unit this spring, as the City of Napa owns the underlying property the District doesn't have authority over any of that work.

## Moore Creek Park Development

Development of open space park on 67.3 acres acquired by the District adjacent to City of Napa watershed lands at Lake Hennessy 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 trail building 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). There was a small fire on Chiles-Pope Valley Rd on Aug 25th, which caused the precautionary evacuation of the park. The Gate House was re-roofed in November 2018 using the Moore Creek maintenance/repair reserve fund. Staff coordinated a meeting with CalFire and a neighbor to determine what level of tree trimming is needed on the neighbor's property next to the ranch house to comply with Firewise regulations and the trimming work is now underway. Staff repaired a malfunctioning chlorinator to get the Ranch House engineered septic system back up and running. Multiple Red Flag closures have occurred as noted above. We are working with the RCD to do a re-oaking project in the area of Julie Yips bench this spring and are in the initial planning stages of a mid-summer Vo-Cal volunteer event to work on the Madrone Trail.

## 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 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. 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. Staff has been tracking and participating in the City of Calistoga's trail and parkway redesign project at the Vine / Silverado / OHM Trail intersection. The lower 1/4 mile of the trail was repaired in early January 2019 by staff and volunteers, with an improved inboard drain, culvert and waterbars, to correct problems created by CalFire's 2017 bulldozing. Deer season trail closure signs were put up in early August. Staff investigated reports of an illegal campsite near the Oat Hill Mine Trail and is investigating reports that people in 4WD vehicles have been clearing vegetation and other obstructions along the trail between Calistoga and the Palisades Trail. The campsite was determined to be located on adjacent private property (the owners have been contacted) and the 4WD enthusiasts own property further up the trail so have the right to drive on the trail. As with Moore Creek Park, the trail has been closed repeatedly in October and November due to hazardous fire weather. Recent PG&E line-clearing work along the lower portion of the trail damaged it in several places and we are working with PG&E to motivate them to fix it themselves, if that doesn't happen it is likely to become a District volunteer project later this winter.

## Putah Creek Properties

Acquire 480 acres next to Berryessa Estates from BLM at no fee through their Recreation and Public Purpose Act procedure. Manage Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral (2,500 acres) open space preserves

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 June 2019 no progress had been made. Per CalFire, the planned prescribed burn for Spanish Valley has been cancelled due to deteriorating weather conditions; we'll try again in 2020. We are in receipt of a conservation easement for Spanish Valley, drafted by the Land Trust, and are working with them to make edits and finalize the document for Board review. Interpretive staff held a well attended public hike at Spanish Valley in early November focusing on native plants and the areas interesting geology.

## Skyline Park

Permanent protection of Skyline Park and support for Skyline operations

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 were unable to agree on the fair market value of the property, negotiations stalled, and the legislative authorization expired. 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 its 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. 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. Senator Dodd in December 2018 introduced SB 20, which would again authorize the State to sell Skyline Park to the District and/or county for the sole purpose of it continuing to be a public park. In January 2019 the District sponsored the filming of a short feature for Doug McConnell's Open Road TV series to help build support for the purchase of Skyline. The District is working with SPCA to utilize a TBID grant obtained by the District to upgrade their web site including an on-line reservation system, improve their park map and brochure, and install an automatic pay machine on the River to Ridge Trail. As of early August 2019, a new Skyline map has been completed, the new web site is up and running, the on-line reservation system is operational, and the automatic pay station should be installed any day now. The Governor has signed legislation authorizing the sale of the park to the District or the County, but separately the State has also released plans to potentially lease 20 acres of Skyline Park for the development of housing, complicating matters. Staff has been working with bicycle advocates and Skyline Park Citizens Association to plan and develop a bicycle skills course on a 1/4 acre portion of Skyline Park.

## 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 Roughs Wilderness, but accessed via Smittle Creek.) The State Fish and Wildlife Game Warden for this area has been most helpful in patrolling the property looking for illegal poaching. A well-attended volunteer clean up project was held on October 28th, more than filling a 30 yard dumpster with debris. In late May, field staff met with the US Geological Service to assist with the placement of a remote seismicographic station on the property. Our volunteer caretaker for this property has made repairs to the dirt roads and the perimeter fencing.

Operate Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale  
Grist Mill State Historic Park and RLS State 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 agreed to let the District repair the house and place a camp host/caretaker on site to prevent further vandalism. The well and water tank was repaired in late 2018, and a District employee is now living on site and serving as the caretaker. A tree fell on the Silverado House in the late Feb 2019 storms; this was cleaned up last week, but the roof which was already in poor shape is now leaking. We have been attempting, but so far with no success, to get State Parks approval to repair the roof. District and State Parks staff are very close to having a new Operating Agreement ready for Board consideration.

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. 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. As of November, Caltrans is once again working on plans and specs for the red legged frog pond. We plan to file a use permit to open the preserve to the public as soon as the biological survey update that is scheduled for spring/summer 2019 is complete. As of early April 2019 we have begun actively assembling a trail development plan and working on final CRLF pond plans and specifications with Caltrans. We have hired Kevin Smallman, to help with trail corridor planning and spent May 10 and 11 hiking and flagging the property. In late June we met on site with Caltrans and USFWS biologists and geologists to refine preliminary pond plans. Negotiations with the City of American Canyon and an adjacent property owner regarding the potential to relocate the access easement to our property from Highway 12 did not work out because of a change of mind by the property owner. Staff has meanwhile begun preparation of the Use Permit application to the County to permit opening Suscol Headwaters to the public from the Skyline Park side. We hope to have a use permit in hand and to formally open the park to the public sometime this winter, perhaps as early as February.

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 NVTAs. 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 NVTAs to discuss ways to mitigate the impacts. In Sept 2018 the Vine Trail Coalition requested the District accept an easement to facilitate the trail connection between Kennedy Park and Napa Pipe. Staff met with the Vine Trail and Syar on March 6, 2019 to work out details related to the easement. A revised version of the easement, and an associated agreement allocating responsibilities is still being negotiated. District staff is continuing to support Vine Trail plans for developing the Vine Trail through Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

### Completed Projects

<p>Army's Grove Creek</p> <p>Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment Amendment to the proposed alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail extend north to the Oat Hill Mine Trail</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>Bay/River Trail -- American Canyon to Napa Phase I Phase One--Eucalyptus Drive to Green Island Road</p> <p>Phase Two-A Pond 10</p> <p>Phase Three--Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe</p> <p>Berryessa Peak Trail</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cedar Roughs/Smittle Creek Acquisition of 443 acres providing public access to Cedar Roughs from Smittle Creek Day Use Area</p> <p>Connolly Ranch Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.</p> <p>The Cove at Mt Veeder Acquisition of a 160 former Girl Scout Camp</p> <p>Historic ROW Analysis Study to determine location and status of historic road Rights-of-Way and their value as non-motorized recreational trails</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The donation of approximately 50 acres of open space from the Chamberlain family to the District closed in December 2015.</p> <p>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.</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. In March 2018 the Ridge Trail Council transferred the easement to the District, and with the support of the Tuteur family revised the easement to facilitate an extension of the trail south onto the District's Suscol Headwaters Preserve.</p> <p>Constructed approximately 5 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of American Canyon along the Napa River was completed in April 2012, in partnership with the City of American Canyon, Department of Fish and Game and Napa Valjejo Waste Management Authority. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.</p> <p>DFW surfaced the existing levee with gravel and opened the gate to the public in spring 2015.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Obtained donated trail easement from the Ahmann family to close gaps between existing public lands on Blue Ridge. A Negative Declaration and Use Permit hearing was approved December 16, 2009 by the County Planning Commission. An Operations and Management Plan has been approved by the property owner and the District. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. There have been volunteer trail building work parties have been held numerous times between 2011 and the present, and the trail is now done except for signage and a fence crossing. District staff met with Fish and Game on June 15, 2012 to discuss signage at the trailhead on DFG property, and in November 2012 submitted signage language for DFG review. Staff contacted DFG (now DFW) in February of 2013, again in early April, and again in late summer to determine the status of their review. In January 2014 DFW staff responded with an alternative entry sign design, and accepted our fence stile design. Volunteers installed the fence stile in March 2014. 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.</p> <p>Purchase of the property closed in December 2015.</p> <p>The acquisition of The Cove was completed in December 2017.</p> <p>Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those which have greatest potential.</p>
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Linda Falls Conservation Easement  
Expansion of conservation easement to cover all of the property at Linda Falls owned by the Land Trust of Napa County

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 trusts 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.

Master Plan Development  
The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009

Master Plan Update  
First scheduled update to the Master Plan adopted in January 2009  
Board ad hoc committee appointed. Methodology for doing update has been agreed upon. Project was delayed due to competing demands on staff time (primarily the effort to keep Napa's state parks from closing. A draft update has been prepared by staff working with the Board ad hoc committee for the Master Plan update, and released by the Board at the April 9, 2012 meeting for public comment. The plan update was adopted by the Board at its June 2012 meeting.

Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study  
Would construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area  
The feasibility study has been completed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on the Milliken Reservoir trails project until the Hennessey trail project is up and running.

Moore Creek Open Space Park  
Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008.

Napa River Ecological Reserve Improvements  
Parking area paved, and rock barrier installed to control vehicular access in 2007. Trash enclosure constructed and entry signs restored by volunteers in 2008. Deteriorated kiosk removed in 2008. The District in July 2008 assumed the County's role in managing the preserve under the joint management agreement with DFG. A new maintenance contract with the non-profit organization Options 3 was started in January 2009. The old deteriorated Information Kiosk, which had become a serious eyesore, was removed in November 2008.

Napa River Ecological Reserve Restoration  
This multi-year project resulted in the removal of the bulk of the invasive tassel 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  
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 sub agreements with three non-profit partner organizations.

Skyline Park Trail Improvements

Major volunteer event to reroute and repair trails

Staff worked with SPCA and V-O-CAL to sponsor a weekend work party on October 15-17, 2010. Approximately 110 volunteers worked to reroute and repair trails experiencing serious erosion problems. SPCA is donating \$1,000 toward expenses.

Skyline Park Facility Improvements

Partner-sponsored improvement include a second greenhouse and a covered equestrian arena.

The proposals for a second greenhouse and a covered arena were approved by the Department of General Services and by the County Board of Supervisors. The sponsors of these projects are now raising funds for implementation.

South Napa Wetlands Habitat Area

Transfer to the District those wetlands owned by the Napa County flood control district between the Napa River, Highway 29 and Newport Drive for use as habitat and nature-based recreation.

Transfer was approved in concept by the flood control district, and Park District staff prepared the first draft of a transfer agreement. Subsequently, attorney's for the flood district concluded it would be better from their perspective for the flood district to retain ownership of the property, due to their ongoing maintenance obligations.

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 Evelyn 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 Willdake-Duff property itself.

### **Deferred Projects**

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. Plans have been postponed while the District first focuses on increasing fundraising and outreach capacity without the challenges of establishing and supporting another legal entity, and to ensure what the District does is coordinated with fundraising efforts of other organizations.

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

The District had the opportunity to purchase 1,254 acres west of Highway 29 adjacent to Robert Louis Stevenson State Park. 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 would permit the area to be used for public recreation. The District prepared and obtained a Habitat Conservation Program grant that, together with a Moore Foundation grant obtained by the Trust for Public Land, would fully fund the purchase. 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. Unfortunately, the option expired at the end of February without TPL exercising it, because we were unable to provide the type of liability insurance the seller wanted to protect his interest in carbon credits that had been sold to the State for timber located on the property. Staff has begun discussions with other conservation partners about a strategy for changing the ARB carbon project rules so they don't prevent public ownership and access.

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, though it would need to be updated given the passage of time. The project concept was approved by the District Board, and was positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. However, there were subsequently a series of changes and controversies within the Department of Veterans Affairs, which undid the progress we had made. The area in question also involves the Department of Fish and Wildlife, since they have an easement to allow hunters to use the area; the Department was initially supportive of the District

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 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. Further progress on this project depends on the City of Vallejo and Solano County; the District cannot do more until they decide what direction to head.

## Bothe-Napa Valley State Park/Bale Grist Mill Report

December 2019

- Park occupancy has been generally slow with the rains, with a spike on New Year's Eve and day.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday hike this month was held December 21<sup>st</sup> at Bothe with a theme of Mushrooms. Lots of December rain and a rare decent weather day made for a large audience of 54 adults and 6 children. It was a great turnout but was a challenge to communicate the program to those in the back of the group.
- Two Mill Field Trips were held in December. In total, 78 students and 12 adults attended programs at the mill in December.
- One Bothe school group was held in December that served 65 students and 15 adults.
- Staff attended the Calistoga Holiday Village event on December 6<sup>th</sup> to promote district parks, Pioneer Christmas Event and as a community engagement opportunity. Our activity booth was wreath making.
- The annual Pioneer Christmas Event was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was down a bit due to the torrential rains, and all activities had to be indoors. Given the weather, it was a good turnout and lots of volunteer support.
- PEF/Project Status.
  - **Waterwheel Replacement:** Staff has replaced 4 of 13 arms with work to continue as weather permits. Coordinating with SP historian on project schedule. Met with Ben to review plan and delivery of additional pieces.
  - **Silverado Roof:** No Change. Tarp and minor shingle replacements have been made to damaged areas. Holding so far.
- Staff continues to work in the Native Garden by trimming out dead and general clean up.
- Trail maintenance ongoing this winter, clearing down trees and diverting water.
- Staff met with State Parks Interpretive Specialist, and have agreed on path forward for Cemetery Display reviews.