



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

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Director, Ward One

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Director, Ward Three

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Director, Ward Four

Barry Christian
Director, Ward Five

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 10, 2021 *at 2:00 P.M.*

Note: this is an in-person meeting, subject to Covid-related regulations (in particular limitations on number of people in room and mask wearing). People may also attend and provide comments via Zoom Conference Call

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meeting of April 12, 2021.
- b. Consideration and potential approval of revisions to the Purchasing Manual and District Bylaws to increase General Manager purchasing authority consistent with AB 2137 (Mayes, 2018) to \$50,000.
- c. Informational update on the spring 2021 Park and Trail User Survey.
- d. Update on the FY 21-22 Budget adoption process and setting June special budget meeting date.

- e. Update on District finances and the County grant (oral report).
- f. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for April 2021.
- g. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
- h. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, and Robert Louis Stevenson State 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

Public Employee Appointment (§ 54957): General Manager

8. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.
Via Zoom Conference Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present: Karen Bower-Turjanis, Tony Norris, Brent Randol, Nancy Heliotes, Barry Christian
Staff Present: John Woodbury, Chris Cahill, Kyra Purvis, Ryan Ayers

2. Public Comment

Carol Hall, Napa resident commended the District on the volume and quality of programming developed over the past year. She noted specifically the series of educational videos, ongoing partnerships with other local organizations such as the Historical Society, and Covid-safe volunteer projects that have allowed community members to stay involved safely.

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meeting of March 8, 2021.

Minutes for the March 2021 meeting were approved with one minor change. Announcements by board and staff were amended to reflect that Director Bower-Turjanis relayed praise from community members for the District's ongoing volunteer projects during the pandemic.

TN - BR - BC - KBT - NH

- b. Consideration and potential approval of agreement with Brown Armstrong Accountants for independent audit services not to exceed \$5,200 annually until 2024 with potential extensions until 2026.

Directors voted to approve the agreement with Brown Armstrong Accountants as presented.

KBT - TN - BR - BC - NH

- c. Consideration and potential approval of budget adjustments for FY 2020-2021.

Directors voted to approve budget adjustments for FY2020-2021 as presented.

NH - KBT - TN - BR - BC

d. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for March 2021.

Report received; No action taken.

e. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

Report received; No action taken.

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

Report received; No action taken.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

Director Christian relayed information about the Earth Day event planned for Wetlands Edge Park in American Canyon on Saturday 4/17/21 from 10am-12pm and made note that there are various activities planned to celebrate Earth Day by the District and partner organizations.

Director Bower-Turjanis announced that she met recently with Napa County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht to discuss the District's work.

Director Randol announced that he met recently with Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon to discuss the District's work.

John Woodbury noted that the April 20, 2021 meeting of the County Board of Supervisors is promised to include an agenda item to consider the funding request submitted by the District.

6. Agenda Planning

John Woodbury suggested that the May 2021 meeting be held in person in the BOS Chambers rather than by video conference.

Directors Christian and Randol suggested that additional updates from staff about the ongoing work of the District during board meetings would be beneficial to the board and public.

7. Adjournment

SIGNED: _____
Barry Christian, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Ayers, District Secretary

KEY

Vote: KBT = Karen Bower-Turjanis; TN = Tony Norris; BR = Brent Randol; NH = Nancy Helioles; BC = Barry Christian

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; Ab=Absent



STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill
Date: May 10, 2021
Item: **4.b**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of revisions to the Purchasing Manual and District Bylaws to increase General Manager purchasing authority consistent with AB 2137 (Mayes, 2018) to \$50,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Amend District Bylaws and the District Purchasing Manual to increase General Manager purchasing authority to \$50,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

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

BACKGROUND

In September 2018 then-Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 2137 (Mayes) into law, revising and expanding the Public Resources Code purchasing authorization for Park and Open Space Districts like ours. It was one in a series of iterative changes to that section of law, which increased GM purchasing authority from \$10,000 (in some cases), to \$25,000 in all cases, to \$50,000 for some Park Districts, and finally to \$50,000 with a built-in 2% per annum COLA for all Park Districts. Our application of these Public Resources Code changes to our own Bylaws and Purchasing Manual has been spotty, leaving us with the old \$10,000/\$25,000 limits called out in some places and the only somewhat fresher \$25,000 limit called out in different places in our two sets of procedures. This item represents staff's attempt to correct that and bring both documents up to date.

Because Public Resources Code Sec 5549 includes the magic language, "the General Manager may bind the district... without advertising" the proposed changes would increase the limit for projects that do not require formal public bid under State contracting law up to \$50,000, greatly streamlining our ability to do construction projects in an efficient and cost effective manner.

To implement AB 2137, we recommend the following textual changes. In the following sections revisions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck through~~.

District Bylaws

- A. General Manager.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a General Manager, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the District. The General Manager may be an employee of or a contractor to the District. The General Manager shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. [PRC 5538]

The General Manager has the following administrative and executive functions, powers, and duties, and shall do all of the following:

- (1) Enforce all ordinances and regulations of the district, and the applicable provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code.
- (2) Appoint subordinates, clerks, and other employees, and exercise supervision and control over all departments and offices of the district. Those appointees shall hold employment at the pleasure of the general manager.
- (3) Attend all meetings of the board unless excused by the board.
- (4) Submit to the board for adoption any measures, ordinances, and regulations he or she deems necessary or expedient.
- (5) Enforce all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the district or its inhabitants in any contract and report any violations to the board or the appropriate law enforcement agency, as appropriate.
- (6) Prepare and submit the annual budget to the board, and perform all other duties imposed by this article or by the board.
- (7) Sign vendor claims, contract face sheets, purchase orders, checks and warrants, and/or otherwise bind the district, in accordance with board policy and the adopted District budget, and without advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration ~~for any purpose other than new construction of any building, structure, or improvement~~ in amounts not exceeding those set by Public Resources Code Sec. 5549 and the District's adopted Purchasing Manual ten thousand dollars, and for the payment for supplies, materials, or labor for new construction of any building, structure, or improvement in amounts not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000). All expenditures shall be reported to the board of directors at its next regular meeting. [PRC 5549, and Resolution 07-03]NOTE: ~~As of January 1, 2015, the \$10,000 limit is increased to twenty five thousand dollars \$25,000), per AB 745 and Board action on July 14, 2014~~ and May 10, 2021].
- (8) Apply for grants and accept gifts, without prior Board approval, subject to reporting of such grants and gifts to the Board at least quarterly [amended August 11, 2008].
- (9) Apply for, sign and/or otherwise authorize and implement permits, memorandums of understanding, letters, actions authorized by the Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act adopted by the Board on January 8, 2007, actions related to the National Environmental Policy Act, and other similar administrative actions related to implementing projects, programs and policies approved by the Board of Directors. Any such actions which are covered by paragraphs seven and eight above, or which otherwise financially bind the district, that have not been previously and specifically approved by the Board, shall be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Purchasing Manual

- (e) When Informal Quotations or RFPs are Required, but not Competitive Bidding. Informal quotations (including RFPs for specialized or professional services) are required (except as otherwise provided in this Section 2-1), but competitive bidding (with advertised notice and award to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder) is not required for the following purchases of goods or services:
- Purchase of goods or services, whether by the General Manager or by the Board, which are not for: (1) maintenance projects involving contractor services to preserve, maintain, or repair any existing building, structure or improvement; or (2) construction projects for the construction of any new building, structure or improvement (Government Code section 5594);
 - Purchase of goods or services by the General Manager where the cost does not exceed \$50,000 for: (1) maintenance projects involving contractor services to preserve, maintain, or repair any existing building, structure or improvement ~~where the cost does not exceed \$10,000~~; or (2) construction projects for the construction of any new building, structure or improvement ~~where the cost does not exceed \$25,000~~ (Government Code section 5594); or
 - Purchases of goods or services by the General Manager or Board from or through other public agencies pursuant to joint powers agreements to the extent authorized by the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code section 6500 et seq.) or other applicable state laws authorizing public agency pooled purchasing, as such may be adopted from time to time.

2-2 **PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASES BY THE BOARD** (Public Resources Code 5549 and 5594; Government Code sections 53064, 53068)

(a) When Competitive Bidding Is Not Required for Purchases by the Board. Although the Board must approve all purchases of goods or services costing over ~~\$10,000~~ \$50,000 ~~(except for new construction) or over \$25,000 (for new construction)~~, informal quotations (or RFPs) may be used to solicit the offers, and competitive bidding prior to award of such contracts shall not be required unless the goods or services are needed as part of the actual work to be done by licensed contractors on such maintenance or new construction projects.

(b) When Competitive Bidding is Required for Maintenance Projects. All contracts for the purchase of goods and/or services for maintenance projects over ~~\$10,000~~ \$50,000 shall be awarded by the Board to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after a notice inviting bids has been published in a newspaper in the District at least one week before the time set for receiving bids. After the notice has been given and bids opened, the Board may reject all bids and either re-advertise or, by no less than a five-sevenths vote (4 affirmative votes), may elect to either purchase the materials or supplies in the open market or to complete the project by force account. For purposes of this requirement and as required by Public Resources Code section 5594, a “maintenance project” is a District project involving the provision of contractor (as opposed to professional engineering or architectural) services to preserve, maintain, or repair any existing building, structure, or improvement. For purposes of this subsection, “by force

account” includes work performed by District employees and support services contractors paid on a wage or salary (rather than project) basis, by volunteers and paid or unpaid volunteer coordinators, and/or by County of Napa employees performing the functions of District employees under direct supervision and control of District pursuant to support services agreement between the District and the County of Napa.

(c) When Competitive Bidding is Required for New Construction Projects. All contracts for the purchases of goods and/or services for new construction projects over ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 shall be awarded by the Board to the lowest responsible bidder after a notice inviting bids has been published in a newspaper in the district at least one week before the time set for receiving bids. After the notice has been given and bids opened, the Board may reject all bids and either re-advertise or, by no less than a five-sevenths vote (four affirmative votes), may elect to either purchase the materials or supplies in the open market or to construct the building, structure or improvement by force account. For purposes of this requirement, Public Resources Code section 5594 defines a “new construction project” as a District project involving contractor (as opposed to professional engineering or architectural) services to construct any new building, structure or improvement. For purposes of this subsection, “by force account” includes work performed by District employees and support services contractors paid on a wage or salary (rather than project) basis, by volunteers and paid or unpaid volunteer coordinators, and/or by County of Napa employees performing the functions of District employees under direct supervision and control of District pursuant to support services agreement between the District and the County of Napa.



STAFF REPORT

By: Ryan Ayers
Date: May 3, 2021
Item: **4.c**
Subject: Informational update on the spring 2021 Park and Trail User Survey.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational item, no action required.

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

Over the past year, there has been an increased discussion about the use of E-bikes (electric powered motorized bikes) on trails. This discussion is certainly not limited to Napa County or the District. Staff have been actively following the larger conversation and engaging with various parks users and partners to gain a firmer understanding of how trail users interact with E-bikes in our parks. There are also several other relatively new pieces of equipment in use on trails that various parks users have differing views about.

Staff decided to implement a short survey in our most popular park, Moore Creek Park, to broaden the responses that we were collecting and to gain a better understanding about how different user groups interact with these new pieces of equipment. The hope is that this survey gives us a solid cross section of various user-types and solicits responses from people that we have not previously had contact with. Once this survey project is completed, we will be able to analyze the data fully and make more informed decisions about next steps, if any, the District proposes to take with regard to E-bikes, motorized skateboards, personal speakers, or headphones.

The Park and Trail User Survey was distributed to park users at Moore Creek Park in March and April of this year, primarily by placing on windshields in the parking lot during peak times. These paper surveys contained 8 questions, and respondents were asked to deposit them in a prominently marked wine barrel near the exit of the parking lot.

The following report contains results for surveys collected through 4/29/21. These results are partial/preliminary, with final survey results to be analyzed once all surveys have been distributed and returned.



Park and Trail User Survey Results

Overview

The Park and Trail User Survey was distributed to park users at Moore Creek Park in March and April of 2021 to gather user experiences and opinions about several newer pieces of equipment that have come into use in outdoor recreation.

Park visitors were given paper surveys containing 8 questions to solicit their impressions and opinions about these pieces of equipment in the park. Surveys were collected in a wine barrel in the parking lot and collated for this report on 4/29/21.

As of 4/29/21, we have 33 completed surveys included in the summary data. Surveys will continue to be distributed over the next several weeks.

Go Outside and Play!



Park and Trail User Survey

Spring 2021

To help us manage and plan for the use of this park please complete this survey and submit it in the wine barrel tally box on your way out. If there is more than one person in your vehicle please choose one person to complete the survey, for themselves.

1. During your visit to the park today you were primarily:

- Hiking Biking E-biking Horseback riding Other (picnicking, bird watching, etc.)

2. Your gender:

3. Your county of residence (and state, if not California):

4. The number of people in your group today:

5. Your experiences with others using E-bikes (or electric powered motorized bikes):



7. Your experience with others listening to amplified music or using portable speakers while hiking or riding on trails:



A. I have heard them in the park I have not heard them in the park I'm not sure

B. On a scale of 1 – 10 how much do you support the playing of amplified music in this park?:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Very Much Support Support Neutral Don't Support Very Much Don't Support

8. Your experience with others using headphones that block their ability to hear ambient (outside) noise while using the park:



A. I have seen them in the park I have not seen them in the park I'm not sure

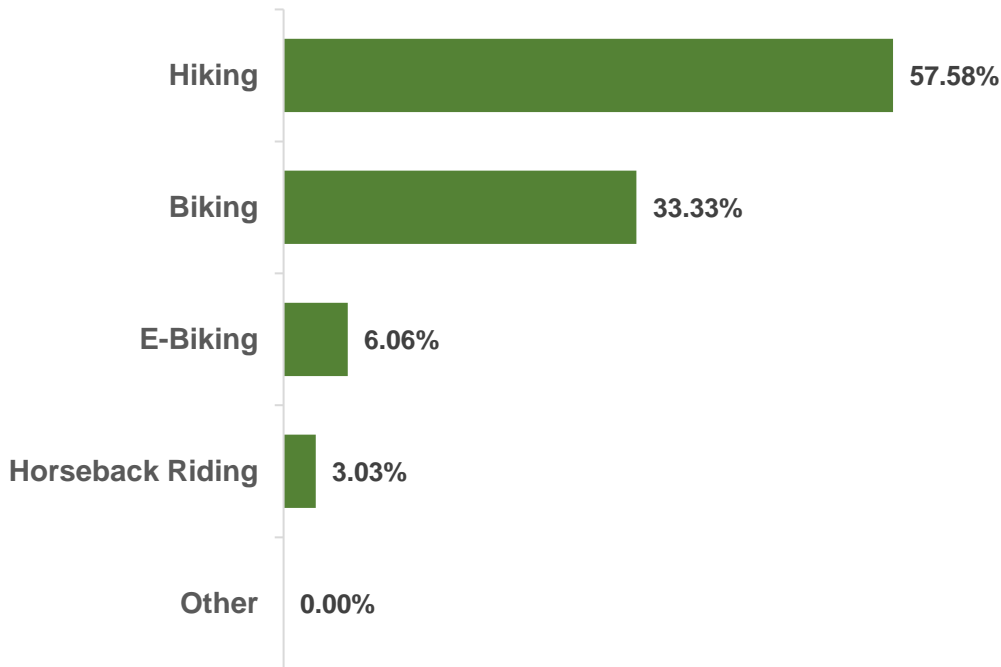


Survey Results

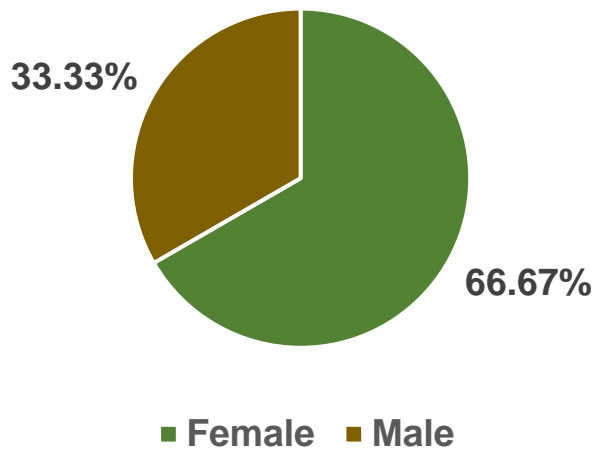
Below are the 8 survey questions included on the survey that park users received with breakdowns of the responses to date.

1. During your visit to the park today you were primarily:

Hiking, Biking, E-biking, Horseback riding, Other (picnicking, bird watching, etc.)

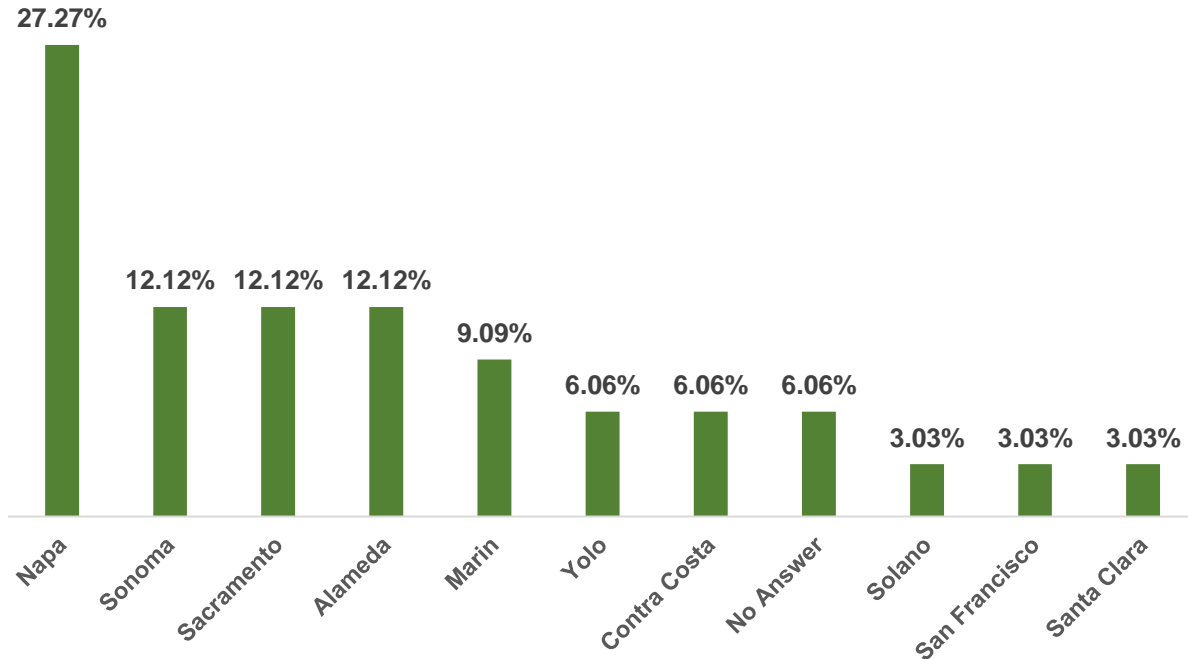


2. Your gender:

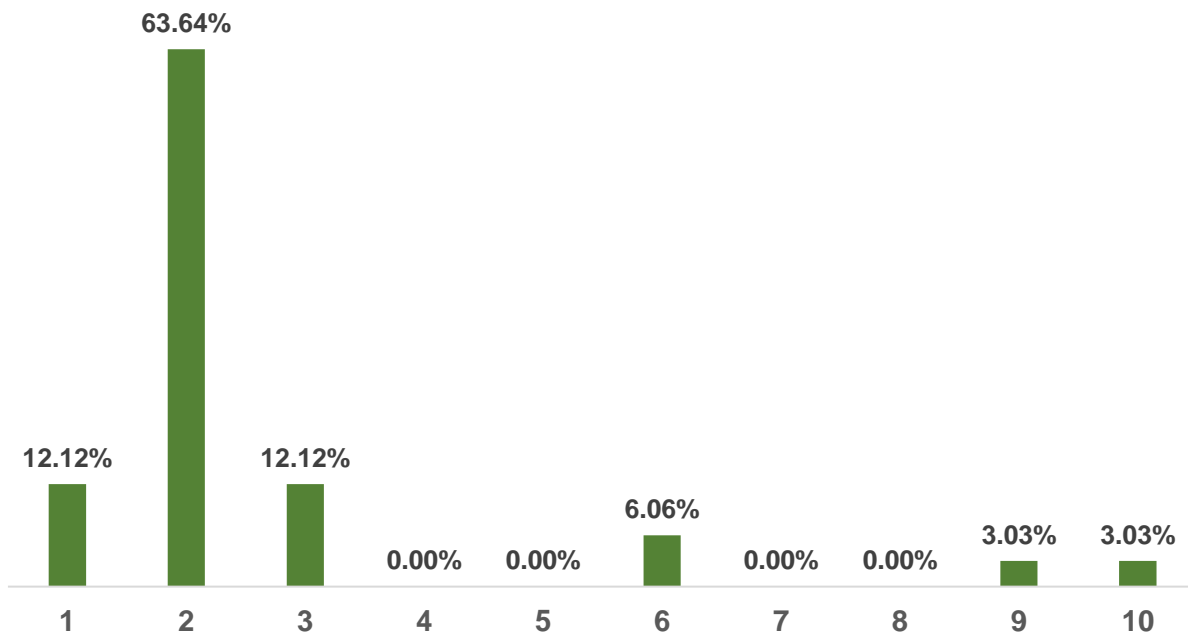




3. Your county of residence (and state, if not California):



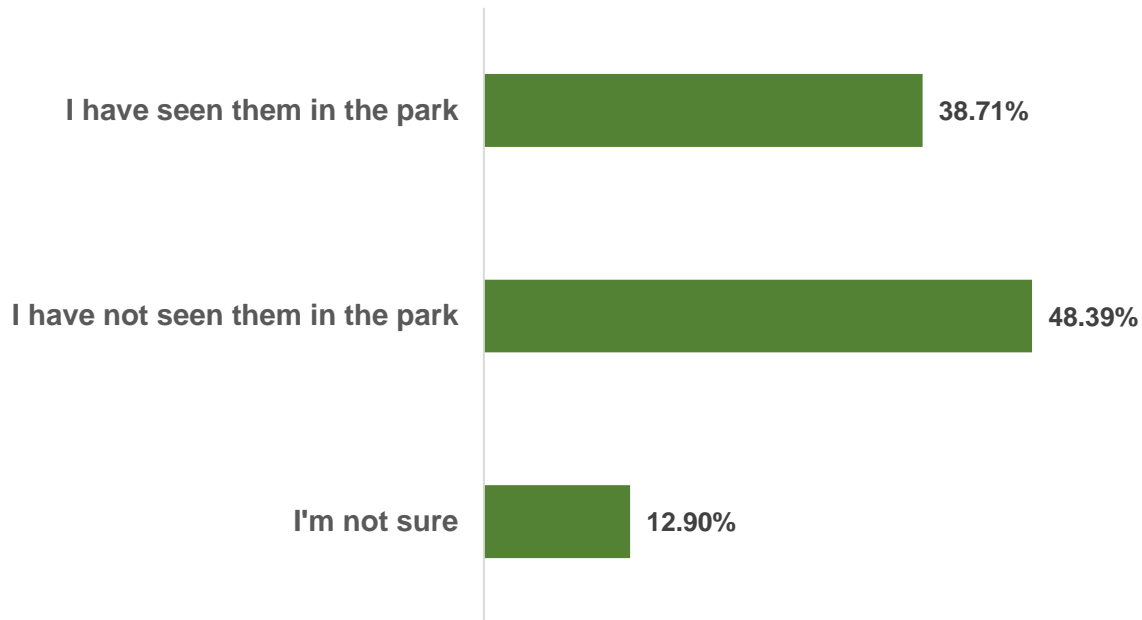
4. The number of people in your group today:



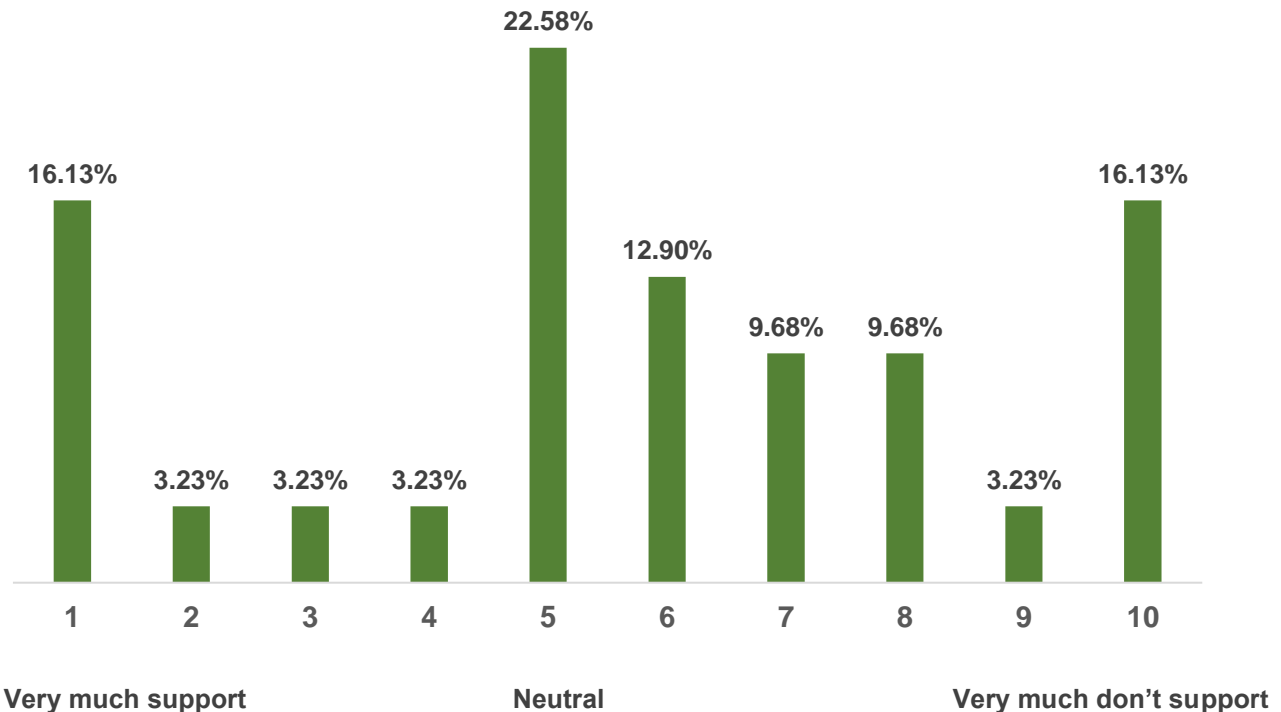


5. Your experiences with others using E-bikes (or electric powered motorized bikes):

Part A: I have seen them in the park, I have not seen them in the park, I'm not sure



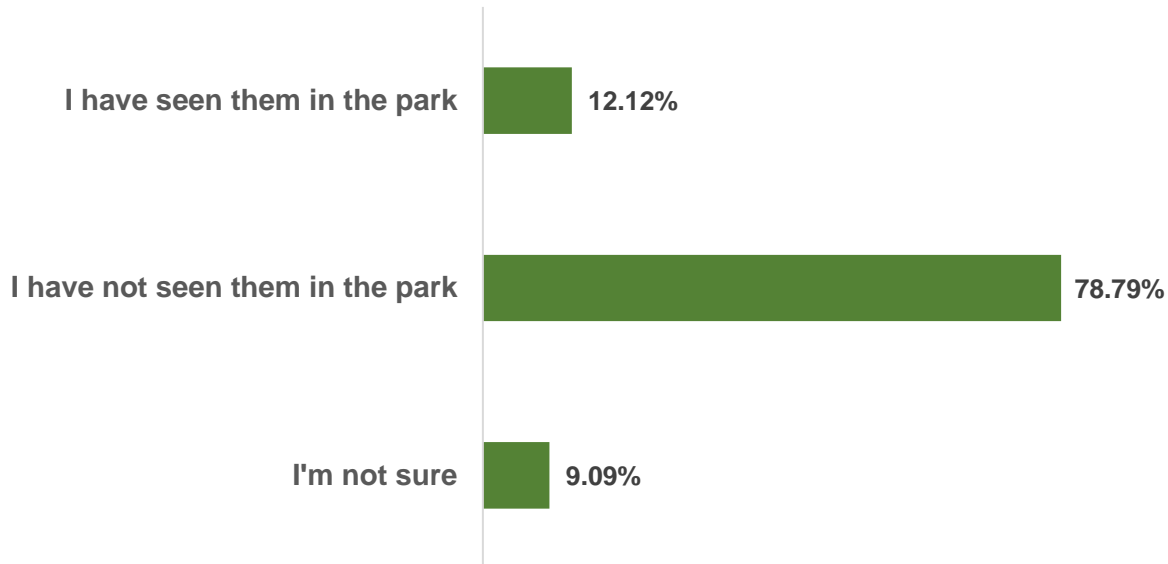
Part B: On a scale of 1 – 10 how much do you support the use of e-bikes on this park's trails?
(circle one number):



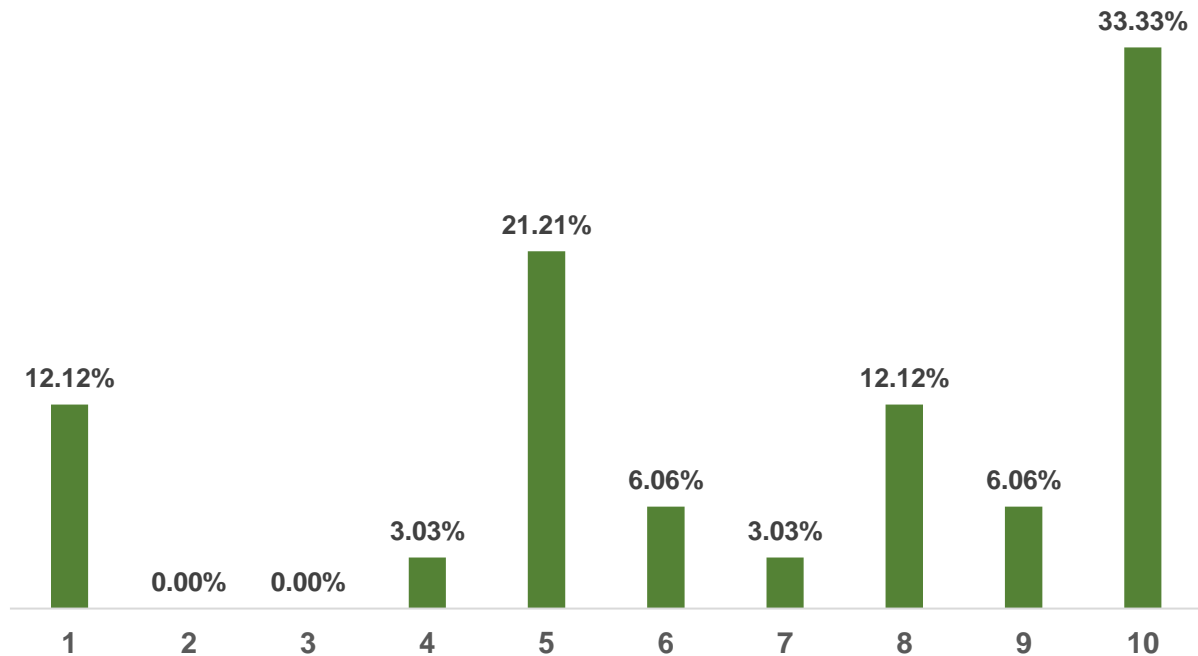


6. Your experiences with others using electric powered motorized skateboards or hoverboards:

Part A: I have seen them in the park, I have not seen them in the park, I'm not sure



Part B: On a scale of 1 – 10 how much do you support the use of motorized skateboards on this park's trails? (circle one number):



Very much support

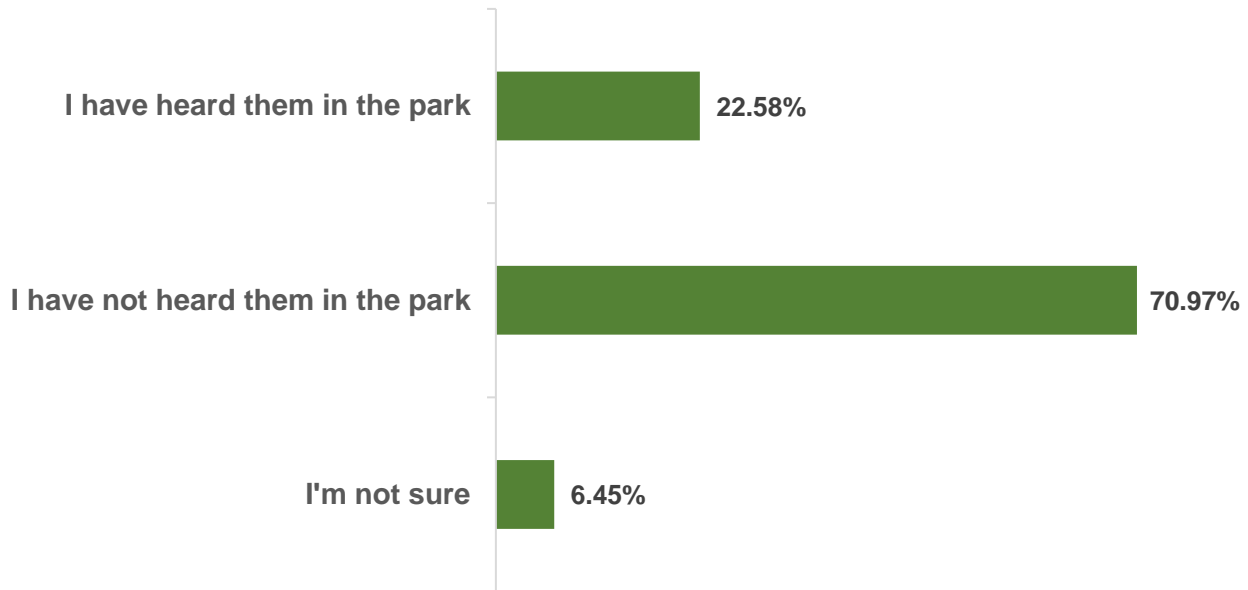
Neutral

Very much don't support

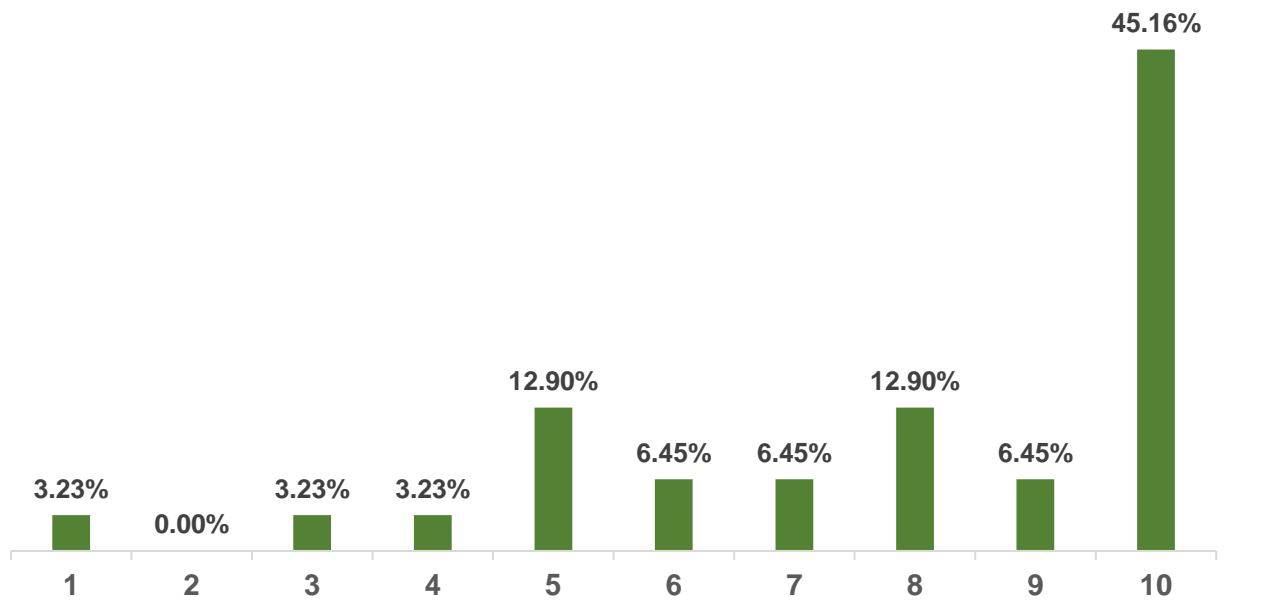


7. Your experience with others listening to amplified music or using portable speakers while hiking or riding on trails:

Part A: I have heard them in the park, I have not heard them in the park, I'm not sure



Part B: On a scale of 1 – 10 how much do you support the playing of amplified music in this park? (circle one number):



Very much support

Neutral

Very much don't support



Additional Data Breakout

Questions 5-8 asked respondents whether they had observed pieces of equipment in the park, then whether they were supportive/unsupportive of their use. It seems potentially useful to examine the attitudes of park users who have encountered these items during their visits to the park (practical experiences) vs those that have not encountered these items (theoretical opinions).

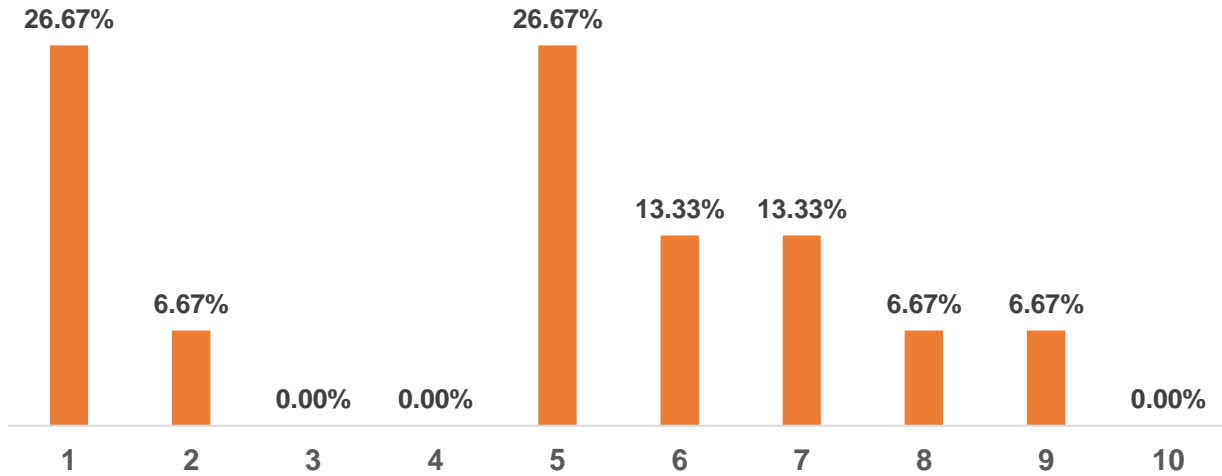
Below are charts indicating levels of support for e-bikes, motorized skateboards, personal speakers, and headphones among survey respondents based on whether they have or have not encountered them in the park.

Additional data breakout on following pages.



E-Bikes:

E-Bike: I have seen them in the park
(15 responses)

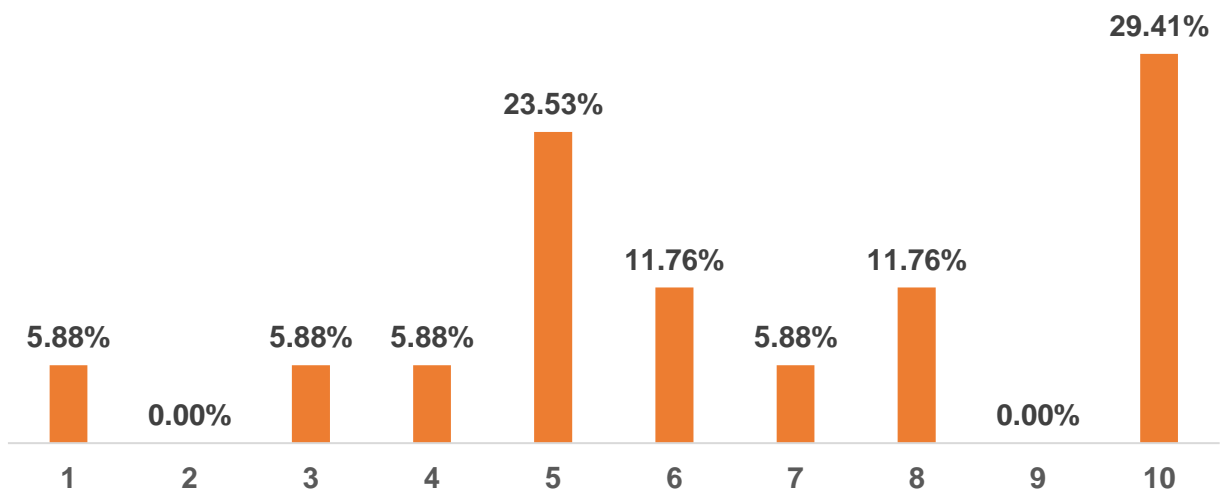


Very much support

Neutral

Very much don't support

E-Bike: I have not seen them in the park/Unsure
(17 responses)



Very much support

Neutral

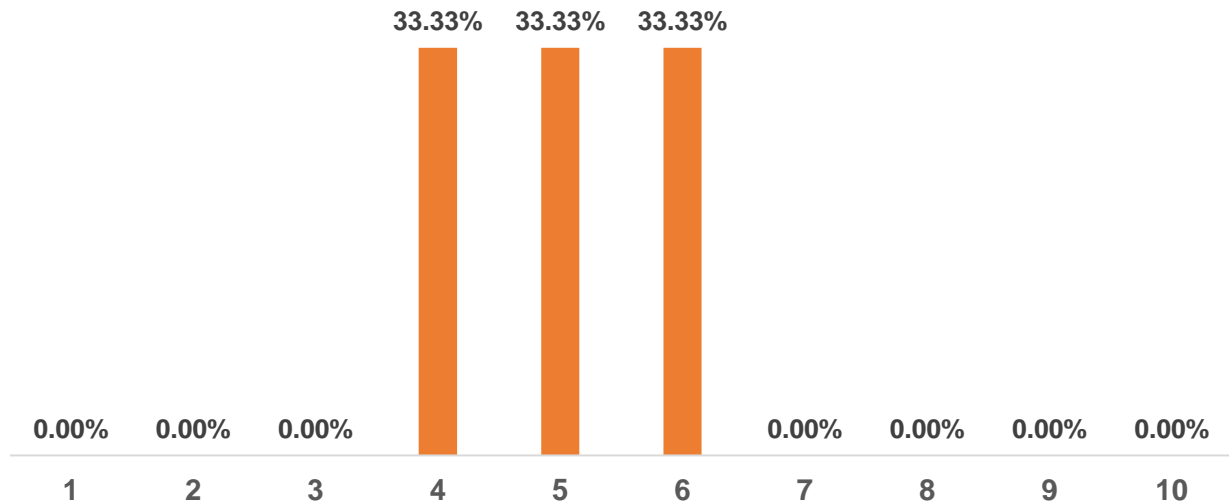
Very much don't support



Motorized Skateboards:

Motorized Skateboard: I have seen them in the park

(3 responses)



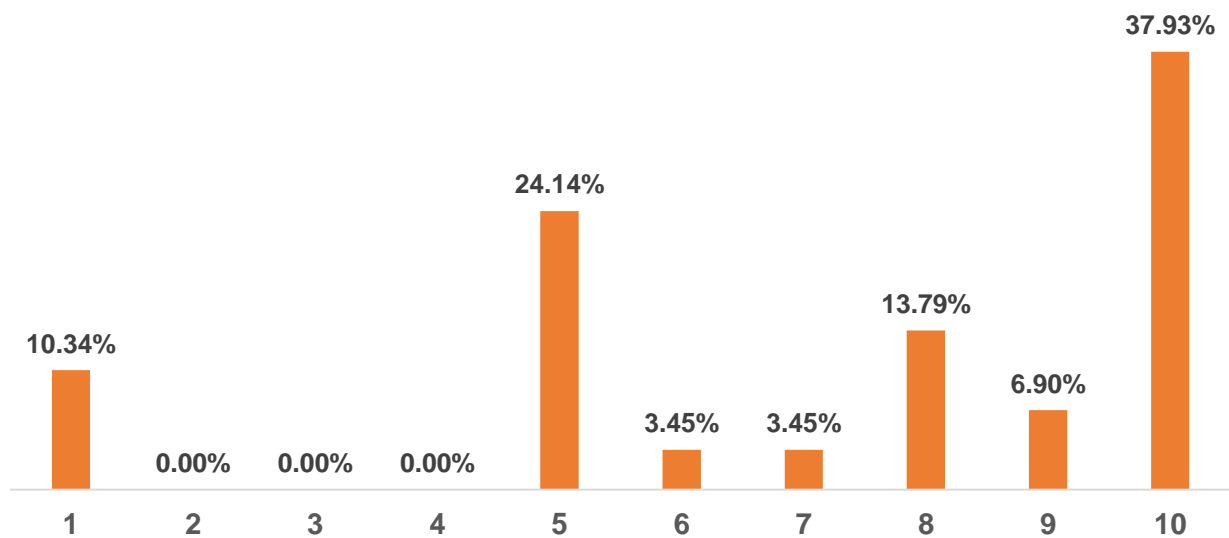
Very much support

Neutral

Very much don't support

Motorized Skateboard:

I have not seen them in the park/Unsure (29 responses)



Very much support

Neutral

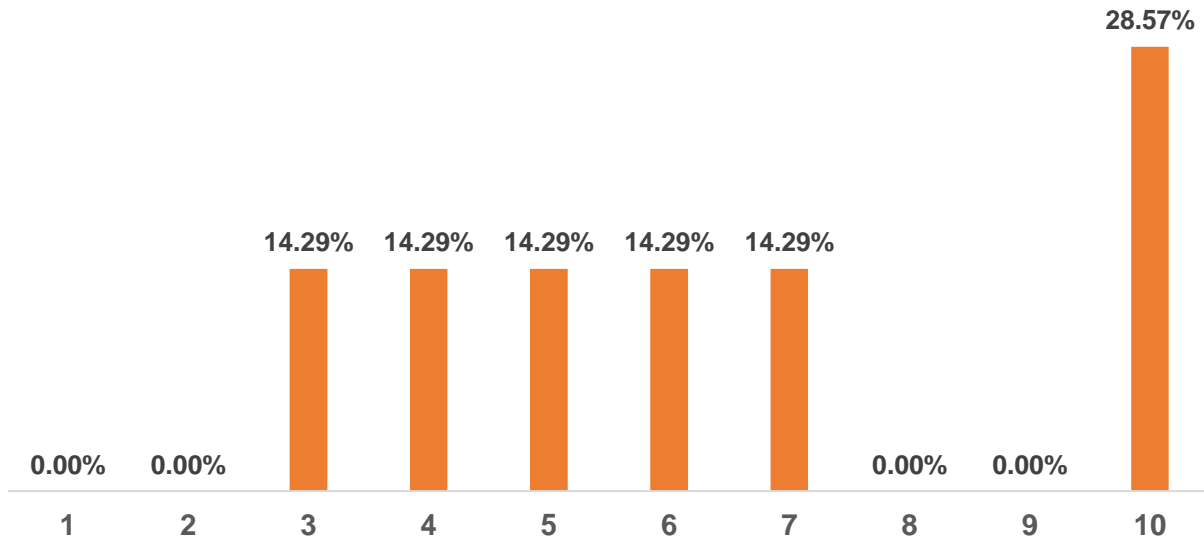
Very much don't support



Personal Speakers:

Personal Speaker: I have heard them in the park

(7 responses)



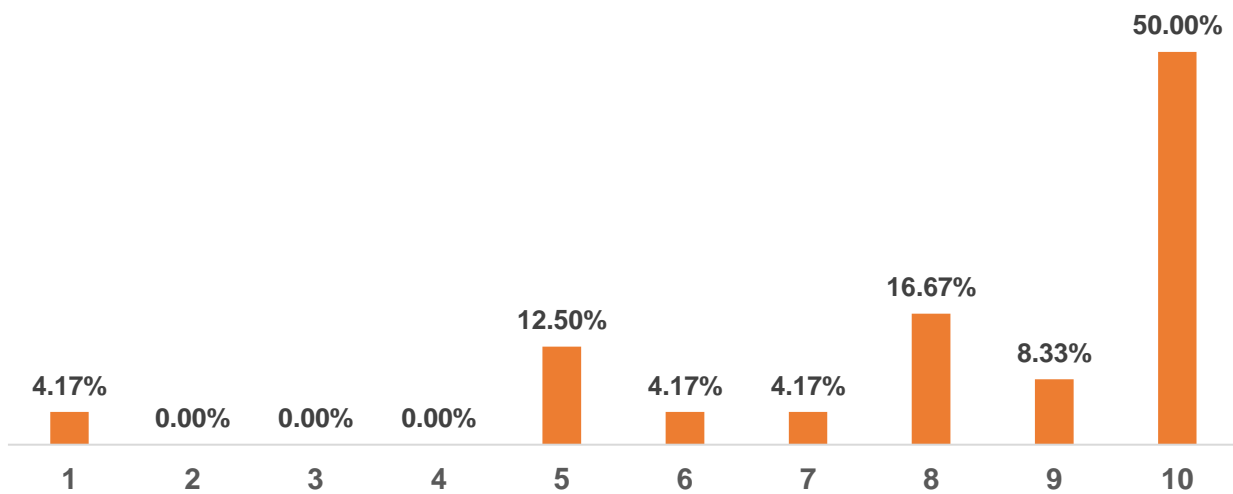
Very much support

Neutral

Very much don't support

Personal Speaker:

I have not heard them in the park/Unsure (24 responses)



Very much support

Neutral

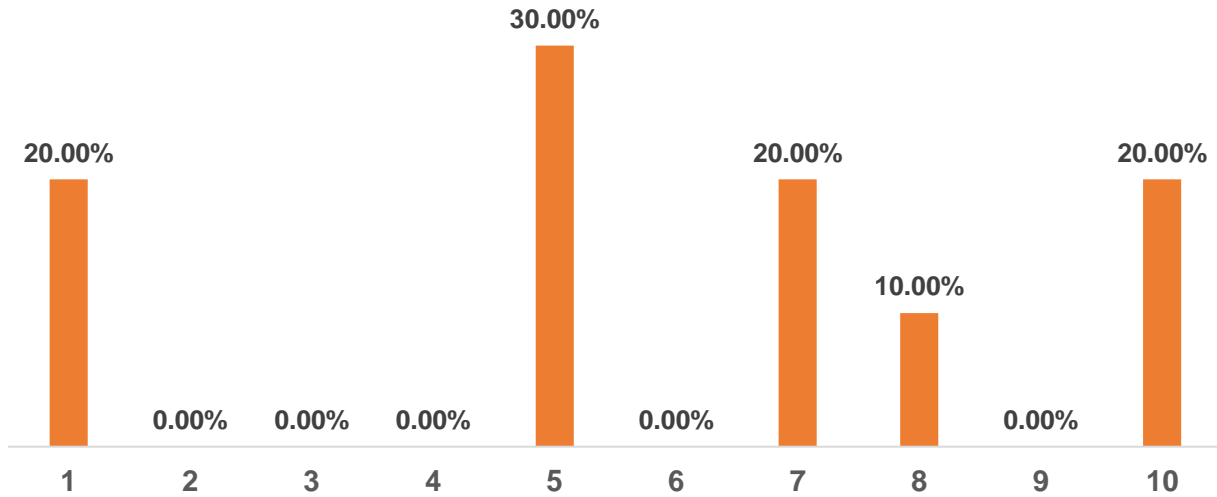
Very much don't support



Headphones:

Headphones: I have seen them in the park

(10 responses)

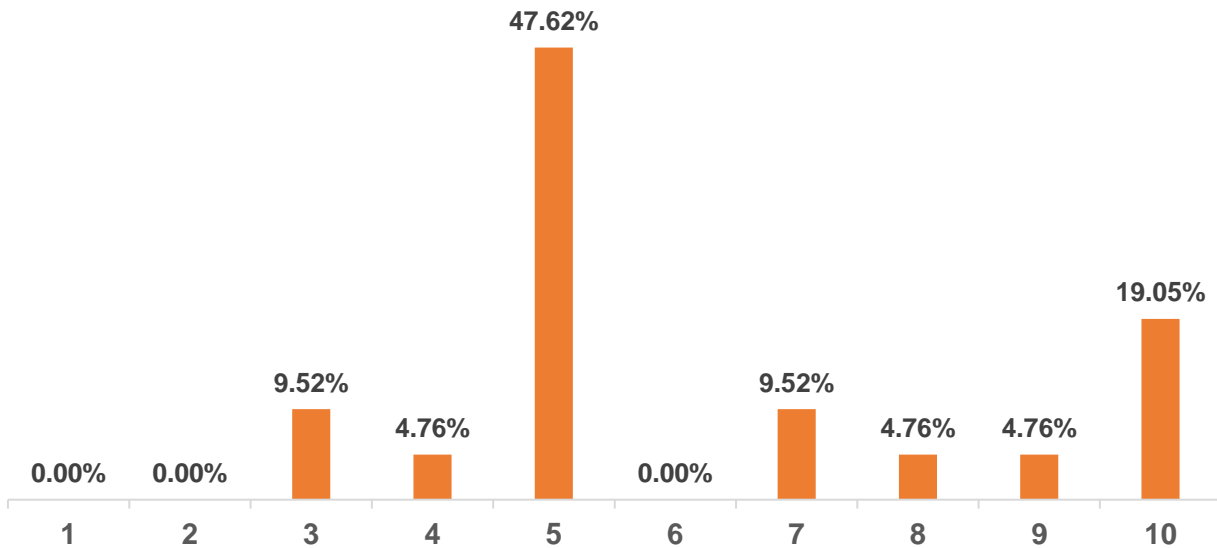


Very much support

Neutral

Very much don't support

Headphones:
I have not seen them in the park/Unsure (21 responses)



Very much support

Neutral

Very much don't support



STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill
Date: May 10, 2021
Item: **4.d**
Subject: Update on the FY 21-22 Budget adoption process and setting June special budget meeting date.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff with direction on preferred special meeting times and logistics. Staff recommends a Zoom regular Board meeting on Monday June 14th and a Zoom special meeting on Monday June 28th.

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

As the Board may remember, at our April meeting we reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) was slated to hear an item regarding funding for the District at their April 20th meeting. That schedule, though tight, would have allowed us to deliver a draft budget to this Board on May 10th, open a thirty day public comment period, and agendize the budget for adoption on June 14th. That has been the schedule of budget adoption for most, if not all, of our fifteen years of existence.

Unfortunately, a change of plans at the County will make that schedule impossible this year. The decision has been made to delay hearing of the District's funding request to the June 14-16 general BOS budget hearing. Because news of that change came in rather late, we have had to push release of our draft District budget back to your regular June 14th meeting. That draft budget will, of necessity, be based on the current County grant agreement and the Board should expect it to include significant operational cuts. Following the BOS hearings of June 14-16, staff will amend the draft District budget as necessary to reflect whatever funding decision is made by the County and we will then need to hold a special meeting on or about June 28th to actually adopt the District budget.

We have been bumped out of the BOS chambers on June 14th due to their special budget hearing so will have to run the regular June District meeting as a Zoom-only affair unless the Board would like staff to explore other dates and/or meeting locations. Staff would recommend a second Zoom-

only meeting at 2PM on Monday June 28 to consider adopting the budget, but other options may be possible if a majority of the Board so prefers.



STAFF REPORT

By: Kyra Purvis
Date: May 10, 2021
Item: **4.f**
Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the report, no action required.

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 April 2021.

In addition to these expenditures, the General Manager or Acting General Manager have authorized the following contracts using their signature authority:

Agreement 21-06	Grant Agreement with the County of Napa (Agricultural Commissioner) - Accepting \$24,735 in weed management funding -by Woodbury.
Agreement 21-08	Legal Services Agreement with SF North Bay Law regarding amicus brief in support of the East Bay Regional Park District in the Court of Appeal, First District, case <i>Save Lafayette Trees et al. v. East Bay Regional Park District et. Al.</i> - no fee - by Cahill.
Agreement 21-09	Memorandum of Agreement with Nimbus Arts - In kind support of Nimbus-led nature camps at Bothe, fees waived, no cost to District - by Cahill.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT -APRIL 2021 EXPENSE REPORT

Gen Admin Dept - 85000-00

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 61.19
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 711.74
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 1,501.71
04/02/202:	EBay headphone attachment	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 38.39
04/02/202:	CDW headphones	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 63.39
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 11,990.80
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 166.45
04/02/202:	02/2021 gsuite	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 30.00
04/02/202:	2/24 to 3/23/21 Zoom	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 16.11
04/02/202:	GoDaddy domain registration	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 42.34
04/06/202:	3rd Qtr PBES Admin		\$ 54,007.00
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 12,100.04
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 170.92
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 198.08
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 61.19
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 1,501.71
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 730.79
04/20/202:	Mileage 4/1/21-4/16/21	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 10.08
04/23/202:	March 2021 Invoice	RYBICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	\$ 79.00
04/30/202:	Reallocation district salaries		\$ 18,069.49

Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/02/202:	PARK200321 03/2021	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	\$ 191.76
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 8.48
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 12.82
04/02/202:	Mileage- 3/8 -3/19 2021	CAHILL,CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	\$ 30.80
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 206.70
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 3.00
04/06/202:	Large Floater, Acid, Shuck	DONS SWIMMING POOL CENTER	\$ 184.26
04/06/202:	3rd Qtr PBES Admin		\$ 5,520.63
04/08/202:	MOUNTING ACCESS HOLD COVER	IRON RANGERS LLC	\$ 96.98
04/08/202:	SHIPPING	IRON RANGERS LLC	\$ 530.00
04/08/202:	FS1236A INSERT	IRON RANGERS LLC	\$ 2,413.60
04/08/202:	FS1236 SHELL	IRON RANGERS LLC	\$ 2,472.86
04/08/202:	ENVELOPE BOX - MTD (MOUNTED)	IRON RANGERS LLC	\$ 404.06
04/08/202:	FS1236 BACK ACCESS HOLE COVER	IRON RANGERS LLC	\$ 374.97
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 2.76
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 190.80
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 7.82
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 11.83
04/20/202:	12/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 426.67
04/20/202:	03/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 220.08
04/20/202:	Mileage for November 2020	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 226.00
04/20/202:	Mileage 4/1/21-4/16/21	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 105.28

04/20/202: 01/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$	375.76
04/20/202: 02/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$	91.84
04/20/202: 10/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$	269.70
04/21/202: 09/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$	93.16
04/21/202: Sledge Handle Wood 36"	ZELLER'S & CLARKS ACE HARDWARE	\$	19.38
04/23/202: PARK140221 04/2021	HERITAGE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$	128.33
04/23/202: PARK200321 04/21 Portable Rent	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	\$	185.58
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries		\$	(74,906.45)

Oat Hill Mine Trail Dept - 85010-01

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 122.32
04/20/202: 10/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 362.85
04/20/202: Mileage for November 2020	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 32.78
04/21/202: 09/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 174.23
04/21/202: Oat Hill Map 28x40	FRYE'S PRINTING INC		\$ 110.43
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 3,748.55

NRBT Dept - 85010-02

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 517.88
04/20/202: Mileage for November 2020	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 16.10
04/21/202: 09/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 24.73
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 450.56

Camp Berryessa Dept - 85010-03

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 904.99
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 4,540.67

Berryessa Vista Dept - 85010-04

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 84.10

NRER Dept - 85010-05

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 264.59
04/07/202: PARK180221 03/2021	NAPA VALLEY SUPPORT SERVICES		\$ 500.00
04/20/202: 02/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 8.96
04/20/202: 12/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 13.80
04/20/202: 03/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 17.92
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 1,827.92

Vine Trail Dept - 85010-06

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 934.59
04/20/202: 03/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD		\$ 14.00

Putah Creek Dept - 85010-07

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202:	3rd Qtr PBES Admin		\$ 173.43
04/30/202:	Reallocation district salaries		\$ 153.83

State Park - 85010-08

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 84.02
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 617.15
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 304.96
04/02/202:	03/2021 Mileage	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 23.52
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 2,802.40
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 2,116.23
04/02/202:	PR2GL Pay End 3/19/21		\$ 71.31
04/02/202:	Southwest Scaffolding	WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 399.00
04/06/202:	DMV Registration Fee	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	\$ 54.00
04/06/202:	Phone Line 2/28/21-3/27/21	AT&T	\$ 22.25
04/06/202:	Bothe Trail Maps	THE COPY CORNER	\$ 175.09
04/06/202:	PG&E 2/12/21-3/15/21	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$ 73.90
04/06/202:	PG&E 2/12/21-3/15/21	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$ 945.37
04/06/202:	PG&E 2/12/21-3/15/21	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$ 42.62
04/06/202:	PG&E 2/12/21-3/15/21	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$ 130.10
04/06/202:	PG&E 2/13/21-3/16/21	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	\$ 783.12
04/06/202:	3rd Qtr PBES Admin		\$ 68,192.64
04/07/202:	Deposit for Electrical Work	TRIOLO ELECTRIC INC.	\$ 3,000.00
04/09/202:	PBES Office Depot supplies		\$ 44.71
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 63.26
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 1,559.40
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 2,802.40
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 63.94
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 617.15
04/16/202:	PR2GL Pay End 4/2/21		\$ 270.42
04/20/202:	10/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 24.15
04/20/202:	Mileage for November 2020	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 216.79
04/20/202:	Hand Sanitizer	JORDAN,JASON GERALD ALLAN	\$ 70.03
04/21/202:	Outdoor cord, Blower Elect 160	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 75.40
04/21/202:	Cut off Wheel, Torch, Blade	SILVERADO ACE HARDWARE	\$ 85.23
04/21/202:	Firewood Delivery 4/15/21	V&V FIREWOOD INC.	\$ 1,920.00
04/21/202:	09/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 57.50
04/21/202:	Water Sampling	CALTEST ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	\$ 50.00
04/21/202:	Water Sampling	CALTEST ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	\$ 50.00
04/21/202:	Garbage service 3/21	UPPER VALLEY DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.	\$ 1,666.86
04/30/202:	Reallocation district salaries		\$ (21,578.23)

Suscol Headwaters - 85010-09

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/20/202:	Mileage 4/1/21-4/16/21	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 20.72
04/20/202:	02/2021 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 54.32
04/21/202:	09/2020 Mileage	FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 20.13
04/30/202:	Reallocation district salaries		\$ 1,824.12

Amy's Grove 85010-10

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/02/202: 03/2021 Mileage		WOODBURY,JOHN ROBERT	\$ 16.24
04/02/202: Mileage- 3/8 -3/19 2021		CAHILL,CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	\$ 17.92
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 5,536.20
04/07/202: PARK210121 03/2021		JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	\$ 67.73
04/20/202: 03/2021 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 171.36
04/20/202: 02/2021 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 196.56
04/20/202: Mileage 4/1/21-4/16/21		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 121.52
04/20/202: 12/2020 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 51.18
04/20/202: 01/2021 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 99.12
04/21/202: Sthil, Fule CAp, Filler Cap		NAPA POWER EQUIPMENT	\$ 110.48
04/21/202: Trufuel 50:1 Mix		ZELLER'S & CLARKS ACE HARDWARE	\$ 53.85
04/21/202: Gal Bar Oil,Power Spout,Premix		NAPA POWER EQUIPMENT	\$ 123.80
04/21/202: 09/2020 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 35.65
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 4,321.12

Smittle Creek/Cedars Rough 85010-11

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 530.77
04/20/202: 12/2020 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 92.00
04/21/202: 09/2020 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 42.55
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 3,596.07

Other Projects 85010-90

Date	Journal Line Description	Name	Monetary Amount
04/06/202: 3rd Qtr PBES Admin			\$ 10,790.91
04/20/202: 04/2021 Mileage		CAHILL,CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	\$ 47.60
04/20/202: 10/2020 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 27.60
04/20/202: 03/2021 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 11.20
04/21/202: 09/2020 Mileage		FESSENDEN,RICHARD TODD	\$ 51.18
04/30/202: Reallocation district salaries			\$ 57,952.35



Projects Status Report

May 10, 2021

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. The purchase has been completed using District reserve funds. State Parks in June 2020 released the announcement of the per capita grant funds, which the District will use to reimburse about half the cost of the 164 acre purchase. An application for \$400,000 from the Prop 68 per capita grant program has been submitted, the grant agreement has been signed by the District, and a \$400,000 check from the State finally arrived in mid February. Staff submitted a proposal in partnership with Enchanted Hills Camp to share an AmeriCorps team next January through March, which was approved on December 8th. The team arrived in mid-January and cleared brush from the future staging area on Dry Creek Road. Several volunteer work parties have since made even further progress on tearing down old buildings and salvaging the materials that can be reused.

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. The Board President and General Manager met with CDFW 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 CDFW staff on November 28, 2018. Staff has been working with BCDC to determine whether CDFW 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. CDFW in April approved policy changes for the Napa-Sonoma marshes, including use of bicycles on designated trails. The District and the City of American Canyon have been developing new and improved signage for the Wetlands Edge trailhead. The commemorative plaque for former Director Myrna Abramowicz was vandalized in June or July of 2020; Director Christian has taken the lead in getting a replacement plaque and the finished product is now installed and turned out excellent.

Berryessa 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 Berryessa 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. We had tremendous success at the volunteer trail building event in early February, building +/- 900 feet of new trail. Berryessa Vista burned in the August 2020 fires; once the ashes settle staff will need to assess damage and come up with a repair and restoration plan.

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. 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. 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. A State Employment Development Department funded crew of 4 (using fire emergency job training funds) started work on April 2, 2019 and continued through the end of 2019 chipping of much of the remaining woody debris and 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. Staff hiked the property extensively in February of 2019, trying among other things to relocate the old trails, but most have been destroyed by the 2017 fires and resulting erosion. The Mt Veeder Fire Safe Council secured a grant to fund fuel reduction work along the Mayacamas ridge on and near the Cove, and cleared downed and standing-dead trees along our ridgetop fire road. We continue to work on locating improvements (camp sites, water spigots, etc) for the rebuilt camp and have been working through some potentially more cost effective fixes to the gravel road, which is a struggle for some cars to climb when it's dry and dusty. Staff together with Enchanted Hills Camp applied for and received a 13 week AmeriCorps crew this winter to work on The Cove, Amy's Grove and Enchanted Hills Camp. We have paused work on developing a new potable water system and septic system on the site while we reconsider our priorities in light of District finances, and the timeframe in which we think regular ongoing (as opposed to occasional special event-style) public camping will actually be desirable on the property once again. The Americorps team in January and February of 2021 constructed just under a half mile of new trail running up the ridge and towards Mount Veeder from the Cove bowl; it is much more gradual than the old trails (the old trail was 25-30%, new trail is about 9%). 2 volunteer projects were hosted in spring 2021 to reconstruct several of the campsites. Rick and Ryan hosted a 5/8/21 volunteer project to continue working on the new trail to the peak.

EcoCamp Berryessa

Redevelopment and operation of former Boy Scout Camp with a 64 bed group/environmental education camp with 8 tent cabins, 2 covered group activity centers, a canoe/kayak dock, a central amphitheater and campfire ring, and a shower and composting toilet restroom facility.

A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction was provided by the Mead Foundation, together with a \$1.7 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. Construction of Phase I, which includes beds for up to 64 campers was completed in June 2016. Tuleyome. 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 EcoCamp Berryessa; some have been placed around the property to restrict vehicle access and add character. Issues with the composting toilets and water systems (the result of poor design and power failures) appear to have all been resolved. We are looking into solar battery backups to provide more reliable power as rural blackouts on windy days have become the new normal. Some of the septic system valving and wires was damaged by denning rodents; they have been repaired, and the valve

boxes have been hardened to make it more difficult for our furry friends to get into them in the future. The hard water at the camp is causing backflow prevention devices to leak, and repairing them continues to be a challenge. The EcoCamp has been closed to the public since mid-March 2020 due to the pandemic. We have been taking the opportunity of this downtime to get on top of spring mowing and other projects and Sarah Clark has been inspecting the property at least once a week. Staff has completed a survey of rates and policies for other group camps in the region, and will be developing a proposal for expanding camp use to include a broader range of group and family campers, for when the camp is not needed by the non-profit and youth organizations which are the primary target audience for the camp. Camp Berryessa suffered some damage in the August 2020 fires; the camp itself mostly escaped damage, but the power line to the camp was destroyed as was our camp host's mobile home and belongings. Power has now been restored and the water system seems to be working. We have had the water tested for VOCs (which can be created when plastic pipes melt) and the tests came back negative. We have filed for a Right of Entry with the County of Napa, which should mean fire debris are removed as a part of the County/FEMA fire cleanup operation. While the camp is closed due to COVID, we have on three occasions allowed USGS researchers doing post-fire investigations to use the site while working in eastern Napa County. We are starting to take reservations for group camping events starting this summer, contingent on continued improvement in COVID 19 conditions. Inexplicably, fire debris have still not been cleared at the Camp by the County cleanup program, staff is looking into it.

Moore Creek Park Development

Improvements and operations at our 1,500 acre regional park in the Lake Hennessey watershed. Includes the Moore Creek unit on land owned by the District and the Lake Hennessey Unit on land owned by the City of Napa.

The District's Moore Creek property (Moore Creek Unit) was expanded in 2012 through a lease agreement and operations plan with the City of Napa (Lake Hennessey Unit). The combined 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. Work was completed on the Conn Creek connector trail between the Moore Creek and Lake Hennessey units in June 2013. Lake Hennessey North Shore Trails formally opened with a ribbon cutting in October 2014. The Sam the Eagle Trail was completed in April 2015. District staff and volunteers installed the Harold Kelly bench in early June 2015 and constructed a short ADA-compliant access trail to it that July. 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. 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. Staff hosted trail scouting and trail building volunteer events focused on the Madrone Trail in late May and early June, 2018. 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. 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. The Whiskey Ridge and Conn Peak Trails (along with the Conn Peak Spur), nearly three miles of new singletrack all-in, was completed in 2019. As of early January 2021 work on Catacoula is almost complete and, thanks to some well-timed precipitation, it's looking and riding great. The Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB) returned to the property in April and has put finishing touches on Catacoula Tr and begun clearing work along the Madrone Tr corridor, all under Rick Fessenden's able leadership. To help ensure public safety in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, staff and volunteers monitored both entrances to Moore Creek Park for most Fridays and weekends in March through July of 2020. By late July this extra monitoring was stopped because park usage while still very high had returned to more manageable levels. Staff is working with the County of Napa and the City of Napa to make improvements to the end of Conn Valley Road to be able to better accommodate demand going forward, though planned work has been postponed indefinitely while everyone works on recovering from the LNU and Glass Fires of August and September of 2020. The two tenants at Moore Creek Park had to evacuate for about two weeks as a result of the August 2020 fires, but were able to return just before Labor Day. They then had to evacuate again on September 28 due to the Glass Fire. Despite a number of additional autumn red flag days and closures, and a rare December red flag event, Moore Creek Park is unburned and in good shape. Visitation numbers have remained very heavy, right through the early winter, with the parking lot full all day most weekends. Our grant with the CCNB is projected to have three weeks of funding left at the completion of Catacoula, so we are working with them to pivot to working the Madrone Trail closer to completion with District oversight of the fieldwork provided by Ryan and/or Kyra. We launched a survey of park users aimed at gauging public sentiment about e-bikes, powered skateboards, and other battery-powered devices that are starting to show up on our trails in greater numbers. We hope to have results to report out to the Board over the next few months. In March 2021 volunteers installed striping for the main parking lot (marked with pinned used fire hose segments) to make parking more efficient. The first weekend in April 2021 staff and volunteers installed a new iron ranger and signage at the main parking lot to encourage donations. A second iron ranger will soon be installed at the Conn Valley entrance. Initial response to the new voluntary donation system has been excellent. Our first collection netted +/- \$2,000 in small denomination donations. Fuel management activities, focused on removing invasive broom and funded by a grant by the County Ag Commissioner are ongoing in the upper reaches of the park.

Napa River Ecological Reserve

Manage public access and improve habitat for this State-owned property

The District has been maintaining the parking lot and front meadow since 2008, after assuming a responsibility that had previously been handled by the County. Staff recently discovered that the agreement between the District and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, authorizing this partnership, expired at the end of 2017. Staff has approached CDFW about renewing the agreement, and continues to wait patiently for a decision from CDFW. In a telling sign of what can happen in unmanaged public open spaces, someone attempted to fell a young oak tree with a shotgun and perhaps a dozen rifled slugs in late December 2021. We have retained a number of casings as evidence.

Oat Hill Mine Trail

Various improvements to the historic Oat Hill Mine Road.

The District opened 8 miles of the historic Oat Hill Mine Road as a non-motorized trail in 2007 with the assistance of 130+ volunteers from Volunteers for Outdoor California. Cleanup of mercury contamination north of the opened section of trail, led by Tuleyome, was partly but not fully successful, delaying when the northern section of the road leading to Lake County can be completed. A 40 acre Randy Lee Johnson property along the route of the trail was donated in December 2014. Volunteers have over the years done extensive erosion control and vegetation clearing projects. The first 1.3 miles of the trail was bulldozed as a result of CalFire efforts to suppress the October 2017 wildfires, and this was extended further while fighting the 2020 Glass fire. Nearly all of the forest along the first 4 miles of the trail out of Calistoga burned in the Glass fire. Visitation at OHMT has been very high since mid-March of 2020. We staffed the trailhead on weekends in late March and early April, but have determined that the dispersed nature of the parking in Calistoga means that it handles the higher level of traffic well and we have since reduced monitoring to occasional check-ins. Staff has cleared the trail of downed trees and the trail is open between Calistoga and Holm's place. Repairs to the Aetna Springs trailhead kiosk as well as replacement of wayfinding signs that burned in the 2020 fires are now underway.

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; while this transfer was supported by BLM staff, the formal approval was delayed because of property title issues between BLM and BOR. By the time these issues were resolved personnel and priorities had changed at BLM, and the transfer application is stalled. The District completed the donation to the District of a small, 0.2 acre property that provides critical access to the northeast corner of the property. Prescribed burns were attempted for Spanish Valley in 2019 and 2020, but both had to be cancelled due to a combination of permit delays and uncooperative weather. Shortly after the 2020 prescribed burn was cancelled, the LNU Fire burned the entire valley. The district in the spring of 2020 completed the donation of a conservation easement over Spanish Valley to the Land Trust. The Lake Berryessa Estates Property Owners Association in June 2020 retained an attorney to help them develop an agreement between the District and the Association authorizing the Association to manage and enforce regulations for use of the campground and boat launch areas of Crystal Flats and Stone Corral. The current President for the Association reached out to District staff just before the LNU fire, indicating a willingness to restart discussions about an agreement between the two. However, the LNU fire put those discussions on hold, and staff efforts in February and March of 2021 to reach out to the Association have not been responded to.

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, but 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. In October 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. However, the State never completed the application. Legislation introduced by Senator Wolk in January 2016 to authorize us to purchase the property 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; that planning process has apparently not progressed. SB 20 by Senator Dodd was approved in 2019, which again authorizes the State to sell Skyline Park to the District and/or county for the sole purpose of it continuing to be a public park. The Governor in late 2019 issued an Executive Order directing the State use surplus State Lands to develop affordable housing, and included 20 acres of Skyline Park as surplus land that could be used for this purpose, which complicates our efforts to purchase the 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. District staff began meeting with the State of California (Departments of General Services and State Hospitals) in July 2020 to discuss the purchase of Skyline Park pursuant to SB 20, but in October DGS informed the District they were too busy to work on this until early 2021. DGS in February 2021 assigned state staff to work on the appraisal of the property in anticipation of selling it; District staff is now in receipt of proposed appraisal instructions and has asked that they be revised to include a whole-park option. The District in 2019 obtained a TBID grant of \$20,000 to assist Skyline Park 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; the work was completed in the fall of 2019. 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; despite repeated efforts over two years, this project is still waiting for DGS approval and there has been no movement. Skyline Park staff in the fall of 2020 completed the repair and hardening of a stretch to the Skyline Trail above Lake Marie so that it can be used year-round. This trail is currently the only way to access Suscol Headwaters Park. The reconstructed trail is now largely done and it is a truly impressive piece of work.

Smittle Creek

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

The District completed purchase of this property in December 2015. 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. A group of 20+ people from Tuleyome were given a hiking tour of the property in December 2016, as a way to build interest in the property and build a pool of volunteers to help with restoration and improvement of the property. On March 4 2017, Tuleyome volunteers brushed the Iron Mountain trail (in the Cedar Roughts Wilderness, but accessed via Smittle Creek.) US Geological Survey in 2017 placed a seismic monitoring station on the property. 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 cleanup project was held in October of 2018, more than filling a 30 yard dumpster with debris. Our volunteer caretaker for this property has made repairs to the dirt roads and the perimeter fencing. Staff in January 2020 flagged a route for the proposed new trail access into the property from Reclamation's Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot, and a botanist has been

retained to conduct a floristic survey this winter and spring. Kyra Purvis is working on the CEQA analysis and on putting together a use permit application to the County of Napa to open Smittle Creek to the public. Kyra also continues to work with Reclamation on an agreement to authorize the public to use their Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot to access our property. All of Smittle Creek burned in the August 2020 fires. The entry gate and fence the District shares with Reclamation was burned; a temporary fix has been made, but further work will be needed. Staff has had initial discussion with County Public Works about including access improvements at Smittle in a larger grant application aimed at funding work on Knoxville-Berryessa Road. It would apparently make the County's road grant application more attractive to funders and would of course mean new District money for opening the park (if the grants come through). We have also begun CEQA work in earnest in hopes of bringing a use permit application to the County in early 2021.

State Parks

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 for human consumption from the Bale Mill were unsuccessful. In 2014 the District started the process of extending the District's 5 year Operating Agreement and including RLS in the agreement, that new 20 year agreement was signed in April 2020. The District repaired the Silverado House at RLS, which a District employee now rents and maintains. The District is working with the Vine Trail on the proposed alignment of the Vine Trail through Bothe. As noted elsewhere, visitation at Robert Louis Stevenson State Park has been very high in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Between March and June of 2020 staff and volunteers monitored the parking lot off Highway 29 during peak times to assist the influx of new users. The majority of Bothe State Park burned in September's Glass Fire, though none of the buildings were damaged. More detail on current activities are contained in a separate Parks Report for Bothe, Bale and RLS.

Suscol Headwaters Preserve

Improvements to Suscol Headwaters Preserve and opening the property as a public park.

The purchase of the Preserve was completed in November, 2017. The one remaining improvement to satisfy funding requirements is the construction of a California red legged frog (CRLF) breeding pond and various habitat improvements focused on, but not exclusively in, the pond area. A reserve fund has been set aside to do the work, but the actual work has been delayed while design and construction details are worked out. Most of the property 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. The District hired local trail builder Kevin Smallman to help with trail corridor planning and spent May 10 and 11 of 2019 hiking and flagging the property. A Use Permit for Suscol Headwaters Park was approved by the County Planning Commission in February 2020 and the northern portion of the property is now

officially open to the public via Skyline Park. In July of 2015 the board of the Napa Sanitation District approved an easement option agreement which would allow us to construct a trail and trailhead parking lot on the eastern and southern edges of their Kelly Road treated water spray field property. However, that alignment is not ideal, so alternate access routes and staging areas have been pursued. 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. Kyra has obtained conceptual agreement from another property owner on revising the access easement through their property to facilitate construction of a staging area on North Kelly Road rather than along Kirkland Ranch Road, and has drafted a grant deed that will accomplish this. The Napa Sanitation District Manager has indicated support for the location and design for such a staging area off North Kelly Road and a trail leading to the park following the western and northern edge of their treated water spray field. District staff has prepared and submitted to Napa San draft easement language for their review and approval. Chris met with REMBA's Executive Director on the property in early July 2020 to discuss funding opportunities and partnerships that may allow some new singletrack trails to be constructed at Suscol Headwaters. Rick and Ryan in spring 2020 installed signage in hopes of dissuading the public from riding off trail, especially in the area of the knob at the very top of the park, because of the erosion that it causes. Our partners at REMBA have been on-site, beginning to tight flag some of the trail alignments in hope of beginning construction this winter/spring. REMBA has also been fundraising to support their work, as the District unfortunately has no funds available for trail building at Suscol at this time. We have begun installing the Park Boundary signs promised to the adjoining property owner along our eastern property line. Wildflowers and views from The Prominence are once again spectacular this year.

Vine Trail

A Class I bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal sponsored by the Vine Trail Coalition, of which the District is a participating member.

The District has an MOU with the Vine Trail Coalition to provide assistance as requested by the Coalition in receiving funds, preparing plans and environmental documents, and constructing and operating the trail. The District, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Vine Trail Coalition prepared a joint Case Statement for the combined trail network for fundraising purposes. Over the years the District has submitted numerous letters of support for Vine Trail grant applications. 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 in 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. Caltrans is proposing to replace the aging bridge over Mill Creek; since the construction as proposed could have significant adverse effects for both the Vine Trail and the Bale Mill, District and Vine Trail staff meet with Caltrans and NVTa to discuss ways to mitigate the impacts. 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 in March 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. At the request of the Vine Trail Coalition, staff is exploring with the County whether to take on the eventual maintenance of the section between Calistoga and St.

Helena, with the costs to be paid 50/50 by the County and the Coalition. A similar agreement between the County, the City of Napa and the Vine Trail was approved by the County Board of Supervisors in January 2021.

Completed Projects

Amy's Grove

Donation of 50 acres along Dry Creek and Wing Creek, donation of 9 acres immediately to the north, and purchase of 164 acres to the north of that.

The donation of approximately 50 acres of open space from the Chamberlain family to the District closed in December 2015. An additional 9 acres was donated to the District by the Kateley family in 2019. The District also completed the purchase of another 164 acres from the Chamberlain family in 2019.

Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment

In December of 2012 the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council approved the proposed realignment of the Ridge Trail through Napa County as requested by the District.

Bay Area Ridge Trail Napa-Solano Ridge Trail Loop

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.

Bay/River Trail - American Canyon to Napa Phase I

Phase One - Eucalyptus Drive to Green Island Road.

Constructed approximately 5 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of American Canyon along the Napa River was completed in April 2012, in partnership with the City of American Canyon, Department of Fish and Game and Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority. A formal opening ceremony was held June 2, 2012.

Phase Two - Pond 10.

DFW surfaced the existing levee with gravel and opened the gate to the public in spring 2015.

Phase Three - Soscol Ferry Road to Napa Pipe

Completed construction in spring of 2015 of 0.7 miles between Soscol Ferry Road and the Napa Pipe property in the Napa Valley Corporate Park.

Berryessa Peak Trail

Obtain right of way and construct trail to provide public access to extensive federal lands on Blue Ridge and to Berryessa Peak.

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 was approved by the property owner and the District. BLM's biologist inspected the alignment on September 17, 2011. The trail was constructed over the course of two years using volunteer crews, and continues to be maintained by volunteers (mostly provided by Tuleyome and Yolo Hiker)

Berryessa Vista Acquisition

Purchase of 224 acres from the Land Trust of Napa County for use as a public park completed in early 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.

Cedar Roughs/Smittle Creek

Purchase of 443 acres of land that will provide public access to Cedar Roughs from the Smittle Creek Day Use Area closed in December 2015.

Connolly Ranch

Construction of patio, restrooms and cooking facilities completed in 2008 using State Prop 12 funds.

The Cove at Mt Veeder

The acquisition of 164 acres from the Girl Scouts was completed in December 2017.

Historic ROW Analysis

Staff has completed a comprehensive review of historic rights-of-way, and is now focusing attention on those that have greatest potential.

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. The easement was revised and expanded in 2016 to cover the entire Linda Falls property owned by the Land Trust. 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.

Master Plan Development and Updates

The Master Plan for 2008-2013 was approved in January 2009. It was updated in 2011 and again in 2019.

Moore Creek Open Space Park

Acquisition of 673 acres in the Moore Creek Watershed completed in December 2008. The City of Napa subsequently approved an agreement with the District to incorporate approximately 900 acres of City of Napa Lake Hennessey watershed lands into Moore Creek Park.

Napa River Ecological Reserve Improvements & Restoration

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 and interpretive panels 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. A multi-year project resulted in the removal of the bulk of the invasive teasel that had taken over the 5 acre meadow at the entrance to the Reserve, and the construction of a short native plant interpretive trail. In doing this work, several thousand students received a day of environmental education about native and invasive plants and riparian ecology.

Napa River Flood Control Easement

Conservation easement accepted by District in 2007 to facilitate Flood District project and grant funding.

Newell Preserve Improvements

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, which is owned by the City of American Canyon. 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. 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; BLM in April 2016 indicated they did not want to transfer this parcel, so the District's application has been dropped.

River to Ridge Trail

Lot line adjustment to legalize River to Ridge Trail as constructed (it had encroached on private property in two locations). Animal silhouettes along the entryway fence illustrating the types of birds and mammals that can be found in the area were installed by an Eagle Scout candidate in 2008. A new information kiosk was installed at the entrance in December 2008 as part of a Boy Scout project. In 2011 volunteers made some drainage improvements.

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. The District and the Skyline Park Citizens Association have continued to cooperate on various trail maintenance projects.

Skyline Park Concessionaire Agreement Renewal

District staff negotiated renewal of concessionaire agreement on behalf of the County in 2010, 2015 and 2020. The renewal involved changes to the fee schedule and amendments to and approval of sub agreements with three non-profit partner organizations.

Skyline Park Facility Improvements

The proposals for a second greenhouse (from CNPS) and a covered equestrian arena (from Skyline Riders) were approved by the Department of General Services and by the County Board of Supervisors. The sponsors of these projects however ended up not pursuing either project.

Suscol Headwaters Preserve Acquisition

Acquisition of 709 acres of the former Kirkland Ranch in two phases was completed in November 2017.

Trinchero/Putah Creek Open Space Acquisition

The donation by the Trinchero family of 2,500 acres of open space (Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral) 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

The District participated in the development of a strategic plan for the property, together with other public lands in the area, that was led by the Land Trust of Napa County. The land trust has decided, at least for the near term, to manage the Wildlake-Duff property itself.

Deferred/Cancelled Projects

Milliken Reservoir Trails and Picnic Area Feasibility Study

The feasibility study to *construct approximately 3 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail plus additional feeder and loop trails, along with a staging and picnic area* within the City of Napa's Milliken Watershed was completed and accepted by the Board of Directors in 2009. The Napa City Council in November, 2009 approved city staff recommendation to hold off on considering the Milliken Reservoir trails project until the Lake Hennessey Unit of Moore Creek Park is completed.

Montesol West

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 were 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. Public outreach to Middletown area residents in 2017 were positively received. 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 they had sold to the State over timber located on the property.

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, the project concept was approved by the District Board, and was positively viewed by the Veterans Home administration. However, subsequent changes and controversies within the Department of Veterans Affairs 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 pursuing a formal trail through the property, but personnel changes within their Department means their review also needs to be restarted. Finally, with the approval of the Go North alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, this segment of trail is no longer part of the officially proposed alignment for the Ridge Trail. For all these reasons, this project is deferred until other District priorities are under control.

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 officially authorized staff to pursue surplussing of the property, and hired an appraiser to prepare an estimate of the property's fair market value, but this was never 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. 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. 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, but doesn't know how to do this. Solano County in 2015 investigated the feasibility of acquiring the lakes and managing their water supplies; as part of this investigation they expressed interest in partnering with the District to manage public recreational access, but no decisions were made. 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.



STAFF REPORT

By: Jason Jordan
Date: May 10, 2021
Item: **4.h**
Subject: April 2021 State Park Report for Bothe- Napa Valley SP, Robert Louis Stevenson SP and Bale Grist Mill SHP.

- Park Status
 - **Bothe Napa Valley SP**- The campground remains busy.
 - **Bale Mill SHP**- Remains closed, staff planning for reopening.
 - **Robert Louis Stevenson SP**- All trails are have been reopened. RLS continued to see high use on weekends and clear days.
- The Bothe campground was very busy for a three-week stretch as various school districts were on spring break.
- NOSD collaborated with the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce to be a part of wellness week that corresponded with Earth Day. A self-guided, fire ecology hike showcasing different burn areas of Bothe was developed as well as cabin and yurt promotions.
- NOSD staff recruited twenty volunteers to support an Earth Day Volunteer event at Moore Creek for continued invasive broom removal. Staff and volunteers were able to put one last dent in the project before the soil dries out and becomes unworkable.
- Continuing efforts to recruit Camp Hosts and Volunteer Bothe and Bale Mill operations.
- Staff continues grass and vegetation cutting in park areas.
- Staff is progressing on the Recreation Hall Restoration project including planning and costing out various construction elements. A site visit with an architect was held to start developing drawings for the project.
- Park Aid interviews occurred in April and offers have been made for seasonal help.
- Staff began disassembling and reconstruction of a portion of the flume and gate structure for the Bale Mill.
- Electrical repairs and upgrades were completed for the Wright House Residence at Bothe-Napa.
- A draft budget was prepared for the State Park Units and a funding request was submitted to the Napa Valley State Parks Association (Cooperative Association) for consideration.