



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

Karen Bower Turjanis  
*Director, Ward One*

Tony Norris  
*Director, Ward Two*

Vacant  
*Director, Ward Three*

Nancy Lewis-Heliotis  
*Director, Ward Four*

Barry Christian  
*Director, Ward Five*

## AGENDA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 13, 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 August 9, 2021.
- b. Discussion and determination of process for filling the vacant Ward 3 Director position, potential adoption of Resolution 21-03 appointing a Ward 3 Director, potential oath of office and seating of Ward 3 Director.
- c. Presentation by David Wickline of Aetna Springs Resorts LLC on his request to partner with the District on a luxury campground resort on Turkey Hill in Pope Valley with up to 80 tent-cabin units and housing for up to 120 employees, discussion, and Board direction to staff.

- d. Consideration and potential approval of Agreement 21-11, A Right of Entry and Right of Construction Agreement effecting a \$283,560 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy via the Napa County Resource Conservation District to fund wildfire mitigation vegetation management at Moore Creek Park.
- e. Consideration and potential approval of Resolution 21-04 approving District application for Locally-Operated State Park Program grant funds.
- f. Consideration and potential approval of the Dan's Wild Ride Trail Park Plan and adoption of the project CEQA Negative Declaration.
- g. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for July and August 2021.
- h. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
- i. 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. Adjournment



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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 9, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Directors Present: Karen Bower-Turjanis (Via zoom video call), Tony Norris, Nancy Heliotes , Barry Christian**

**Staff Present: Chris Cahill, Kyra Purvis, Jason Dooley, Ryan Ayers**

2. Public Comment

**None.**

3. Set Matters

**None.**

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meeting of July 12, 2021.  
**Minutes for the July 12, 2021 regular meeting were approved with the addition of notations during roll call to reflect board members' participation as in-person, zoom video call, or phone-in.**  
**TN - NH - KBT - BC**
- b. Presentation by David Wickline of Aetna Springs Resorts LLC on his request to partner with the District on a luxury campground resort on Turkey Hill in Pope Valley with up to 80 tent units and housing for +/- 60 employees, discussion, and Board direction to staff.  
**Directors voted to continue Item 4b. until a future meeting date.**  
**TN - KBT - NH - BC**
- c. Consideration and potential approval of revisions to the Purchasing Manual to enact Cal-Card policies.  
**Directors voted to approve revisions to the Purchasing Manual to enact Cal-Card policies as recommended.**  
**KBT - NH - TN - BC**
- d. Consideration and potential approval of proration policies and final payment amounts for the one-time employee payments approved by the Board as a component of the FY21/22 Budget.

**Directors voted to approve proration policies and final payment amounts for one-time employee payments as recommended.**

**NH - TN - KBT - BC**

e. Explanation for lack of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff.

**Information received; No action taken.**

f. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

**Report received; No action taken.**

g. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.

**Report received; No action taken.**

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- **Director Christian announced that he was in attendance at the Ridge Trail viewing party in July to celebrate the airing of the Open Road with Doug McConnell episode in which Suscol Headwaters Preserve was featured.**

6. Agenda Planning

- **Director Norris reiterated that Agenda Item 4b would be continued to a future meeting agenda.**
- **Chris Cahill noted that the new Redwood Trails Alliance (formerly Redwood Empire Mountain Bike Association) will be making an informational presentation at a future meeting.**
- **Chris Cahill noted that there will be an agenda item to take a CEQA action on Dan's Wild Ride trail and forward it on to the County for a use permit in an upcoming meeting.**

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: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.b**  
Subject: Discussion and determination of process for filling the vacant Ward 3 Director position, potential adoption of Resolution 21-03 appointing a Ward 3 Director, potential oath of office and seating of Ward 3 Director.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Determine whether or not to interview candidate(s) and conduct interviews if necessary.
2. Discussion and determination as to who should be appointed Ward 3 Director.
3. Motion, second, and roll call vote to adopt Resolution 21-03 appointing a Ward 3 Director.
4. Complete Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office to seat Ward 3 Director.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Not a project.** 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 early August District Staff and Boardmembers were informed that Brent Randol's July 14, 2021 appointment to the Board of the Napa County Resource Conservation District constituted an incompatible office under State law and that he was deemed to have vacated his position on the NCRPOSD Board effective that date. Mr. Randol did not intend to hold incompatible offices, has since resigned his position on the RCD Board, and is applying to be reappointed to his previous position on the NCRPOSD Board. Nothing in State law or the District bylaws restricts the reappointment of a former boardmember in cases like this and Mr. Randol is fully eligible to be appointed to the Ward 3 vacancy.

Staff posted notice of the vacancy as required by the Public Resources Code on August 17<sup>th</sup> and gave potential applicants until September 7<sup>th</sup> to submit applications. Brent Randol is the only applicant. His application materials are attached.

The Board should determine whether an interview is necessary or if you want to appoint a candidate based solely on submitted materials and your prior experience with them. Following appointment to fill the Ward 3 vacancy District Counsel will administer the oath of office and the new Ward 3 Boardmember can be seated and participate in the remainder of this month's meeting.



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

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

1195 Third Street, Second Floor, Napa, Calif. 94559

Applications are due by Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 4 pm.

Completed applications should be emailed to [ccahill@ncrposd.org](mailto:ccahill@ncrposd.org). Alternately, they may be returned in person or mailed (if mailed, please insure they are received by the deadline) to:

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, Attn: Chris Cahill, General Manager,  
1195 Third Street, Second Floor, Napa, Ca 94559

1. FULL NAME: Brent Randal

2. DATE: 8-17-21

3. CURRENT OCCUPATION (within last 12 months):

Business Development Schwab

4. CURRENT LICENSE(S) (date of issue and/or expiration including status):

Series 7, 9, 10, 24, 26, 53, 63, 65

CA Insurance

5. EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE (list schools, dates enrolled, degree obtained if any):

Humboldt State U 9-79-684

BS Business Admin

6. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (*list membership on Boards and Commissions of public agencies and involvement with non-profit organizations, including nature of participation, and dates of service*):

See Attached

7. OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (*describe activity, date(s), your role*):

See Attached





10. PERSONAL INFORMATION (the following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Directors when making the appointment, or be used by the District following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee)

- a. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Candidate must live in Ward 3 at time of appointment and while holding office.**

- c. Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (office): \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

11. REFERENCES (address, phone and email information is provided in confidence; the names of references is public information)

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

APPOINTEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND THE DISTRICT CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS. THIS APPLICATION IS TO FILL A MID-TERM VACANCY FOR AN OTHERWISE ELECTED POSITION. BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF THE VACANCY, THE APPOINTED INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO STAND FOR ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2022 IN ORDER TO FILL OUT THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020-2024 TERM.

All applications will be kept on file for one year. Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

## **Brent Randol's Biography**

Brent Randol began his career in the financial services industry over 35 years ago as a financial advisor for Pamco Securities and Insurance Services. Since that time, Brent has served as an Area Manager, Regional Manager, and Divisional Manager with several prominent financial companies. Prior to joining Schwab Advisor Services as a Business Development Consultant, he spent 3 years as a Business Development Consultant with Raymond James Financial. He also was a Regional Director for Ameriprise Financial. He currently holds a FINRA series 7,9,10,24,26,53,63,65 and a California Insurance Life & Disability and Property & Causality license. Throughout his career, Brent has received numerous awards and accolades including, *Investment Marketing Magazine's* "Manager of the Year", and the "United States Presidents Volunteer Award" for his outstanding commitment to volunteer service in his community. Brent served as Foreman for the Napa County Grand Jury in 2004 and served on the board of the Napa County Wildlife and Conservation Commission. He was elected in 2015 to the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District.

A fourth-generation resident of the Napa Valley, Brent produces 50 cases of cabernet sauvignon from grapes grown on his estate in St. Helena. An avid sportsman, he enjoys all outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, biking and golf and is an active member and past president of the St. Helena bocce ball league. Brent lives full-time in St. Helena with his wife Jeanmarie Wolf, their daughters Liesl, and their dog Sophie. Brent received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Humboldt State University in 1984.

## **Brent Randol**

St. Helena, CA 94574 | |

[linkedin.com/in/brent-randol-664207b/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/brent-randol-664207b/)

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LEADER**

Top Performing business development professional with comprehensive experience and a proven track record for consistently driving continuous growth and profitability in the financial services industry. Experience encompasses wide breadth of responsibilities and areas of expertise within the financial products industry. Demonstrated outstanding talents in developing and leading the cultivation of corporate to corporate relationships. Expertise includes:

- Delivering significant revenue increases through the development and implementation of relationship-based strategies.
- Skill and leadership for uncovering and exploiting business development opportunities while forging mutually beneficial and profitable corporate-to-corporate partnership alliances.
- Cultivating highly profitable and lasting business relationships earned through the establishment and maintenance of premium levels of client service.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Charles Schwab**, San Francisco, CA

October 2020-Present

#### **Business Development Officer**

Schwab Advisor Services, the leading provider of custodial, operational and trading support for independent fee-based investment advisors is looking for a sales person like you! Our heritage of serving advisors by bringing them the "Best of Schwab," our specialized expertise, and our continued investment in their business is unparalleled. Your experience and commitment can help make it possible for us to offer a depth and breadth of services supported by leading technology and experienced people to our advisor clients to help them profitably grow, compete, and succeed in their business efforts.

**RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES**, Saint Helena, CA

January 2018-October 2020

#### **Business Development Consultant**

Develop affiliations with advisor and/or financial planning professionals/organizations to recruit advisors and/or their practices to various Raymond James Financial divisions. Act in a professional sales and marketing capacity to help meet division goals.

- Established and maintained relationships that led to recruiting new advisors and/or practices.
- Assisted advisors during transition to the firm and/or facilitated acquisitions.

**PATELCO FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS**, Pleasanton, CA

March 2017 to December 2017

#### **Director of Investments - Consultant**

Set and achieved revenue/profit goals for the program, as well as for the Financial Advisors. Worked closely with the management and staff to develop a business plan designed to grow the investment business and integrate it as a core offering of the credit union.

- As the Program Manager/VP, Investments, identified and recruited for staffing needs, coached, mentored, and provided both basic and advanced sales training to registered reps and sales assistants to implement the plan for success.

**AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL**, Saint Helena, CA June 2010 to March 2017

**Regional Recruiting Director**

Regional Director of Franchise Development for the Pacific. Mergers and Acquisitions on both of our platforms.

- Grew the population of Financial Advisors in eight western states in both the independent and employee channels.
- The top director based on hiring head count and trailing 12 production, winning 3 consecutive performance contests against peers.

**INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS INC**, Saint Helena, CA June 2009 to June 2010

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - Contract**

Handled the outreach, prospecting, and marketing to attract Non Deposit Investment Programs in financial institutions, signing and closing contracts. Consulted with financial institution on program design and structure, implementation, rep compensation, platforms, and conversions.

**GRUBB & ELLIS SECURITIES**, Saint Helena, CA June 2008 to March 2009

**WHOLESALE**

Raised capital for Grubb & Ellis Realty Investors real estate investment trusts (REITs); multi-member limited liability companies (LLCs) and 1031 tenant-in-common (TIC) exchange offerings in 14 western states.

- Regularly spoke with investors and financial advisors regarding REITs, tenant-in common investments, LLCs and private wealth management investments.

**SMITH BARNEY**, San Francisco, CA June 2002 to October 2007

**AREA INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Managed and trained Bank Brokerage Representatives in San Francisco Bay Area. Established objectives, conducts performance reviews, and provides forecasting and strategic analysis for each quarter.

- Recruited, interviewed, hired, assigned and implemented the training and development of 19 Stockbrokers and 3 Sales Assistants.
- Acted as a resource to answer questions, review documents, approve trade blotters, and conduct annual audits.
- Ensured relationships were managed according to policies and procedures, ensuring service and sales standards were achieved.

### ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Napa Regional Park & Opens Space District** August 2015-Present  
**Director**

**CUNA Mutual Group**, San Francisco Bay Area  
**Division Manager**

**Steve Leshner & Associates**, San Francisco Bay Area  
**Wholesaler**

**Independent Financial Marketing Group**, San Francisco Bay Area  
**Account Director**

## **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Science – Business Administration, Finance, Minors: Economics, Computer Science**  
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

## **LICENSES**

**Series 7, Series 9, Series 10, Series 24, Series 26, Series 53, Series 63, Series 65**  
**California Life and Disability, Long Term Care Certification, California Fire and Causality License**

## **HONORS AND AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS**

**Named Top Recruiter at Ameriprise, October 2015, 2016, 2017**  
**Presidents Volunteer Award, March 2005, 2006, 2007**  
**Team Builder Award, January 2005**  
**Foreperson Napa County Grand Jury, June 2004**  
**Citistars Winner, March 2004**  
**Finalist Customer Excellence Award, September 2000,**  
**Nomination: Managers Choice Award, February 1999**  
**Graduate Leadership Napa Valley, June 1997**  
**Sales Manager of the Year for Independent Financial, April 1997**  
**Outstanding Manager of the Year – “Investment Marketing Magazine”, October 1995**  
**Pamco Achievement Award for Outstanding Sales Management, February 1991**

RESOLUTION N<sup>o</sup> 21-03

NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTING A DIRECTOR TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE WARD 3 SEAT ON THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (“District”) is an independent special district of the State of California governed by a Board of Directors (“Directors”) who serve specified terms of office; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created on the Board of which the Board of Directors was first informed by Counsel on Friday August 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Public Resources Code section 5500 et seq. and Government Code section 1780, the District posted a Notice of Vacancy on August 17, 2021 in at least three separate locations within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District Board has reviewed eligible applications received by the deadline contained in the Notice and interviewed potential candidates at its regular meeting of September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of Public Resources Code section 5500 et seq. and Government Code section 1780 have been met, enabling the Board to fill by appointment the vacant Ward 3 Director position; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the vacancy occurring within the first half of the unexpired term, the person appointed to fill the position shall stand for election during the District’s next election in November 2022 to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, until the first Monday in January 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District hereby appoints the following person to serve as the Ward 3 Director on the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District until January 2, 2023, as noted below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
	January 2, 2023

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District at a regular meeting of said Board on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_ DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_ DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_ DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_ DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Christian, President

APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
Office of District Counsel  
By: Chris R.Y. Apallas  
Date: September 7, 2021



# Certificate of Appointment of Board of Director Member

*State of California*  
*County of Napa* } ss.

THIS CERTIFIES that the undersigned, being the members of the board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District of Napa County, California, have appointed (pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5500 et seq. and Government Code section 1780)

\_\_\_\_\_

to the office of Member of the Board of Directors of the above named district Ward THREE to hold office for the term expiring January 2, 2023

Dated September 13, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Oath of Office

*State of California*  
*County of Napa* } ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Board of Directors, Ward Three.  
(NAME OF OFFICE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(APPOINTEE CANDIDATE SIGNATURE)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of September, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)



## STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill  
Date: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.c**  
Subject: Presentation by David Wickline of Aetna Springs Resorts LLC on his request to partner with the District on a luxury campground resort on Turkey Hill in Pope Valley with up to 80 tent-cabin units and housing for up to 120 employees, discussion, and Board direction to staff.

### RECOMMENDATION

Consider the information presented by Mr. Wickline, staff's verbal response, and any public comment, and provide policy direction to staff.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Not a project.** 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

David Wickline represents Aetna Springs Resorts LLC, which owns properties in Pope Valley including the former Aetna Springs Resort, the project formerly known as Lake Luciana, and parcels on what is known as Turkey Hill. Mr. Wickline would like to partner with the District to develop a luxury camping operation with up to 80 tent units and housing for up to 120 employees on the Turkey Hill property. County zoning does not allow campgrounds of the type envisioned by Mr. Wickline to be developed by private interests on private property in agriculturally zoned areas like Pope Valley. He therefore requires a government partner and public land on which to create his resort. Mr. Wickline has been discussing the contours of this proposed project with former General Manager John Woodbury over several years, but in the opinion of District Counsel the project has not yet reached a level of ripeness which would warrant a closed session to discuss "price and terms of payment" under the Brown Act. The Board has a series of policy considerations it should work through first.

Mr. Wickline has submitted what amounts to a prospectus for the proposed Turkey Hill glamping operation, which is attached for Board review. He would also like the opportunity to describe his proposed development to the Board at this meeting. Following his presentation, former General Manager John Woodbury (who continues to work for the District in an extra help capacity) will outline his understanding of the history of the discussions with Mr. Wickline as well as the merits of and issues with the project concept.

Following those presentations and any public comment that may be forthcoming, Board and staff should discuss the broad policy implications of a development partnership of the type envisioned here. The Board should then provide staff with general direction on how and whether or not to proceed with further

analysis, bearing in mind that at the District's current staffing level any work on this project will of necessity take time and resources away from other District initiatives.

# Pope Valley Campground - High Level Summary of Proposal

## BENEFITS OFFERED BY AETNA SPRINGS

**Proposal:** Aetna Springs donates to OSD ~100 acres at Turkey Hill with ground lease back for Aetna Springs to invest ~\$30m in a campground with upscale lodging tents (40 tents that may expand up to 80 tents) operated by a leading luxury operating company, Six Senses. Site has residential zoning with existing residence and has been grazed for decades. Environmental and cultural surveys done during past 15 years show no sensitive findings.

1. **Payments to OSD during Project Application Phase:**
  - a. Pay OSD staff time for leading the process during the campground permitting process.
  - b. Pre-pay ground lease payments to assist OSD and County with current budget shortfall. If the campground development does not proceed, pre-payment amount may be applied to the TOT owed by Aetna Springs Resort.
2. **Conservation Benefits: 830+ acres of land under conservation easement with recreational access to adjacent landlocked open space.**
  - a. 100+ acres at Aetna Springs South, adjacent to the 450-acre Cleary Reserve, expanding the local conservation footprint and providing access to the previously landlocked Reserve.
  - b. Create riparian protection corridor with 150' no-build riparian buffer along Swartz Creek.
  - c. 730+ acres at Weeks Lake, adjacent to OSD's Spanish Valley, which is also otherwise landlocked and will be provided access.
3. **Campsite Land Transfer: ~100 acres in fee title to OSD, subject to 99-year ground leaseback.**
4. **Significant Revenue Benefits to OSD & Napa County from tourist campground in Pope Valley:**
  - a. Income to OSD: Projected at over \$4M during first 10 years and \$250K in first year from these sources:
    - i. Rent: Ground lease to OSD of 1% of campground lodging revenues. Guaranteed minimum annual rents \$100K by 3rd year and 2% annual increases thereafter. Guaranteed rent of \$1M during first 10 years. Projected rent over \$1.2M during first 10 years.
    - ii. Sustainable Fund: 0.5% of campground lodging revenue will be dedicated to OSD sustainable public use fund, projected at \$600K during first ten years.
    - iii. OSD Share of TOT: OSD's share of projected County TOT & Tourism Fund taxes exceeds \$2.2M during first 10 years (OSD's share at 12.5% of County collections).
  - b. Income to County: Projected over \$20M during first 10 years.
    - i. TOT & Tourism Fund: Projected over \$18M.
    - ii. County Sales Tax @ 1.75%: Projected over \$2M.
5. **Added Public Benefits:**
  - a. Local Recreational Benefits: Napa County residents will receive a preferential 20% discount off the published rate for use of tents at the campground.
  - b. Trail Building & Maintenance: Campground staff can maintain local trails and be an expanded source of volunteers for OSD.
  - c. Donations: Guests encouraged to donate to OSD, trail building, and conservation causes.

## Pope Valley Campground - High Level Summary of Proposal

### Page 2

- d. *Educational Opportunities:* Proposed “Earth Lab” to educate guests and local schools in the methods of sustainable design and operation.
  - e. *Ideal Location:* Turkey Hill site has been the subject of numerous environmental studies and is ideally situated for a campground. It was grazed by prior owners for decades, does not contain sensitive species, is served by an existing access road off a County Road (Barnett Road), and enjoys secure water rights from wells onsite.
- 6. **Affordable Housing Benefits:** Construction of employee housing for approx. 60 staff members at Turkey Hill, minimizing traffic impacts and providing more affordable housing to the community.
  - 7. **Employment Benefits:** Creation of approx. 60 new employment positions related to campground staff, with economic multiplier effects to local businesses and services.

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#### BENEFITS REQUESTED FROM NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

- 1. Apply for county campground use permit.
- 2. Serve as lead agency for CEQA review.
- 3. Hold fee title to the campground and enter into ground lease.

#### BENEFITS REQUESTED FROM NAPA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- 1. Approve lot line adjustments at Aetna Springs South to accommodate conservation areas and retain existing residential parcels.
- 2. Approve lot line adjustment at Turkey Hill campground to retain two residential parcels out of three. Third parcel to be used for campground.
- 3. Discuss permitting for interspersed vineyards at the Turkey Hill campground and Aetna Springs Resort.



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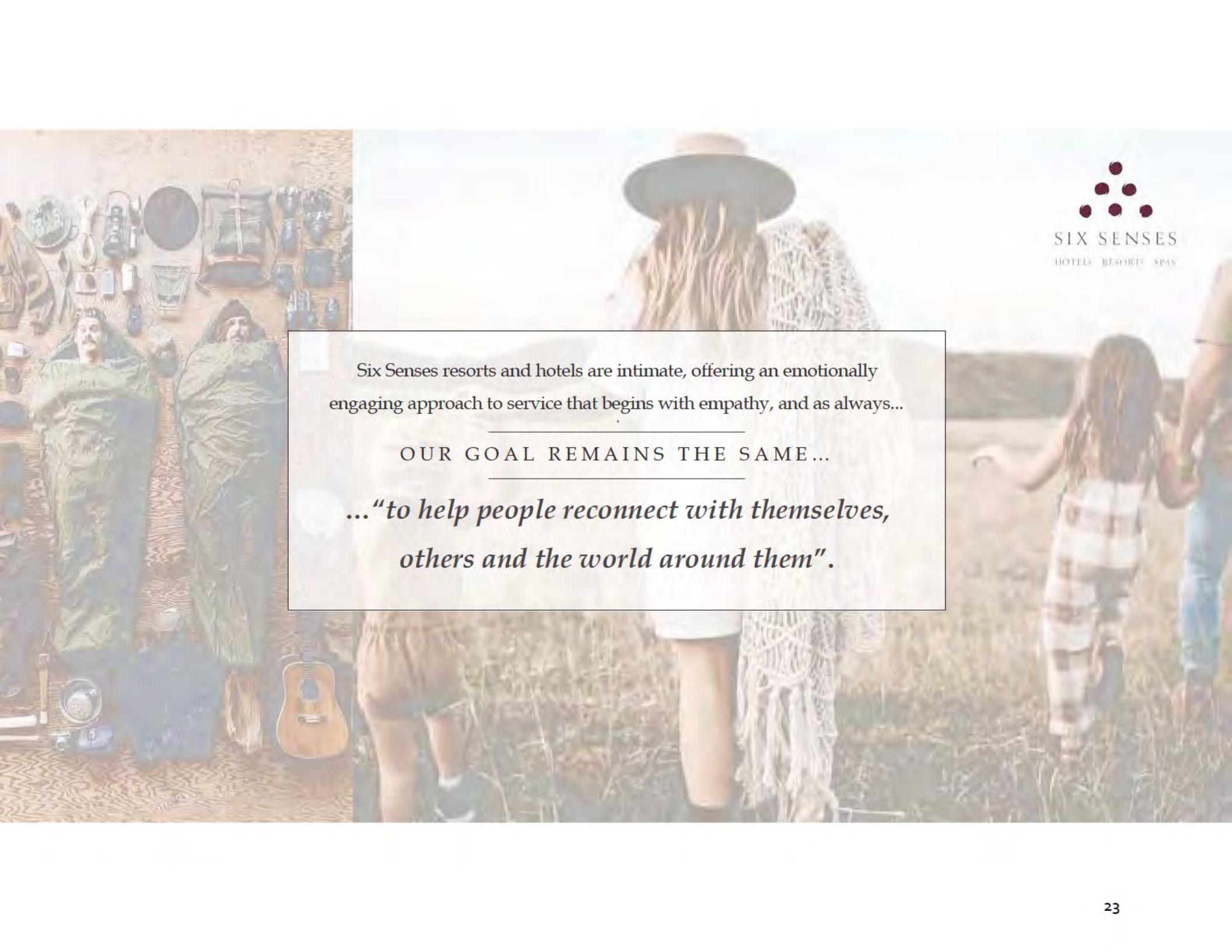
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SIX SENSES AETNA SPRINGS  
TURKEY HILL

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Six Senses resorts and hotels are intimate, offering an emotionally engaging approach to service that begins with empathy, and as always...

OUR GOAL REMAINS THE SAME...

*...“to help people reconnect with themselves,  
others and the world around them”.*

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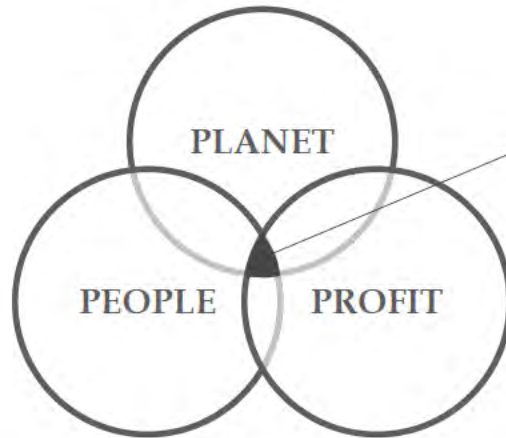
AREA PROGRAM & BRAND DNA

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# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Net Zero Resort

GIVING BACK THROUGH GLAMPING



We take a science-based approach to measuring impacts and setting targets, while fostering leadership and innovation in our teams.

- **Six Senses Sustainability**

*“For the last two decades, and long before it was considered fashionable, Six Senses has been recognized as the **hospitality industry’s pioneer of sustainable practices**, demonstrating that responsibility can be successfully wedded to **uncompromised high-end facilities.**”*

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Net Zero Resort

## SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS AND FUND



Sustainability is a *unique marketing point*, and a differentiator that sets Six Senses resorts apart from the competition. *To maintain this competitive advantage*, all Six Senses resorts must keep ahead of our industry on sustainability techniques and achievements. Six Senses Home Office supports our resorts via:

**Sustainable Design Guidelines | Sustainable Operations Guidelines | Sustainability Manager | Sustainability | Fund & Partnerships | Training**

### **Infrastructure Planning**

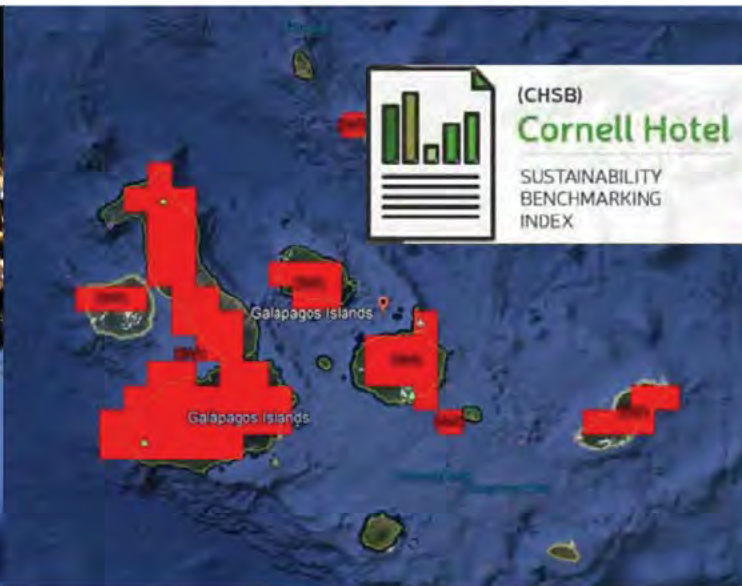
EVERY HOTEL EARMARKS FUNDING FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- 0.5% of resort revenue**
- 50% of water sales**
- 100% of soft toy sales**
- 100% of donations**



# Six Senses – Core Values Expressed

## SUSTAINABILITY IN DESIGN



### Energy Efficiency

- Renewable energy sources
- Energy modelling and metering - BMS/EMS
- Efficient glazing and building envelope design
- Efficient lighting and controls
- Energy efficient HVAC systems and equipment
- Appropriate equipment and appliance specification
- Ozone protection – refrigerant specification

### Data Benchmarking and Reporting

- Certification Strategy: LEED Platinum
- Solar Energy Assessment: approx. cost and ROI based on sunlight data
- MEP Deviation Report
- Energy Modeling and Water Balance: benchmark design performance that reduces operating costs and increases profitability
- Sustainable Materials Selection: responsible/wellness sourcing
- Mitigate Development Impacts: ie. Construction Waste Management Plan
- Hand-Over: Sustainability Manager, Engineering, Marketing

### Water Conservation

Conserving the Worlds Most Precious Resource through incorporation of the following:

- Water Efficient Flush & Flow Fixtures
- Water Saving Equipment
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Greywater Systems
- Water Bottling

# Six Senses – Core Values Expressed

## OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY



### Plastic Free by 2022

Six Senses has set a bold and aspirational target to be completely plastic free in the year 2022. Starting with single-use and disposable plastic as top priority, we aim to carefully reduce exposure to plastics for guests and communities, being mindful of both the wellness impacts and the wildlife impacts from this fossil-fuel based material.

### Living for Today & Planning for Tomorrow

In our development, design and daily operations, we act responsibly to measure and minimize our carbon footprint and impact on the environment, all through active management of energy, water, waste, biodiversity, purchasing and chemicals usage. By giving Mother Nature a major say in everything we do, we protect the long-term future of our business.

# Six Senses – Core Values Expressed

## SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE



### Six Senses Galapagos

- Research Lab and Training Center
- Removal of invasive plant species (ie. blackberry)
- Cultivation of endemic plants (ie. miconia bushes)
- Critically endangered species: Galapagos Petrel (*Pterodroma phaeopygia*)
- Threatened species: Galapagos crake (*Laterallus spilonota*)



### Six Senses Yao Noi

- Clean drinking water access for over 81,000 people since 2014
- Dramatic reduction in the use of plastic bottles



### Six Senses Seychelles

- 3 critically endangered plant species restored
- 4 endangered species, 12 vulnerable species
- Rare native birds now returning to the island

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Area Program

## STARTING POINT ....

This proposal is for discussion only and **will be adapted, amended & improved in collaboration with ownership**. The square footages below are an overview of the key programmatic elements. It is assumed that the majority of BOH areas will be shared with Aetna Springs wherever possible.

### Infrastructure Planning

PLAN FOR WELLNESS, SOCIAL INTERACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Include:

- Area for water plant/bar
- Area for Earth Lab
- Include waste separation in housekeeping points and adequate space for waste separation in kitchen areas (think smart...where does it enhance efficacy?)
- Space for fitness/yoga throughout the site
- Area/infrastructure for renewable energy system
- Area for rainwater harvesting and Living System
- Special uses like education/research facilities, community support, etc.

### Tents – 40 (19,000sf)

30 Standard – 350sf

5 x One Bedroom Suites – 700sf

5 x Two Bedroom / Family Suites – 1000sf (Pavilionised)

### Food & Beverage (1200sf)

“The Cabin” (A.D.D. & Lounge) – 40 interior seats / 40 exterior seats (lounge and dining)

Kitchens – Host and guest

Pop-ups – Tents, trailers, EVs, etc

### Wellness

**Wet circuit** – Steam, sauna, hydro-therapy, hot plunge, cold plunge, natural pool(s)

**Meditation** – Labyrinth, star gazing huts, etc.

**Fitness** – Fitness circuits

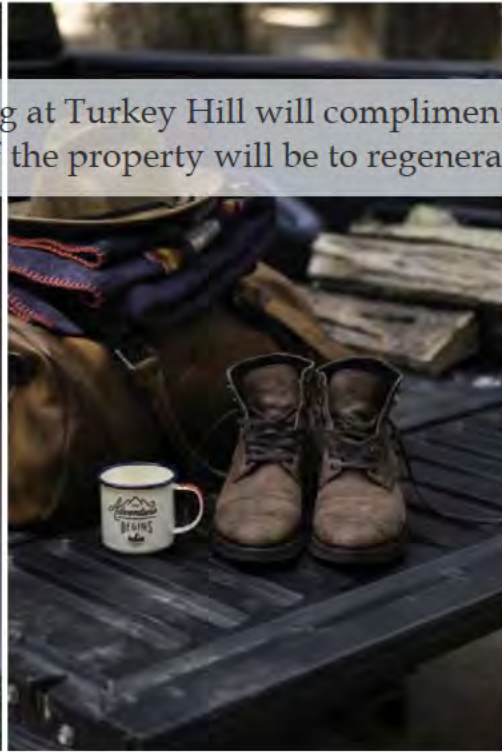
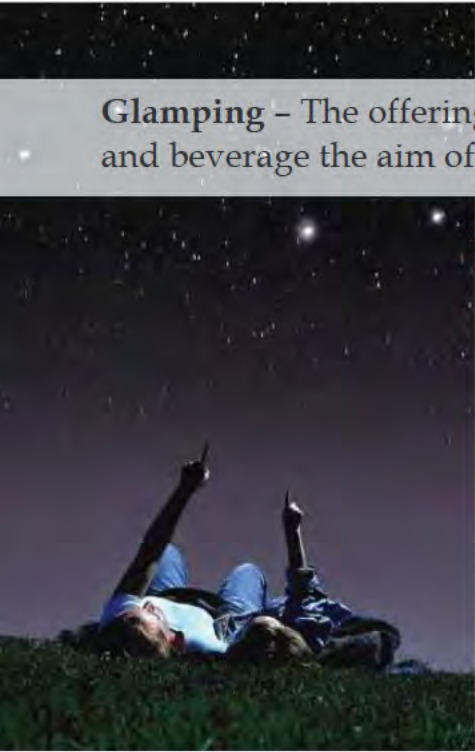
**Regenerative “moments”** – “Stay Planted”, “Unplugged”, GWSS, Eat with Six Senses, etc.

# Six Senses Turkey Hill -Camping DNA

CAMPING MADE EASY



**Glamping** - The offering at Turkey Hill will compliment Aetna Springs. A relaxed, high-end campsite with world-class food and beverage the aim of the property will be to regenerate and rejuvenate its guests and the land.

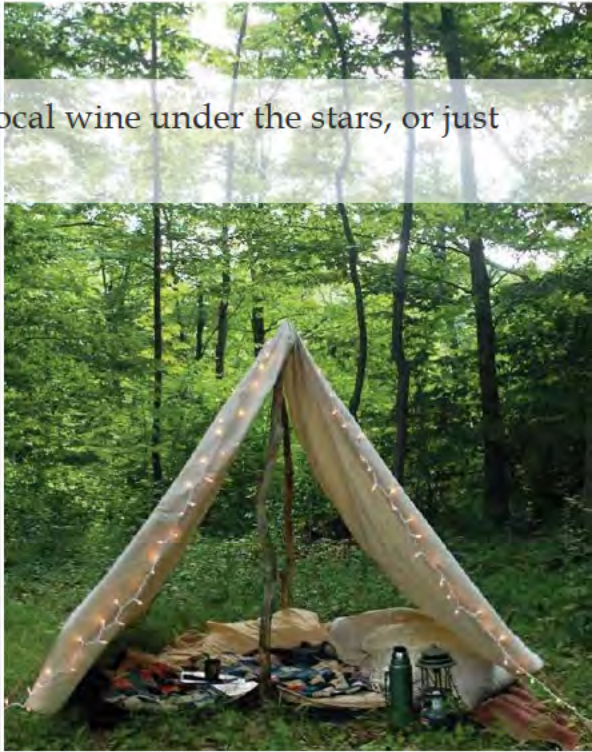
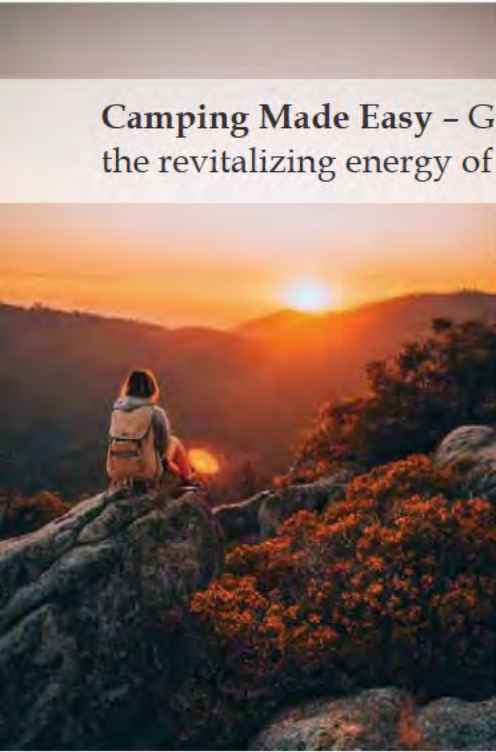


# Six Senses Turkey Hill –Camping DNA

GLAMPING .... “SIMPLY THE BEST”



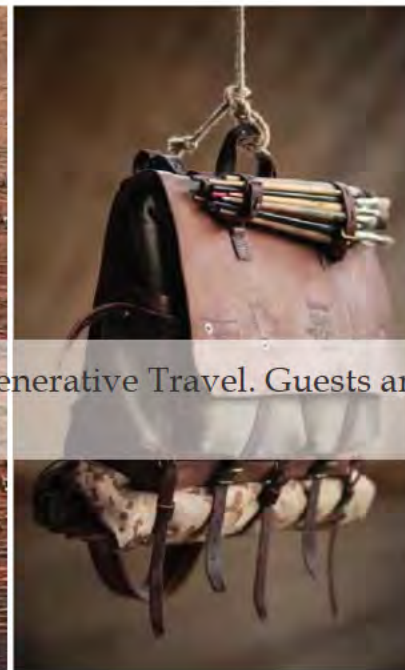
Camping Made Easy – Guests will enjoy fireside coffee in the morning, a glass of the best local wine under the stars, or just the revitalizing energy of inner and outer calm.





# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Regenerative Travel

UNPLUGGED – INWARD EXPLORATION



Inward – Six Senses believes in Regenerative Travel. Guests are encouraged to “take a beat”, to refocus, and to relearn the art of the possible.

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Regenerative Travel

UNPLUGGED – OUTWARD EXPLORATION



**Outward** – When is the last time you went bird watching, took and developed photographs, or simply watched the day go by?

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Regenerative Travel

UNPLUGGED – REJUVENATION



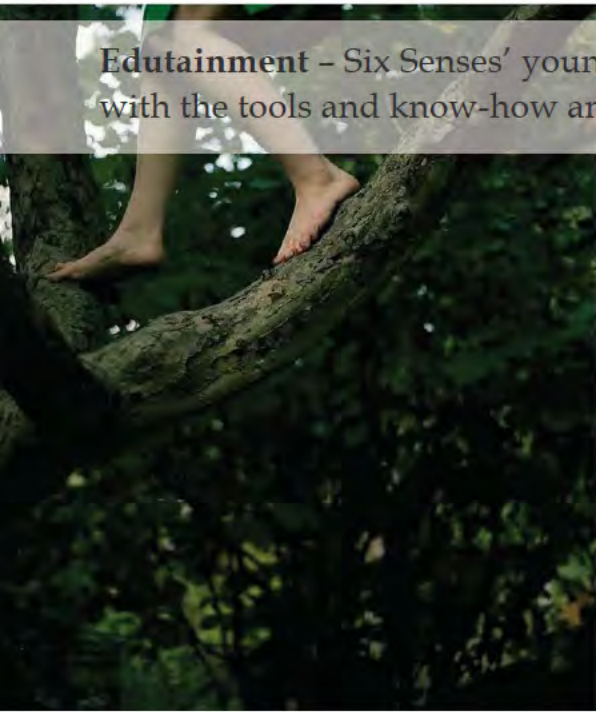
Giving Back – Why not plant a tree, go mushroom picking, or help reintroduce native species? Six Senses will work with local conservation groups and our in-house experts to develop a cradle to cradle, net zero hospitality offering.

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Regenerative Travel

## UNPLUGGED – GENERATIONAL REGENERATION



Edutainment – Six Senses’ youngest guests do not need to be encouraged to engage with nature. Our goal is to supply them with the tools and know-how and let them point the way.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Art

NATURE AS CANVAS



Naturally Artistic - Guests will be encouraged to explore the site to discover a series of art pieces that celebrate the wonders of the natural world.



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# FOOD & BEVERAGE

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# Six Senses Turkey Hill – The Cabin

PERMANENTLY IMPERMANENT



Heart of the Resort – “The Cabin” will act as the Library, Lounge, and Reception for the resort. The structure(s) will be (a) “demountable” structure(s), allowing Six Senses to leave the site better than they found it.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – The Cabin

GATHER, CONGREGATE, COMMUNE, CONNECT



Eat, Greet, and Socialise – The Cabin will be the heart of the resort, functioning as reception, dining, lounge and library.



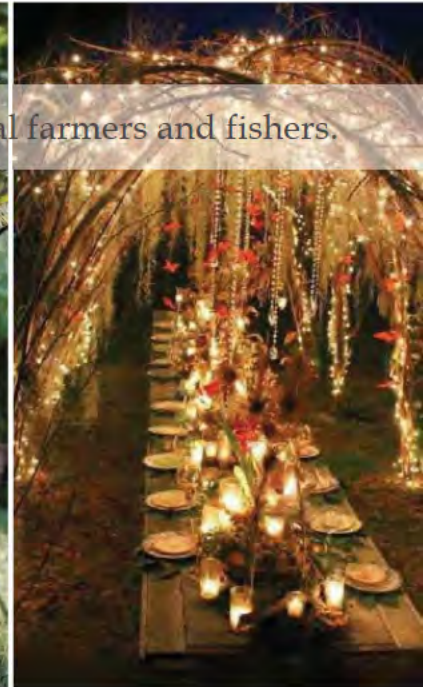
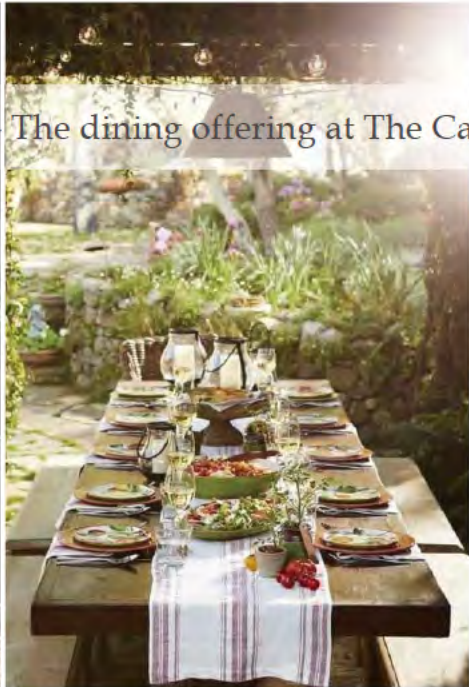


# Six Senses Turkey Hill – The Cabin

ELEVATED ENCAMPMENT



“Eat Real Food” – The dining offering at The Cabin will be relaxed while celebrating the bounty of local farmers and fishers.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – In-tent Dining

PERMANENTLY IMPERMANENT



Quiet Moments – Six Senses Turkey Hill will provide simple but delicious food for guests to enjoy in their tents.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Pop-Up “Kitchens”

## “SURPRISES” - EXTERIOR



Pop-Ups – Six Senses believes that sustainable design includes never building more than required. Pop-ups throughout the site can compliment the food & beverage offering and provide unexpected moments of delight for guests.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Outdoor Kitchens

## GARDEN GRILL



All Weather Dining – A professional outdoor kitchen can be used to expand the F&B offering, provide cooking classes or act as a PDR.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Guest Kitchens

GUESTS WILL BE RIGHT AT HOME



Make Yourself at Home – Guests will have access to an outdoor kitchen to whip up their favourite snacks.



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## EVENTS

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# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Events

CELEBRATING NATURE



**Family and Friends** - The site plan will allow for “unexpected moments” ... intimate gatherings and dinners for 50. Whatever the occasion guests will experience unrivaled service and unforgettable experiences.

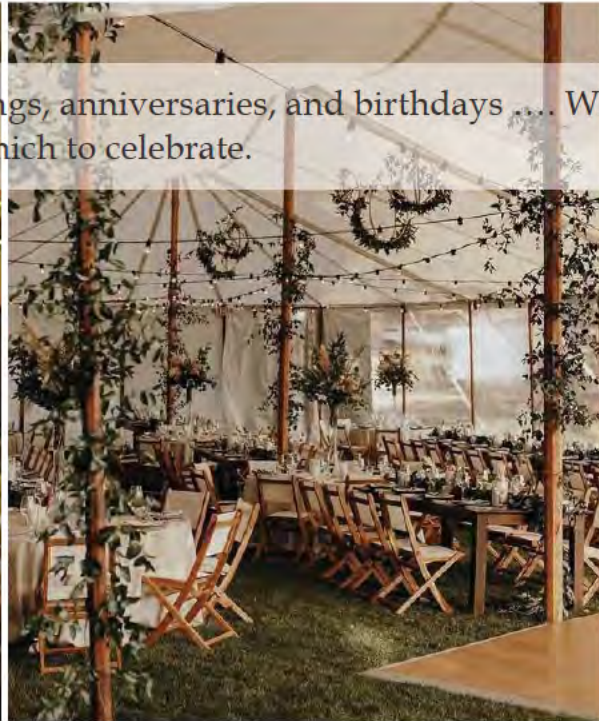


# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Events

CELEBRATING THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



**Celebrations** – Weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays ... Whatever the occasion the Six Senses at Turkey Hill will provide a beautiful setting in which to celebrate.





# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Events

## MOMENTARY CONNECTIONS



**Transitional Spaces** – An outdoor movie theatre, a shared firepit and small “nooks” will be dotted across the site. These can be used for small private events, dinners, and celebrations.



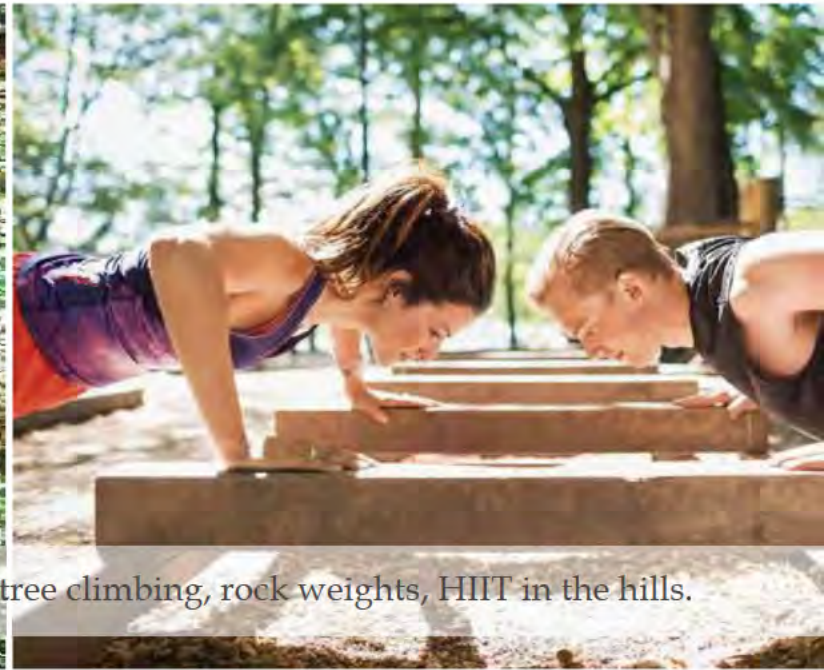
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# WELLNESS

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# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Nature as Jungle Gym

FITNESS FOLLOWS FUNCTION



Naturally Healthy - The gym at SS Turkey Hill will be the great outdoors - tree climbing, rock weights, HIIT in the hills.

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Nature as Jungle Gym

KIDS OF ALL AGES



Childish Exploration –Six Senses Turkey Hill will reintroduce “kids” to the best playground in the world – nature!

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Small, Medium, Large

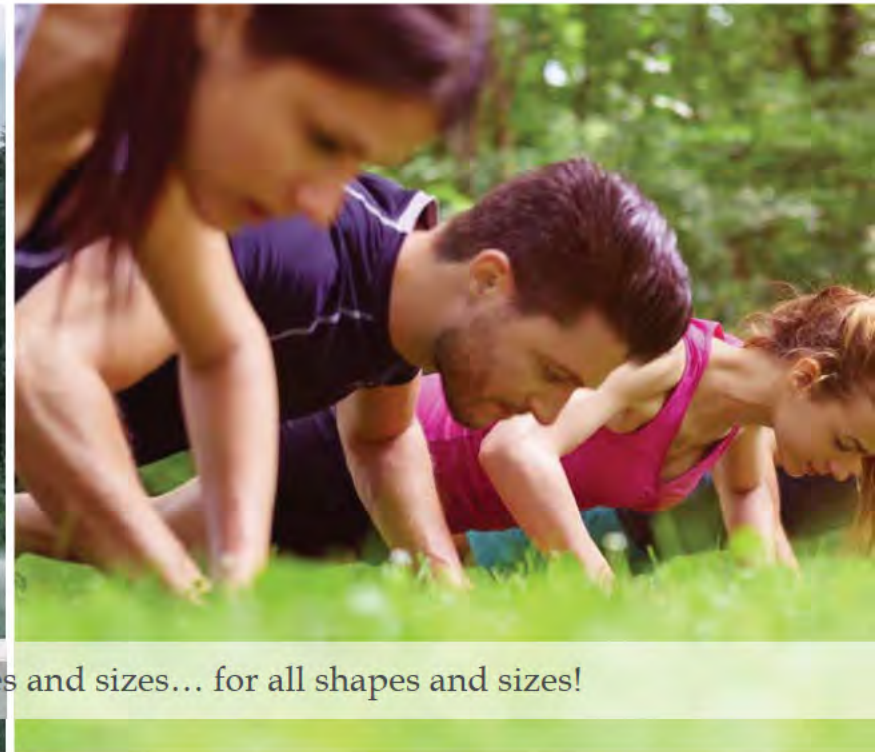
PERSONAL TRAINING, PRIVATE SESSIONS, GROUP CLASSES



Flow with It – Six Senses



Turkey Hill will offer fitness classes of all shapes and sizes...

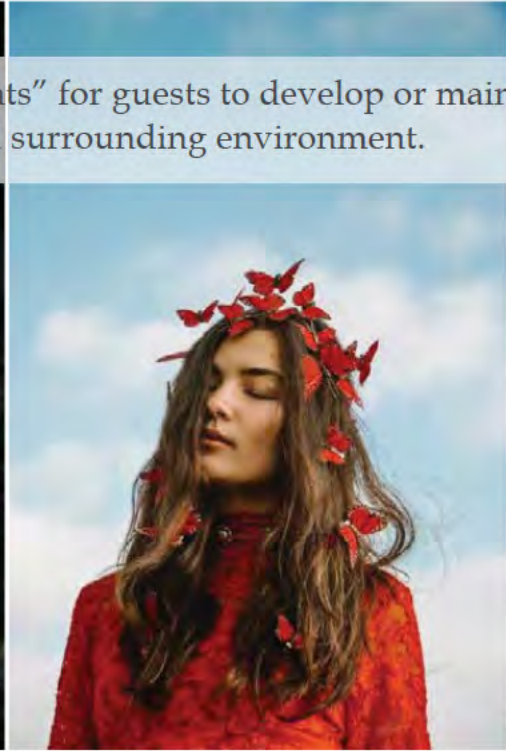
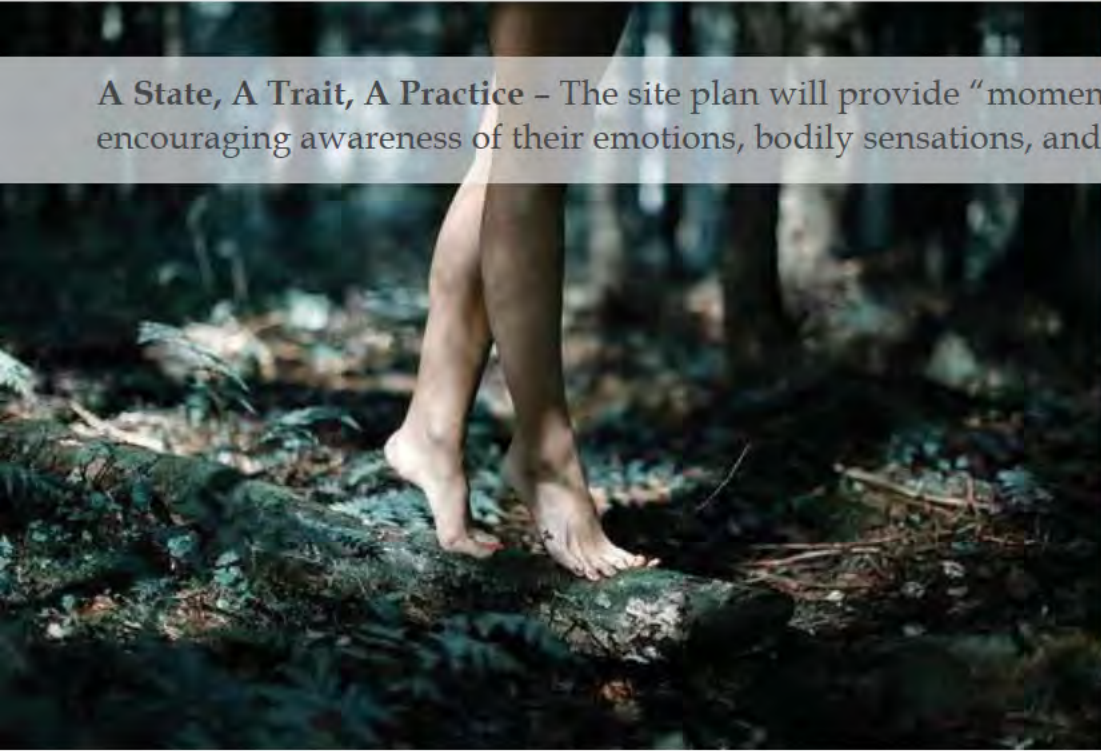


... for all shapes and sizes!

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Meditation / Forest Bathing

## MINDFULNESS

*A State, A Trait, A Practice* - The site plan will provide “moments” for guests to develop or maintain their mindfulness practice, encouraging awareness of their emotions, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Wellness - Water

POOL, SAUNA, STEAM

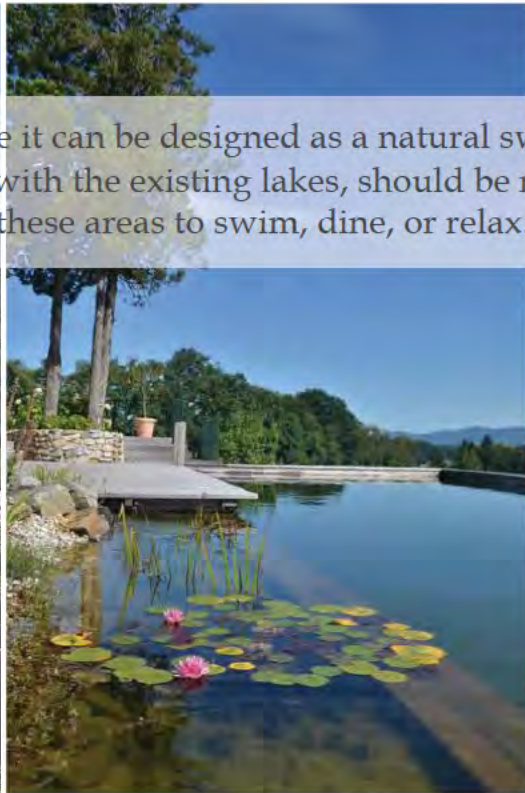
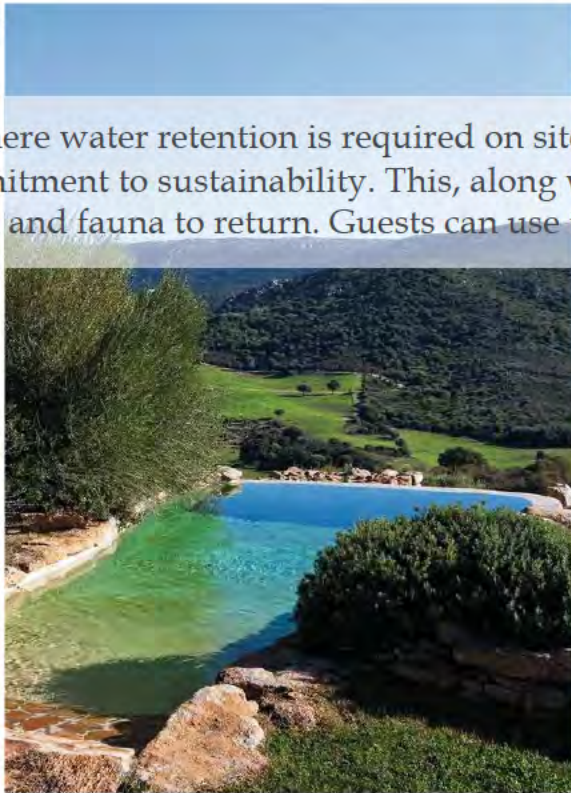
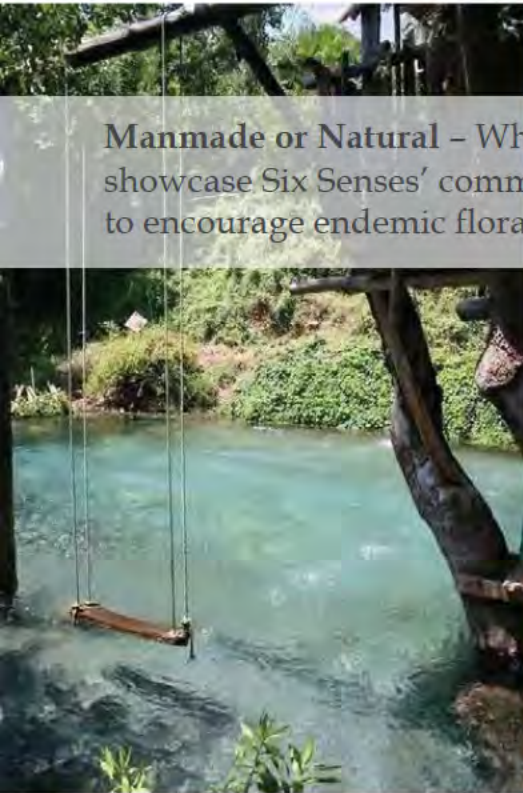


Hot and Cool – Loose pools, showers, saunas and baths will offer a world-class wellness experience without harming mother earth .

# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Wellness - Water

## LAKES / NATURAL POOLS

**Manmade or Natural** – Where water retention is required on site it can be designed as a natural swimming pond to further showcase Six Senses' commitment to sustainability. This, along with the existing lakes, should be remediated as wetlands to encourage endemic flora and fauna to return. Guests can use these areas to swim, dine, or relax.





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## ACCOMMODATION

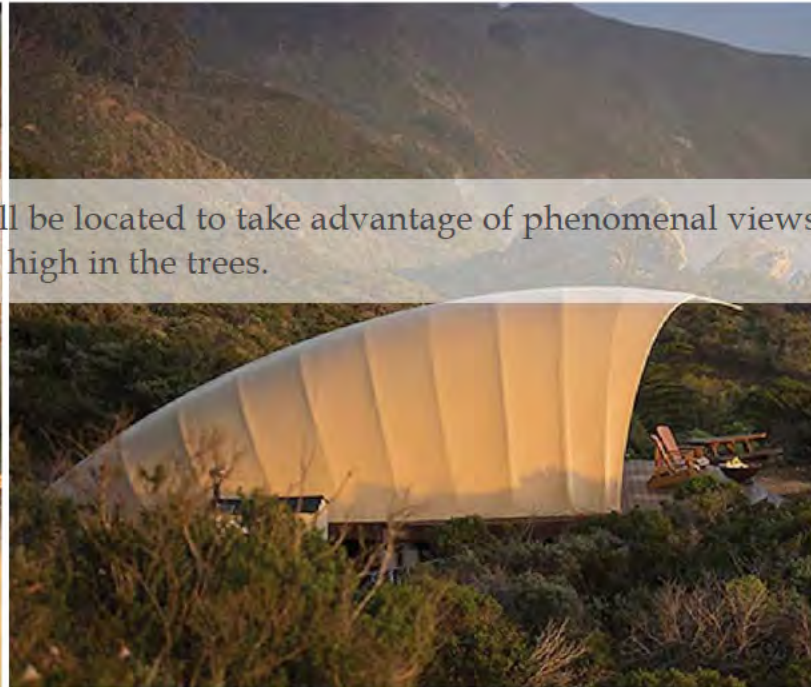
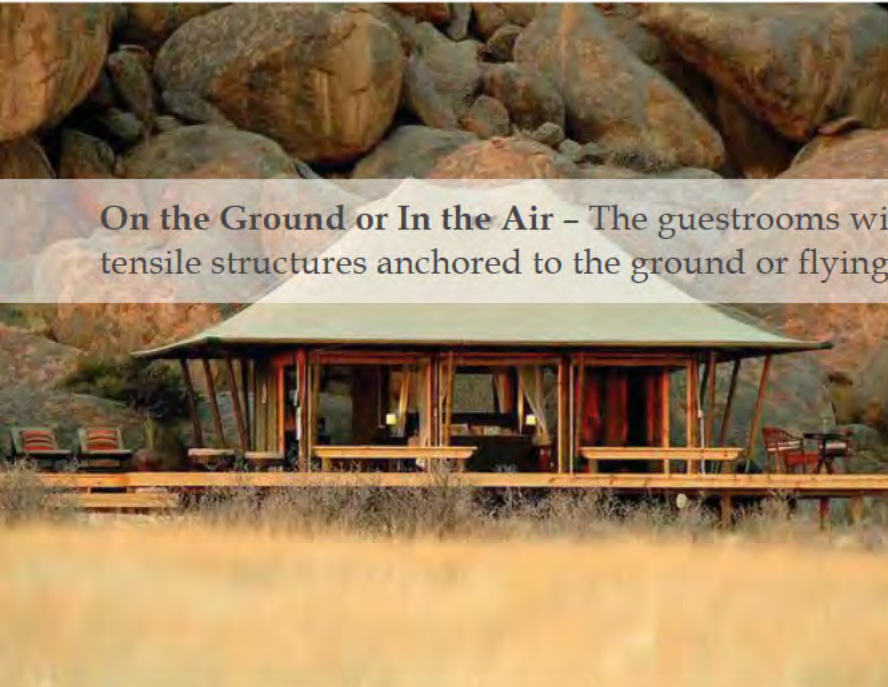
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# Six Senses Turkey Hill – “Glamping”

PERMANENTLY IMPERMANENT



**On the Ground or In the Air** – The guestrooms will be located to take advantage of phenomenal views and can be either tensile structures anchored to the ground or flying high in the trees.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Prefab

SMALL / MEDIUM / LARGE

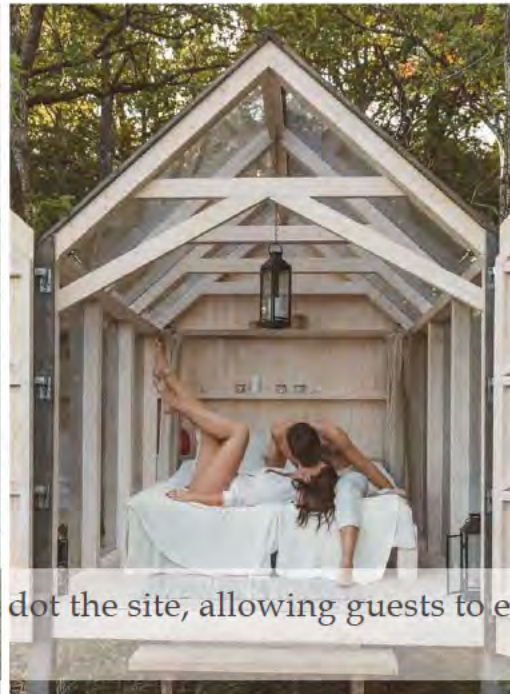


**Dropping In** – Not only guests can “drop in” for a visit. Prefab structures can be used to provide accommodation that is light on the ground.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – “Pop-Up Rooms”

PERMANENTLY IMPERMANENT



Expansive Views – Small cabins and open air platforms can dot the site, allowing guests to experience different areas of the site during their stay.

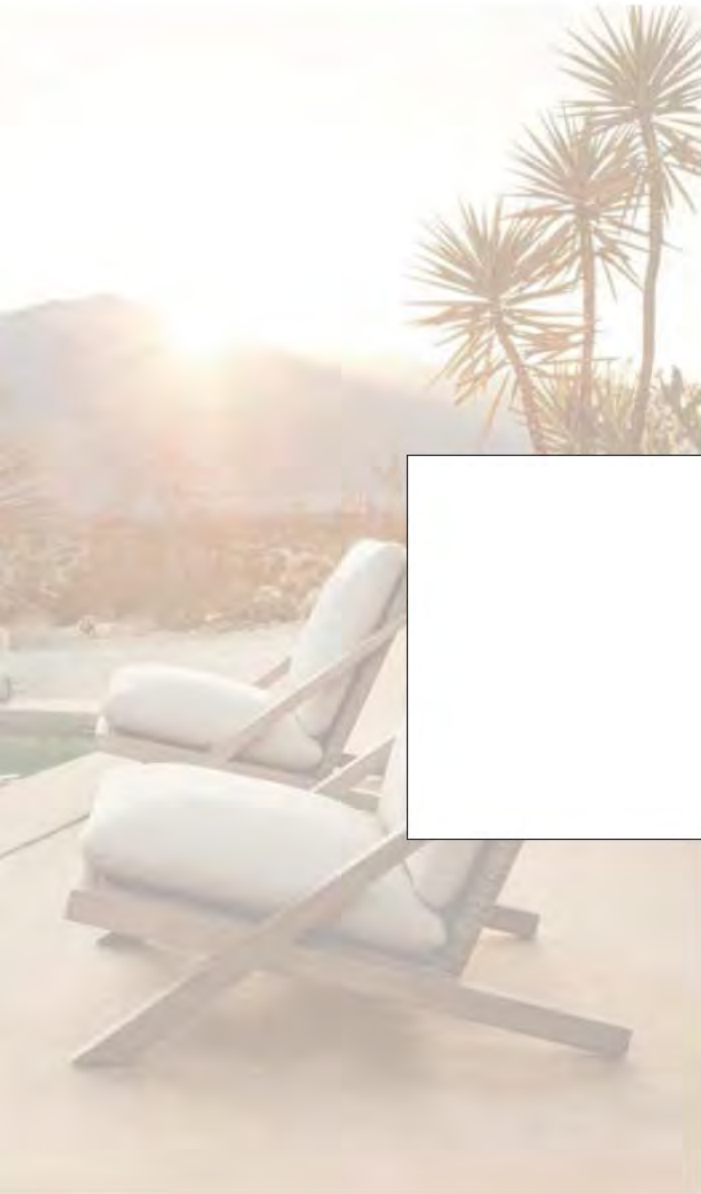
# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Seasonal Pop-ups

## NIGHT NIGHT



**Stargazing** – Small tents can be used during specific times of year – to watch the leaves change colour, to stargaze, or simply to watch the clouds roll by. This will be highlighted to guests each time they are used to create excitement and drive off-season business or to accommodate high season demand.





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FF&E and OS&E

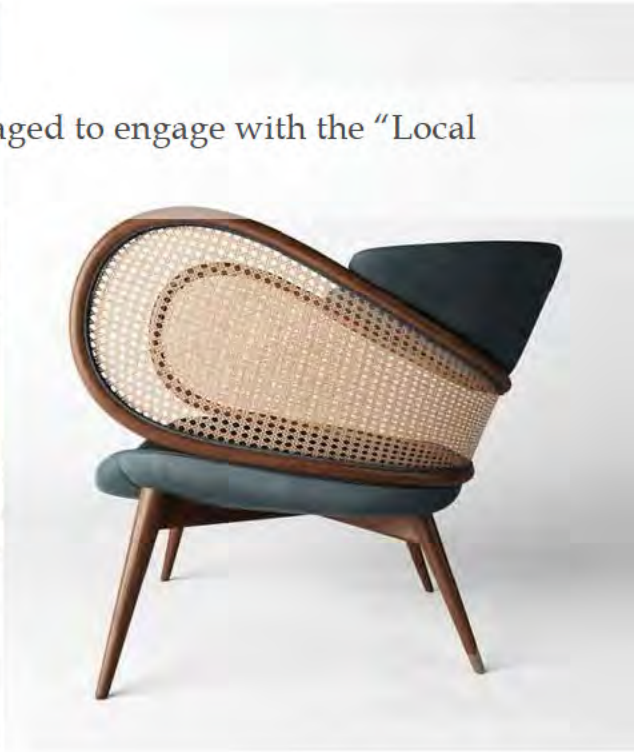
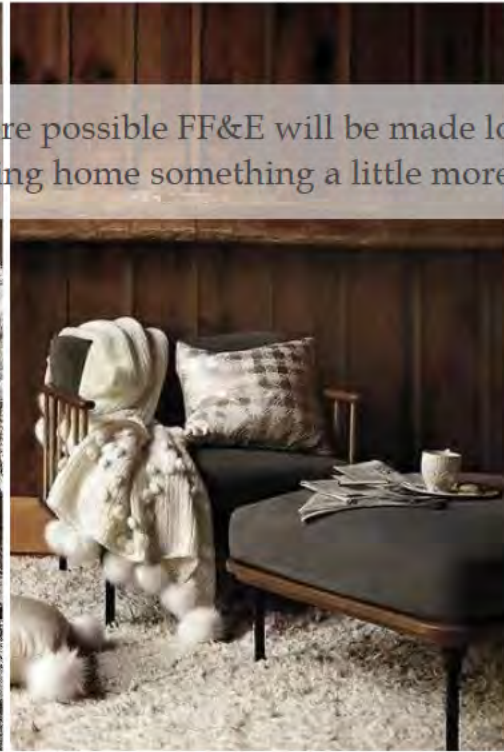
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# Six Senses Turkey Hill – FF&E

## LOCAL TOUCHES

Local Meets Global – Where possible FF&E will be made locally. Guests will be encouraged to engage with the “Local Creatives” and perhaps bring home something a little more permanent.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – FF&E

## CAMPING WITH A TWIST

Relaxed Luxury – Select pieces will be chosen to reflect the fact that guests are in fact camping ... luxuriously of course!

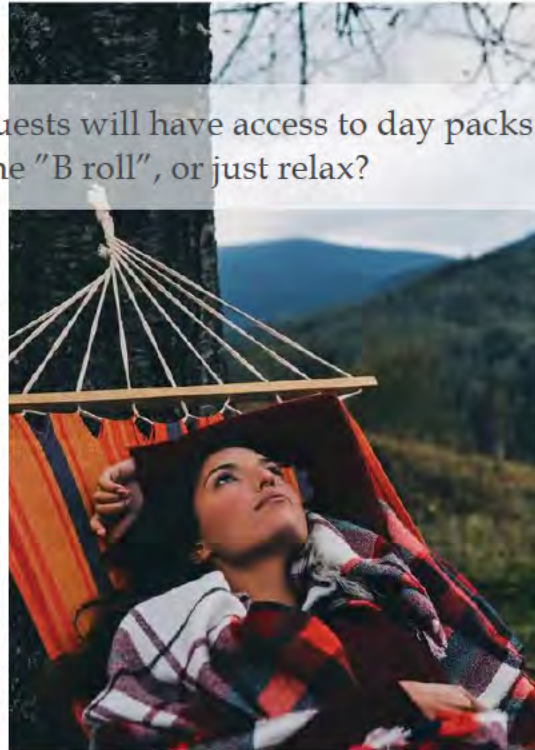
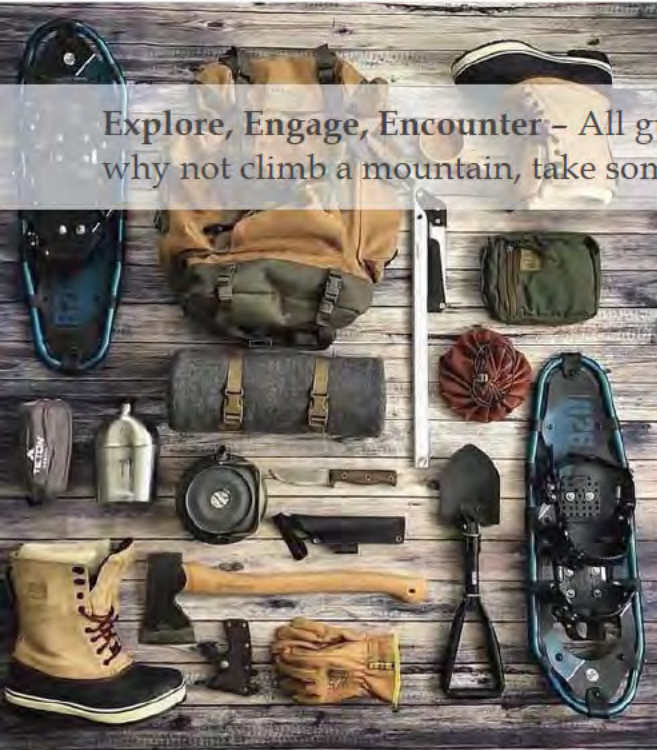




# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Camping Gear

A TENT WITH ALL THE FIXINS'

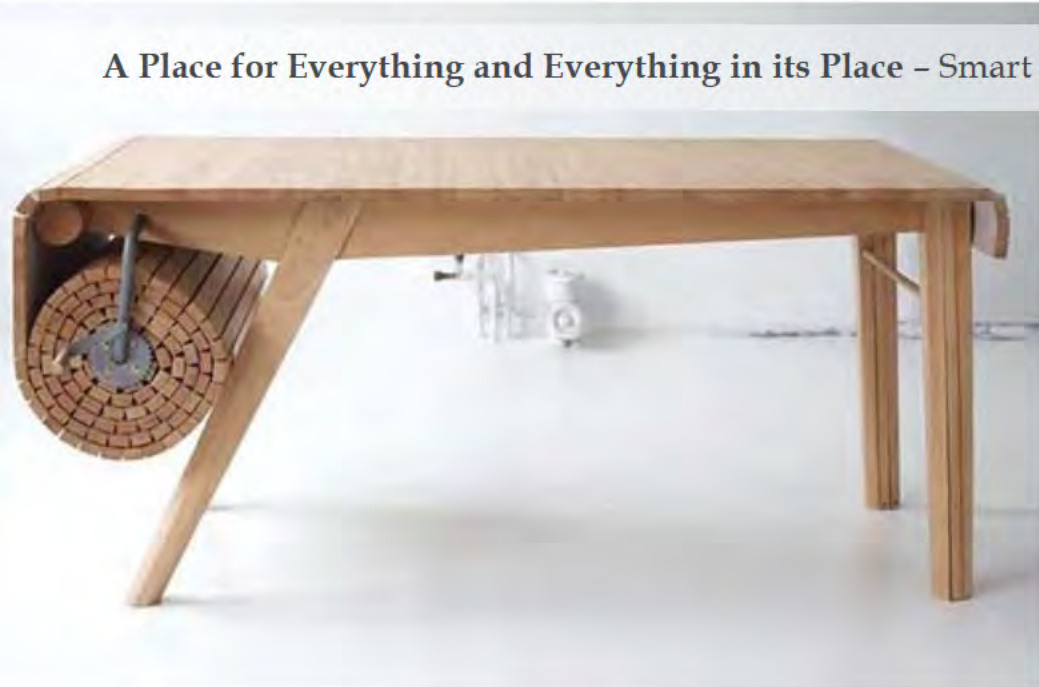
Explore, Engage, Encounter – All guests will have access to day packs filled with what they need to explore further afield – why not climb a mountain, take some “B roll”, or just relax?



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – FF&E

## FUNCTIONAL FLEXIBILITY

**A Place for Everything and Everything in its Place** – Smart design solutions will be used in an effort not to overbuild.



# Six Senses Turkey Hill – FF&E OUTDOORS



**Relaxed Elegance** – All outdoor furniture will be to the same high quality and design as the rest of the property, with a focus on comfort and durability.



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# STAFF HOUSING

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# Six Senses Turkey Hill - Host Accommodation

(OPTIONAL - SEE AETNA SPRINGS BRIEF AND AREA PROGRAM)



Six Senses believes that treating staff well is not only the ethical thing to do but also translates directly to the bottom line. We have robust standards that will lead to first class host facilities should staff housing be required in Turkey Hill.

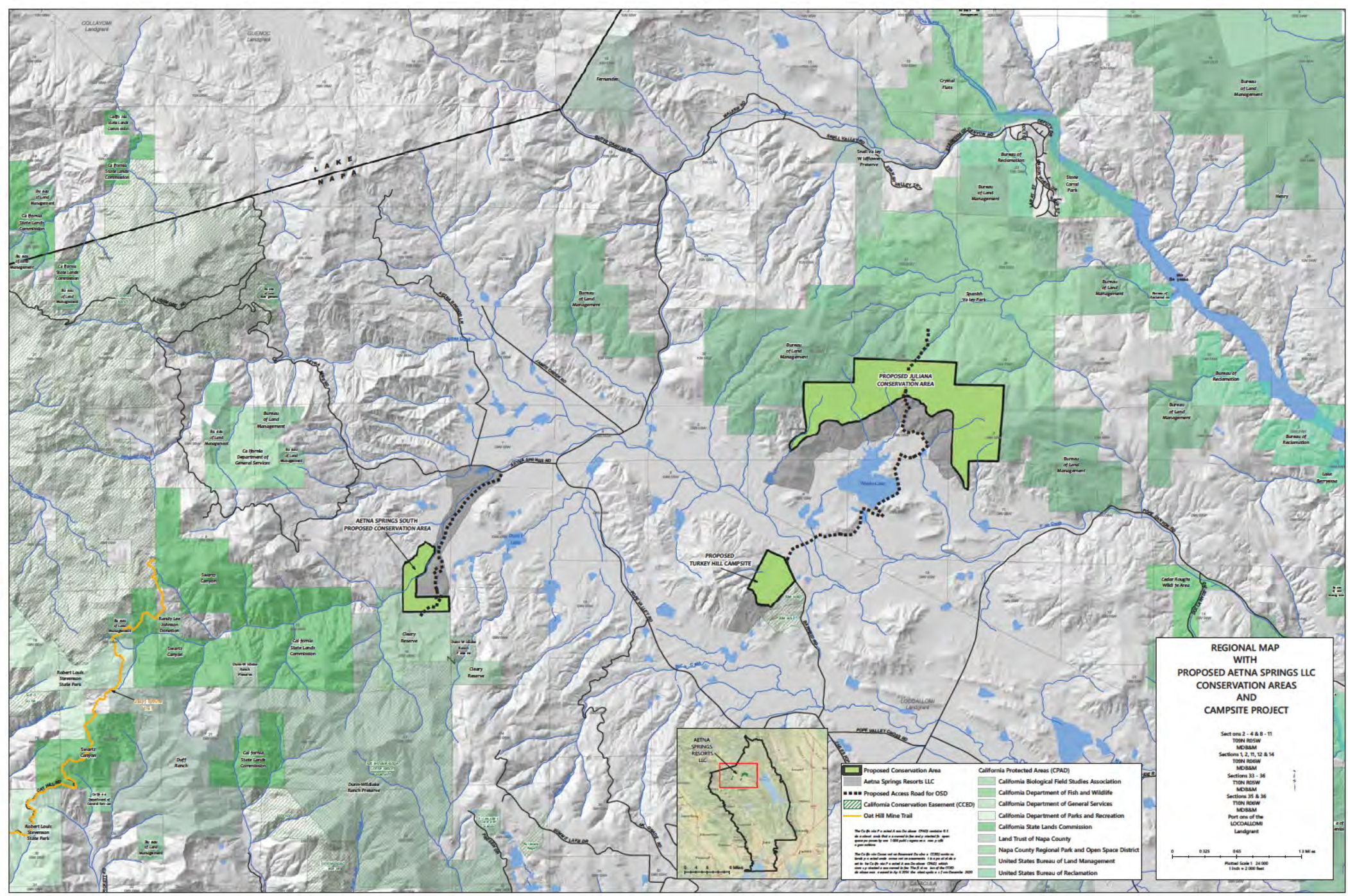


# Six Senses Turkey Hill – Host Accommodation

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**REGIONAL MAP WITH PROPOSED AETNA SPRINGS LLC CONSERVATION AREAS AND CAMPSITE PROJECT**

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TOWN ROW  
MCDISSAN

Sections 1, 2, 11, 12 & 14  
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Sections 33 - 36  
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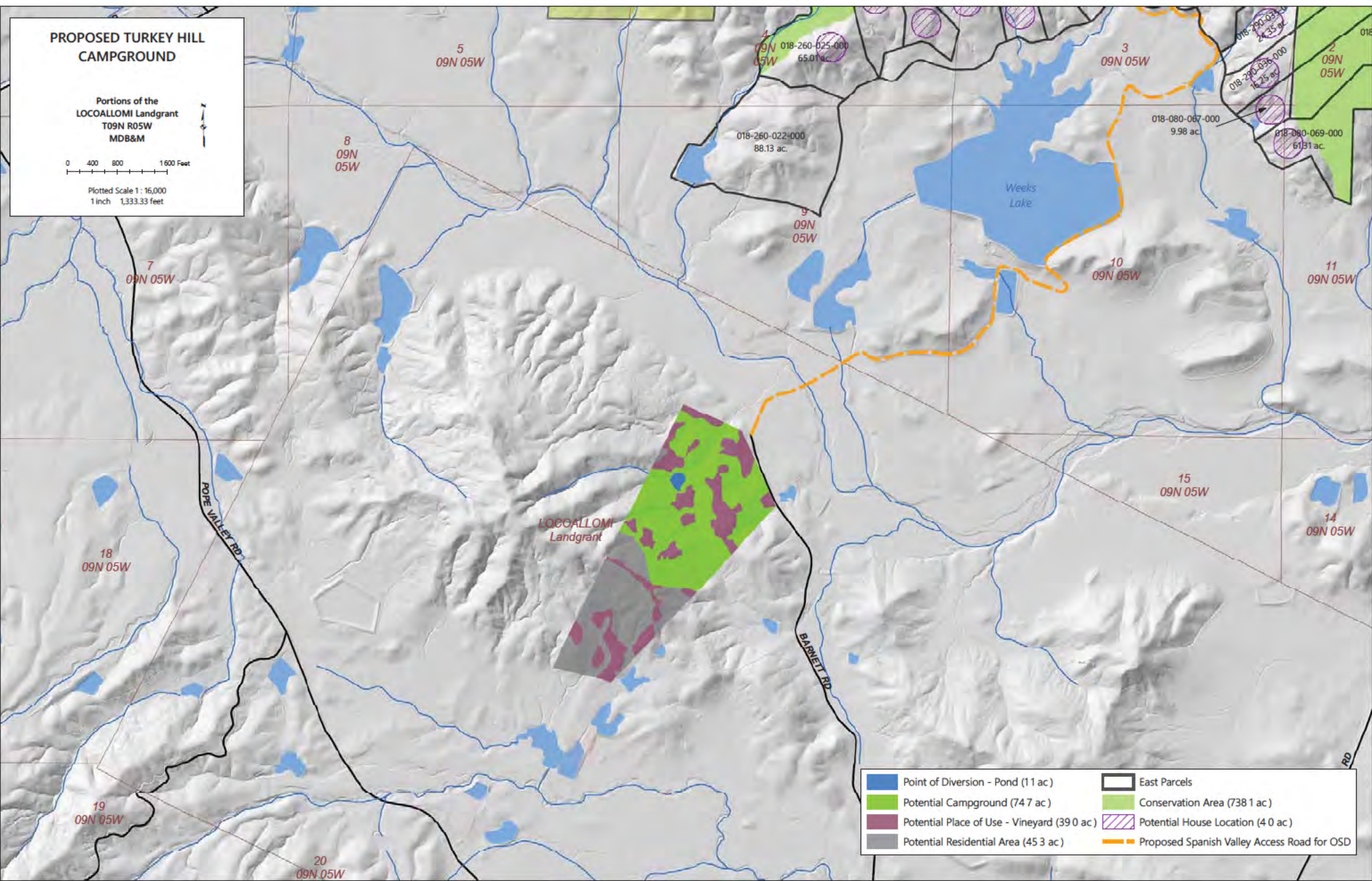


**PROPOSED TURKEY HILL  
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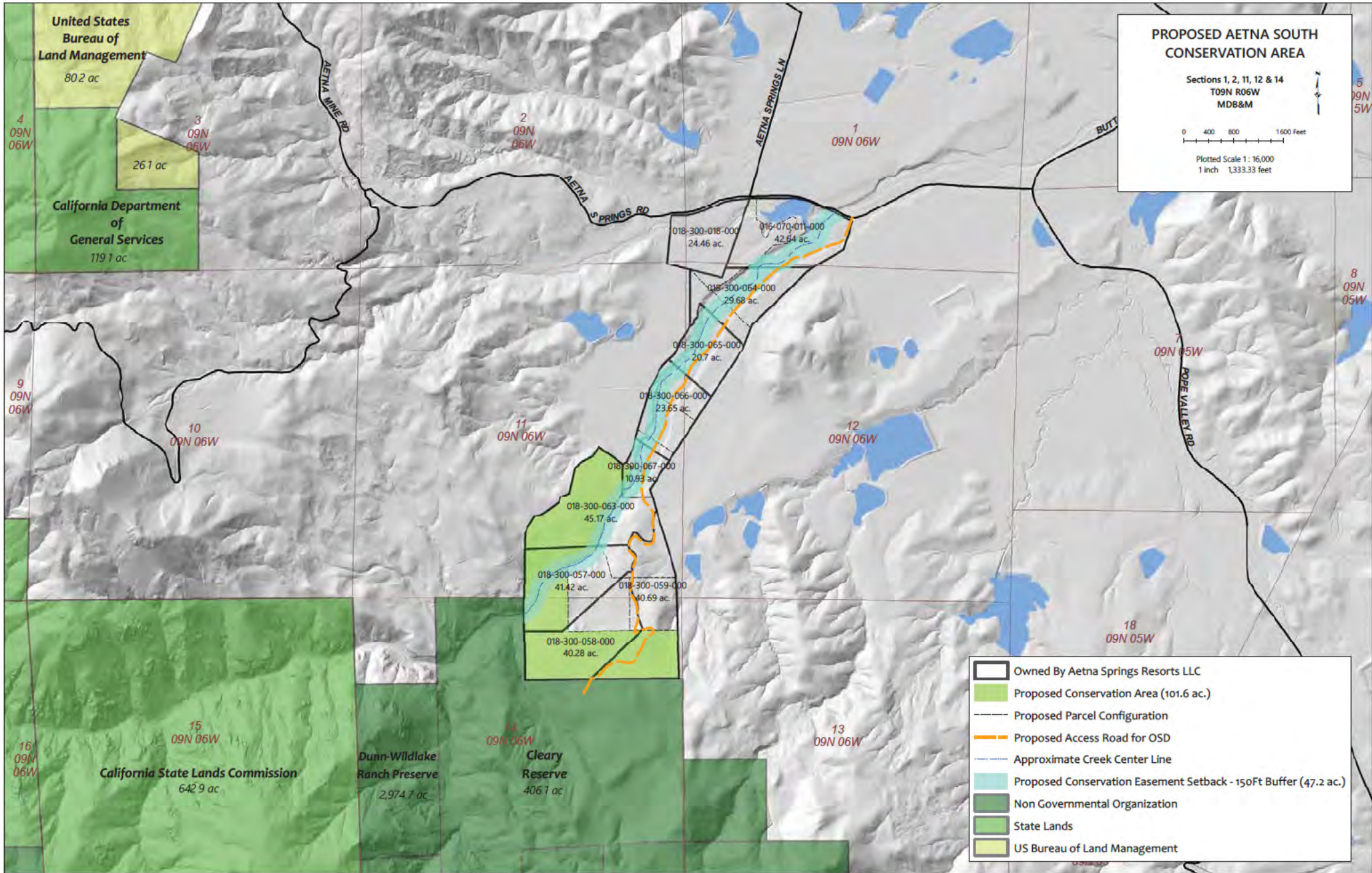
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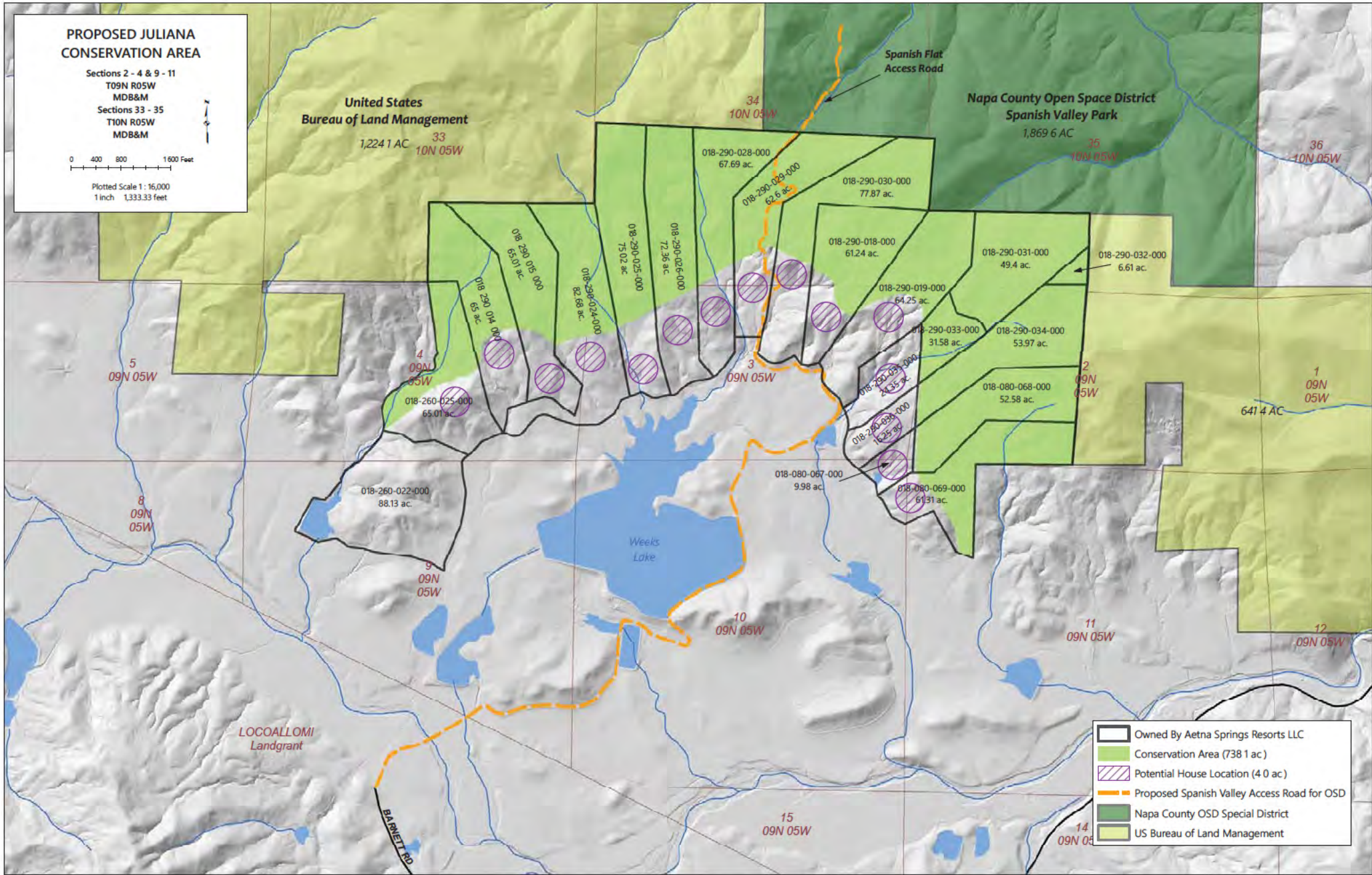
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- Point of Diversion - Pond (11 ac)
- Potential Campground (74.7 ac)
- Potential Place of Use - Vineyard (39.0 ac)
- Potential Residential Area (45.3 ac)
- East Parcels
- Conservation Area (738.1 ac)
- Potential House Location (4.0 ac)
- Proposed Spanish Valley Access Road for OSD







## STAFF REPORT

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Date: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.d**  
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of Agreement 21-11, A Right of Entry and Right of Construction Agreement effecting a \$283,560 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy via the Napa County Resource Conservation District to fund wildfire mitigation vegetation management at Moore Creek Park

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve agreement 21-11 and authorize the General Manager to sign agreement and any associated documents

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Not a project.** 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

Earlier this year, the District took part in a large grant application submitted by the Napa County RCD to the State Coastal Conservancy to help Napa County improve its fire resilience in the face of climate change. RCD is partnering with the District, the Land Trust of Napa County, Pacific Union College, and Suscol Intertribal Council to improve forest health and reduce extreme wildfire behavior on four protected properties in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, and to showcase the implementation of best practices using diverse engagement methods and partnerships.

As part of this grant, the District has been awarded \$283,560, funded through the RCD, to reduce wildfire risk at Moore Creek Park. The grant will fund District staff time to perform vegetation management, any subcontractors we need to complete the work, and project management staff time. This is an exciting culmination of months of work and coordination between RCD and the District.

Activities will include (1) continuation of an eight-year French broom removal effort, (2) thinning of second growth forest, and (3) clearing of excessive fuels around the bases of mature trees. These efforts are designed to protect Moore Creek Park from extreme fire behavior characteristic of overgrown, unmanaged wildlands. This work will create conditions for healthy, natural wildfire within the park boundaries and reduce the risk of crown fires that destroy mature trees, should the park ever burn.

The grant includes \$36,667 in matching funds from RCD to develop a vegetation management program for Moore Creek in collaboration with CalFire, resulting in a comprehensive forest management vision for the entire property.

Napa County Resource Conservation District Agreement No. 2021021

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Agreement No. 21-11

## **RIGHT OF ENTRY AND RIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

**This Right of Entry and Right of Construction Agreement** (“Agreement”) is entered into as of September 9, 2021 by and between the Napa County Resource Conservation District, a special district of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “NCRCD” and Napa County Regional Park & Open Space District, a special district of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “Owner” of that real property more commonly known as Moore Creek Park, Napa County Assessor’s Parcel Number(s) 025-060-023, 025-060-025, 025-200-034, and 025-440-010 (“Property”). All references to NCRCD shall include their respective crews, agents, employees, contractors, assignees, and other mutually agreeable third parties.

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, NCRCD is authorized by Public Resources Code section 9408 to enter into agreements with federal or state agencies to receive funds, and to enter into agreements with private persons to cooperatively expend funds, in furtherance of NCRCD purposes, and is further authorized by Public Resources Code section 9412 to provide technical assistance to private landowners to support projects that minimize soil and related resource degradation; and

**WHEREAS**, NCRCD entered into Agreement 20-115 with State Coastal Conservancy, hereinafter referred to as “SCC Agreement” and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Demonstrating Wildfire Resilience in Napa County’s Wildland-Urban Interface Project, hereinafter referred to as “Project,” is intended in part to improve forest health, reduce extreme wildfire behavior, and enhance wildlife habitat on the Owner’s Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Owner is the fee owner of Owner’s Property which is located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, Napa County, California and is identified in the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, no permits are required for the Project on Owner’s Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Owner desires to participate in the Project and desires to carry out construction, implementation, maintenance, and monitoring of the Project on Owner’s Property; and

**WHEREAS**, to proceed with implementation of the Project, NCRCD wishes to obtain and Owner wishes to grant NCRCD permission to enter Owner’s Property as described above and to allow NCRCD and its respective crews, agents, employees, contractors, assignees, and other mutually agreeable third parties to engage in the project activities as described in Exhibit “B” on Owner’s property as described in this Agreement.

## AGREEMENT

**NOW, THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS**, in light of the above and for the consideration stated in this Agreement and other valuable consideration:

**1. Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first above written and shall expire at the end of the term as defined in this section.

(a) Construction and Implementation of the Project. Construction and implementation of the Project as described in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and incorporated by this reference herein, may begin on the date first written above, and will be completed no later than the date listed in SCC Grant Agreement No. 20-115, section IV (the "Completion Date"). In the event that the construction and implementation of the Project cannot be completed by the Completion Date, NCRCD shall give Owner a modified schedule and inform Owner of new completion date.

**2. Construction and Implementation Phase of the Project.** The Project shall be constructed and implemented on the Owner's Property as set forth in Exhibit "B" and this section.

(a) Attached as Exhibit "B" is a description of Project that shall be implemented on Owner's property. Owner acknowledges that vegetation management and other fire resilience work is temporary and does not guarantee fire-proof conditions and that NCRCD does not warrant the life or effectiveness of the fire resilience work.

(b) NCRCD may contract with additional contractors, herein after referred to as "subcontractors," to undertake the Project.

(c) Owner is aware that and consents to the use of hand tools and masticators to implement the Project.

**3. NCRCD and Owner's Monetary Contribution to the Project.**

(a) NCRCD estimates that the total cost for implementation of the Project will be Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$283,560).

(b) NCRCD is responsible for monetary contribution to the Project as set forth in the budget section of Exhibit "B," and NCRCD's contribution under this Agreement is Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$36,667).

(c) NCRCD will contribute to Owner up to Two Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$246,893) from the SCC Agreement, provided, however, that such amounts shall not be construed as guaranteed sums, and compensation shall be based upon services actually rendered and reimbursable expenses actually incurred.

(d) NCRCD may contribute additional funding from the SCC Agreement to support planning, environmental compliance, education, and/or other related activities, but this additional funding will not be paid to the Owner and will instead be paid directly to vendors conducting the work.

**4. Grant of Permission, Right of Entry, and Right of Construction**

(a) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Owner grants NCRCD and respective crews, agents, employees, contractors, assignees, and other mutually agreeable third parties, a non-exclusive Right of Entry to enter Owner's Property, to do any work necessary for the planning, education, and monitoring of the Project as described in Exhibit "B." Access shall be granted through the term of this Agreement, and access is limited to those portions of Owner's

Property where the Project work is to be performed and those additional portions of Owner’s Property that must be traversed to gain access to the work site or otherwise utilized to complete implementation of the Project. Owner specifically acknowledges NCRCD staff may be accompanied by employees, representatives, or agents of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“CAL FIRE”), State Coastal Conservancy, and/or vegetation contractors and associated consultants/firms (e.g., qualified biologists).

(b) Subject to the terms of the Agreement, Owner grants NCRCD respective crews, agents, employees, contractors, assignees, and other mutually agreeable third parties the right to do the necessary work to complete the Project as described in Exhibit “B.” The right to do the work shall be granted through the term of this Agreement, and is limited to those portions of Owner’s Property where work is to be performed and those additional portions of Owner’s Property that must be traversed to gain access to the work site or otherwise utilized to complete implementation of the Project. Owner acknowledges NCRCD staff may be accompanied by employees, representatives, or agents of one or more of the representatives or agents of CAL FIRE and/or vegetation contractors and associated consultants/firms (e.g., qualified biologists).

(c) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Owner grants NCRCD and respective crews, agents, employees, contractors, assignees, and other mutually agreeable third parties, a non-exclusive Right of Entry to enter Owner’s Property, to install educational or informative signs or installations, temporary or permanent, at the work site. Owner will approve the design and location of any signs or installations before they are installed. The State Coastal Conservancy’s logo must be included on any signs or installations. Signs or installations, if temporary, may be removed after the term of this Agreement.

**5. Notification.**

(a) NCRCD shall notify Owner at least 24 hours in advance of NCRCD and or subcontractors, agents or employees entering Owner’s Property, as authorized under this Agreement. NCRCD may, at its option, make such notification by written notice sent to Owner at the address below, by telephone call to the Owner at the phone number shown below, by email to the Owner at the email address shown below, or by other means acceptable to Owner.

(b) Any other formal notification under this Agreement shall be made in writing and mailed by first class mail, return receipt requested, to the address shown below.

(c) Any notification under this Agreement shall be provided to the parties at the following address and phone number:

NCRCD:	Owner:
Napa County Resource Conservation District Attn: Lucas Patzek, Executive Director 1303 Jefferson St, Suite 500B Napa, CA 94559 Tel: (707) 690-3119 Email: <a href="mailto:Lucas@NapaRCD.org">Lucas@NapaRCD.org</a>	Napa Co. Regional Park & Open Space District Attn: Chris Cahill, General Manager 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559 Tel: (707) 253-4847 Email: <a href="mailto:ccahill@ncrposd.org">ccahill@ncrposd.org</a>

(d) The notification address, phone number, and email may be changed by written notice to the other party.



**6. Termination of Agreement.** This Agreement can be terminated only upon the following conditions:

(a) Upon the mutual agreement of NCRCD and Owner, NCRCD hereby authorizes the NCRCD Executive Director to make all decisions and take all actions required under this section.

(b) NCRCD may, without incurring liability for breach of the agreement, terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, if NCRCD determines that continued operation of the Agreement will result in the violation of a federal, state, or local statute or regulation, or if the grant funding intended by NCRCD for use for the Project is terminated.

(c) If Owner defaults in the performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or materially breaches any of its provisions, and fails to cure the default or breach within fifteen (15) days after service on Owner of written notice of the default, then NCRCD may terminate this Agreement without further notice.

**7. Reimbursement upon Termination.** In the event of termination of this Agreement by NCRCD or Owner resulting from conditions set forth in Section 6, subsection (c), above, Owner shall reimburse NCRCD for all payments made by NCRCD for Project work under this Agreement, including all construction and implementation and monitoring, maintenance, educational, and repair activities.

**8. Standard of Care, Interference with Landowner Rights.** NCRCD shall use due care in the exercise of its rights herein and shall avoid any unnecessary interference with Owner's operations of the Property and enjoyment of its Properties when conducting the Project as described in Exhibit "B." Reasonable activities associated with the Project or any Project conservation practices, shall not be considered nuisance activities. NCRCD shall not interfere with privileges or rights that the Owner has or may grant to others, except to the extent that such privileges or rights are modified by this Agreement or by the grant of authorization to NCRCD to carry out the Project. NCRCD shall promptly repair any damage resulting *directly* from Project and shall restore any alterations constructed by NCRCD, which are not consistent with the improvements described in Exhibit "B." NCRCD will not be responsible for repair to surrounding area. Owner warrants that, as of the effective date of this Agreement, Owner has not granted privileges or rights to others that may interfere with the activities that NCRCD is authorized to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Owner further agrees that Owner shall not, after the effective date of this Agreement, grant any other person or entity rights or privileges that may interfere with the activities that NCRCD is authorized to undertake pursuant to this Agreement or with the obligations of Owner under this Agreement.

**9. Laws and Regulations.** NCRCD and Owner shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations in implementing the Project.

**10. Landowner's Title, Not a Public Dedication.** NCRCD's exercise of the rights and permission granted herein shall never give rise to any claim of title by NCRCD to Owner's Property on the part of NCRCD or parties claiming through or under it. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to be a gift or dedication of any portion of the Owner's property to or for the general public or for any public purpose. Project improvements constructed on the Property shall remain the property of the Owner.

## **11. Hold Harmless/Defense/Indemnification**

(a) **Owner's Indemnification.** Owner shall indemnify and hold NCRCD, NCRCD's agents or employees, its contractors or subcontractors employed by NCRCD on the Project, their agents, employees, and funders harmless from all claims, demands, or liability arising out of or encountered in connection with this Agreement or the prosecution of work under it, whether such claims, demands, or liability are caused by the Owner, Owner's agents or employees, or contractors employed by the Owner on the Project, their agents or employees, or products installed on the Project by Owner or Owner's contractors, excepting only such injury or harm as may be caused solely and exclusively by NCRCD's fault or negligence. Such indemnification shall extend to claims, demands, or liability for injuries occurring after completion of the Project as well as during the work's progress. Owner agrees to take reasonable steps to protect the improvements implemented as part of the Project is such improvements are jeopardized in any way once such risk is identified. Owner agrees to notify NCRCD immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. Owner shall cooperate with NCRCD in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement, providing that nothing shall require Owner to disclose any document, records, or communications that are protected under peer review privilege, attorney client privilege, or attorney work product privilege.

(b) **NCRCD's Indemnification.** NCRCD will indemnify and hold Owner harmless from all claims, demands, or liability arising out of or encountered in connection with this Agreement or the prosecution of work under it, whether such claims, demands, or liability are caused by the NCRCD, NCRCD's agents or employees, or contractors or subcontractors employed by the NCRCD on the Project, their agents or employees, or products installed on the Project by NCRCD or NCRCD's contractors, excepting only such injury or harm as may be caused solely and exclusively by Owner's fault or negligence. Such indemnification shall extend to claims, demands, or liability for injuries occurring after completion of the Project as well as during the work's progress. NCRCD will notify Owner immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. NCRCD shall cooperate with Owner in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement, providing that nothing shall require NCRCD to disclose any document, records, or communications that are protected under peer review privilege, attorney client privilege, or attorney work product privilege.

(c) During Project construction and thereafter for so long as the Project is being maintained pursuant to the Project, Owner agrees to refrain from any acts that would jeopardize the soundness of any of the improvements, which will be implemented as part of the Project.

## **12. Insurance.**

(a) **General Liability.** NCRCD shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement commercial or comprehensive general liability insurance coverage (personal injury and property damage) of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence, either issued by a company admitted to do business in the State of California and having an A.M. Best Rating of no less than A:VII or by self-insurance, or by a combination thereof, covering liability for any personal injury, including death, to any person and/or damage to the Property of any person arising from the acts or omissions of NCRCD under this Agreement except for acts or omissions performed in strict compliance with express direction by the Owner. If the coverage includes an aggregate limit, the

aggregate limit shall be no less than twice the per occurrence limit. Owner shall be named as additional insureds.

(b) **Certificates of Insurance.** Prior to entering the Property, and not less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration of any policy thereafter, NCRCD shall furnish to Owner a certificate of insurance reflecting that the insurance required by this Section is in force, accompanied by an endorsement showing the required additional insured.

(c) **No insurance for Project Improvements.** The parties acknowledge that the Project improvements are designed to improve fire resilience on the Property. Nonetheless, constructed improvements will not be insured against losses such as floods, landslides, or other damages. Repair and replacement of damaged improvements will be limited to the authorized activities of the Project and funded solely through the Owner.

**13. Public Record.** Owner acknowledges that NCRCD is subject to California Government Code section 6250 *et. seq.* ("Public Records Act") and that records developed under this Agreement may be subject to disclosure. NCRCD shall notify Owner of any Public Records Act request where information related to this Agreement may be disclosed. Nothing in this Agreement obligates NCRCD to object to such disclosure.

**14. Governing Law/Venue**

(a) **Governing Law.** The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California

(b) **Venue.** This Agreement is made in Napa, California. The venue for any legal action in state court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, a unified court. The venue for any legal action in federal court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement lying within the jurisdiction of the federal courts shall be the Northern District of California. The appropriate venue for arbitration, mediation, or similar legal proceedings under this Agreement shall be Napa California; however, nothing in this sentence shall obligate either party to submit to mediation or arbitration any dispute arising under this Agreement.

**15. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

**16. Entirety of Contract.** This Agreement, including any documents expressly incorporated by reference whether or not attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject of this Agreement and supersedes all previous agreements, promises, representations, understandings, and negotiations, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

**17. Third Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in third parties and the parties do not intend to create such rights.

**18. Attorney's Fees.** In the event that either party commences legal action of any kind or character either to enforce the provisions of this Agreement or to obtain damages for breach

thereof, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with such action.

**19. Amendments.** This Agreement may only be amended in writing signed by both parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Agreement was executed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS CAHILL, General Manager  
“Owner”

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCAS PATZEK, Executive Director  
“NCRCD”

<p>APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel</p> <p>By: <u>Shana A. Bagley, Deputy</u> NCRCD Counsel</p> <p>Date: September 8, 2021</p>	<p>ATTEST: ANNA MATTINSON Secretary of the Board of Directors</p> <p>By: _____</p>	<p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Processed by: _____ District Secretary</p>
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**EXHIBIT “A”**  
GRANT AGREEMENT

**EXHIBIT “B”**  
WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET, PROPERTY MAP, ETC.



## **STAFF REPORT**

By: Kyra Purvis  
Date: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.e**  
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of Resolution 21-04 approving District application for Locally-Operated State Park Program grant funds

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 21-04, approving of the filing of project application for the State Department of Parks and Recreation the Locally-Operated State Parks Program grant funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Not a project.** 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

This program originates from Proposition 68, which allocated funds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects, and was approved by voters on June 5, 2018. This grant program provides funds to locally-operate State Parks for the renovation of aging infrastructure.

The District is applying for funds to repair and restore the Recreation Hall Building along Ritchey Creek Trail at Bothe Napa State Park. The project would repair and restore the building and supporting infrastructure (power, water, septic, parking) so that it can be used as an indoor environmental education facility with secondary use as meeting or small event space. The project will cost approximately \$320,000, of which Napa Valley State Parks Association has committed to a 50% match of approximately \$160,000.

RESOLUTION N<sup>o</sup>. 21-04

NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT  
AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING THE  
APPLICATION FOR LOCALLY-OPERATED STATE PARK PROGRAM GRANT  
FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Locally-Operated State Park Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) hereby:

APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE RECREATION HALL  
RESTORATION PROJECT; AND

1. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. Certifies that if the project is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the District General Manager (or his/her designee) to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.
6. Will consider promoting inclusion per Public Resources Code §80001(b)(8 A-G).

Approved and adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 21-04 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors following a roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NOES: DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: DIRECTORS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
District Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
Date: _____
Processed by: _____
District Secretary





## STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill  
Date: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.f**  
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of the Dan's Wild Ride Trail Park Plan and adoption of the project CEQA Negative Declaration.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Open public hearing and take comments on the proposed Negative Declaration.
2. Close public hearing and adopt the project Negative Declaration based on recommended findings 1-5, below.
3. Approve the proposed Dan's Wild Ride Trail Park Plan.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Negative Declaration Prepared.** According to the proposed Negative Declaration, the project would not have any potentially significant environmental effects. The project site is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code §65962.5.

### BACKGROUND

The Dan's Wild Ride trail easement is the next step in a long-term effort to complete a recreational trail between Moore Creek Park and Angwin. The trail connection was first proposed in the 1970's Park and Recreation Plan adopted by the County of Napa as the ambitious Napa Valley Crest Trail. What has ultimately become Dan's Wild Ride was also included as a key objective in the District's 2009 Master Plan as well as its 2013 and 2019 updates.

The District, under the leadership of former General Manager John Woodbury, has also invested significant work in making the Moore Creek Park to Angwin trail connection over recent years. In 2019, the Open Space District entered into an agreement with Pacific Union College to allow general public non-motorized recreational use of the trail system running through the College's forested lands. In March 2020, the District accepted the Bundy trail easement, unlocking an otherwise intractable corner connection at the northern end of the Moore Creek Park property. In May 2020 we entered into a license agreement with our partners at the Land Trust of Napa County allowing a non-motorized recreational trail to cross their Okin Preserve property. Most recently, in August of this year the District accepted a donated trail easement across the Pinney property, giving us management control over the entire trail corridor.

The District proposes to operate the Dan's Wild Ride Trail as an addition to Moore Creek Park. Following Board action on this item, staff will file for a modification to our existing Moore Creek use permit to

incorporate the new trail. We have developed the attached Park Plan to describe our proposed management of the property along with allowed uses. At the request of the donors, the Dan's Wild Ride trail across the Phinney property would not allow horses. It likewise does not allow any motorized transportation (except for maintenance or emergency purposes), which is presently intended to exclude e-bikes except as an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Park Plan is analyzed in the attached Negative Declaration, which finds no significant environmental impacts. It is inherent to the mission of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to protect the environment and to act with environmental preservation and sustainability at front of mind at all times, so it is no surprise that a new trail project would no significant environmental impacts. In this particular case, the environmental impacts are even further limited because the trail itself already exists. The only construction associated with this project would be the installation of a few trail signs and of a new vehicular gate on an existing gravel road which would be designed to limit trespass onto neighboring private property.

As of the date of this writing, staff has not received any public comments on the draft CEQA Negative Declaration.

#### RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

The Board of Directors has received and reviewed the proposed **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 Negative Declaration and the proposed project, the Board read and considered said Declaration.
2. The Negative Declaration is based on independent judgment exercised by the Board.
3. The 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.

## Dan's Wild Ride Trail and Park Plan - Addition to Moore Creek Park

Adoption of a Park Plan to allow an existing 3.9 mile natural surface trail connecting Moore Creek Park to the Pacific Union College Demonstration and Experimental Forest to be operated as a publicly-accessible trail and to become a part of Moore Creek Park. The proposed trail would allow non-motorized uses including hiking and biking but would not allow horseback riding at the request of easement donors. Public access to the trail would be via the Moore Creek Park and Pacific Union College Forest trail networks with alternate permissive administrative and public safety access from the Land Trust's Okin Preserve (off Chiles Pope Valley Road). 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 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.** Not allowed as a result of the requirements of one or more easement donors.
- **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 motor vehicles on the trail.
- **Other low-impact outdoor recreation and education.** Open space-based activities that do not disturb the natural character of the area, such as bird watching and nature appreciation, 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.

### 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.
- **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.
- **Fencing and gates.** So as not to break up an important wildlife movement corridor, no new fencing is proposed. Gates 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:

**Biological Resources Protections:**

- No sport hunting shall 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.

**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 trail 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:**

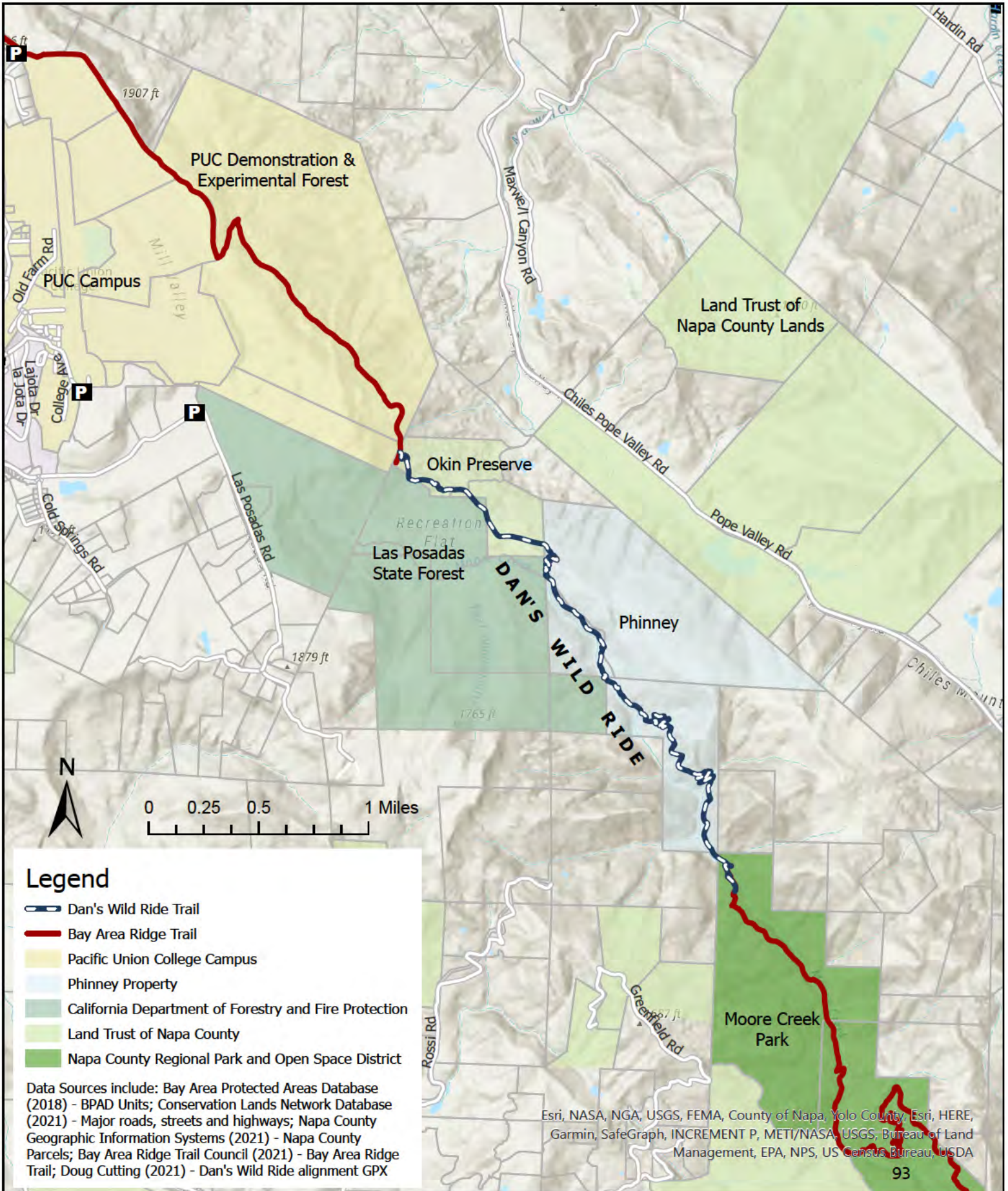
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# Trail Project Overview Map

**Project Name:** Dan's Wild Ride  
**Project Location:** Pacific Union College to Moore Creek Park  
**County:** Napa



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



# NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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Napa, Calif. 94559  
www.napaoutdoors.org

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

August 23, 2021

1. **Project Title:** Dan's Wild Ride Trail
2. **Property Owner:** Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District
3. **Contact person, phone number and email:** Chris Cahill, General Manager, (707) 299-1335, [ccahill@ncrposd.org](mailto:ccahill@ncrposd.org)
4. **Project location and APN:** The proposed Negative Declaration covers a 3.9-mile-long by +/- 40-foot-wide trail corridor centered on an existing natural surface trail held variously under easement and license by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District over underlying parcels owned by Bundy (APN 025-060-021), Phinney (APNs 025-060-005, 025-030-017, and 025-030-010), and the Land Trust of Napa County (APNs 025-030-018 and 025-030-019). County Zoning: Agricultural Watershed (AW).
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, 1195 Third Street, Second Floor, Napa, Calif. 94559
6. **General Plan Designation:** The project location is designated as Agricultural Watershed/Open Space in the County of Napa General Plan.
7. **Zoning:** The project location is designated as Agricultural Watershed (AW) in the County of Napa Zoning Code.
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 Minor Modification to Use Permit P10-00155 (Moore Creek Park) as previously amended by Use Permit Very Minor Modification P12-00387 by the County of Napa, to allow an existing natural surface trail connecting Moore Creek Park to the Pacific Union College Demonstration and Experimental Forest to be operated as a publicly-accessible trail and to become a part of Moore Creek Park. The proposed trail would allow non-motorized uses including hiking and biking but would not allow horseback riding at the request of easement donors.

### 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 can be viewed at <https://napaoutdoors.org/dans-wild-ride-trail-ceqa-negative-declaration/> 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).

23-Aug-21

DATE:



BY: Chris Cahill, General Manager

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments may be submitted through September 12, 2021**

*Please send written comments to the attention of Chris Cahill, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, at 1195 Third St., Second Floor, Napa, Calif. 94559, or via e-mail to [ccahill@ncrposd.org](mailto:ccahill@ncrposd.org). The Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District will consider adoption of this Negative Declaration at a public hearing subsequent to the close of the written*

*comment period. A public hearing for the Use Permit Modification and associated County approvals on this project will be held, as and if required, 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) 299-1335. Please contact the Napa County Department of Planning, Building and Environmental Services for information on any County of Napa proceedings.*

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## Initial Study Checklist

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### **Environmental Setting and Surrounding Land Uses**

The proposed Dan's Wild Ride public trail project would occur on existing single track trails, fire roads, and ranch roads located on otherwise undeveloped lands located in the Moore Creek canyon between the Pacific Union College forest in Angwin and the existing northern boundary of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's Moore Creek Park. The area has historically been used for limited cattle grazing, limited illicit marijuana production, and open space uses such as hunting and nature appreciation. The subject trail corridor is characterized by a dirt or graveled surface trail surrounded by an otherwise largely undisturbed natural landscape of coniferous forest, oak woodland, chaparral scrub, and a riparian zone centered on the channel of Moore Creek.

The land directly adjacent to the proposed public trail to the east and west is undeveloped and owned either by private parties or by the Land Trust of Napa County. The Land Trust property, known as the Okin Preserve, is protected in perpetuity to preserve the unique confluence of vegetative habitat zones, including Douglas Fir forest, serpentine chaparral, and mixed hardwood forest. The 796-acre Las Posadas State Demonstration Forest is located to the west of the proposed trail, 1,643-acre Moore Creek Park and its 20+ miles of trails (of which the



proposed trail would become part) is located to the south, and the more than 850-acre Pacific Union College Experimental Forest and its 35 miles of trails is to the north.

The Project is quite remote and not easily accessible by car, but parking lots are located at Moore Creek Park off Chiles-Pope Valley Road and at the Pacific Union College forest off Las Posadas Road in Angwin.

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

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

**Other Agencies/Organizations Contacted:**

10. **California Native American tribal consultation:** *Have tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?* No tribes have requested consultation.

**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.



BY: Chris Cahill  
General Manager  
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

23-Aug-21  
Date

## Detailed Project Description

### Dan's Wild Ride Trail - Addition to Moore Creek Park

Adoption of a Park Plan to allow an existing 3.9-mile natural surface trail connecting Moore Creek Park to the Pacific Union College Demonstration and Experimental Forest to be operated as a publicly-accessible trail and to become a part of Moore Creek Park. The proposed trail would allow non-motorized uses including hiking and biking but would not allow horseback riding at the request of easement donors. Public access to the trail would be via the Moore Creek Park and Pacific Union College forest trail networks with alternate permissive administrative and public safety access from the Land Trust's Okin Preserve (off Chiles Pope Valley Road). 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 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.** Not allowed as a result of the requirements of one or more easement donors.
- **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 motor vehicles on the trail.
- **Other low-impact outdoor recreation and education.** Open space-based activities that do not disturb the natural character of the area, such as bird watching and nature appreciation, 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.

#### Other Notable Features

- **Low Impact.** Every aspect of the operation of the trail 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.
- **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.
- **Fencing and gates.** So as not to break up an important wildlife movement corridor, no new fencing is proposed. Gates 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:

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

- No sport hunting shall 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.

##### **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 trail 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:**

- 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
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**I. AESTHETICS.** Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- |  |                          |                          |                          |                                     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings (public views are those that are experienced from a publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? | <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. The proposed public trail already exists as a series of ranch roads, fire roads, and single track trails. New construction resulting from this project would be limited to trail signage and the addition of one gate. 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. No mature trees will be removed by the project and no new lighting is proposed.

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**II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES.** Would the project:

- |  |                          |                          |                          |                                     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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"/> |

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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. The project area is not classified as farmland that is Prime, Unique, or of Statewide importance. The property is designated Agricultural Watershed/Open Space by the Napa County General Plan. The property has historically seen very occasional grazing and illicit marijuana cultivation, but has not otherwise been used agriculturally. 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.				

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

- a-b. 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.
- c. 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. No sensitive receptors exist within 1,000 feet of the project area and no new grading is proposed as a component of this project. No public vehicular traffic will be allowed. Thus, sensitive receptors will not be exposed to a significant level of particulates.
- d. The project is not expected to generate any new odors or other emissions. There are no impacts.

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<b>IV. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 state or federally protected wetlands (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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. The proposed public trail currently exists as a series of ranch roads, fire roads, and single track trails and already sees some level of permissive recreational use. New construction resulting from this project would be limited to trail signage and the addition of a gate on an existing road to keep users on-trail. The County’s natural resources databases indicate that four special status plant species are potentially located in the vicinity of the trail: Jepson's leptosiphon (*Leptosiphon jepsonii*), Sharsmith's western flax (*Hesperolinon sharsmithiae*), narrow-anthered brodiaea (*Brodiaea leptandra*), and green jewelflower (*Streptanthus hesperidis*). Because no new grading is proposed and any signage or gates installed would be in the disturbed area on and along existing roads and single tracks, there will be no impact on special status plants.

Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) has also been identified in the project area. “Townsend’s big-eared bat occurs across much of the western United States, Canada, and Mexico, with isolated populations in the central and eastern United States. *Corynorhinus townsendii* roosts primarily in caves and mines as well as deep rock crevices, buildings, and bridges. Loss of roosts and other habitat reduction puts these bats at risk of substantial reduction in numbers and range.” (Anderson, Light, Takano, and Morrison. 2018. Population structure of the Townsend’s big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii townsendii*) in California. *Journal of Mammalogy*, Volume 99, Issue 3). Because the proposed public trail makes use of existing roads and single tracks, no grading will result from this project and impacts to Townsend's big-eared bat roosting sites and/or foraging areas are not foreseeable. The existing trail is used permissively by the public, so while some additional non-motorized public use is foreseeable once Dan’s Wild Ride is officially open, the trail is quite remote and the proposed project is unlikely to result in an increase in recreational intensity that would negatively impact roosting bats.

No construction is proposed in riparian habitat, in a sensitive natural community, or in protected wetlands. As noted above, no new fencing is proposed and gates will be the absolute minimum necessary to direct users and keep them on the developed trail. This project will not impede wildlife movement or wildlife corridors.

Impacts to special status species 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. 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.</b>	<b>CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:</b>				
	a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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c) 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.-c. The proposed public trail makes use of existing roads and single tracks. New earth disturbing activity will be limited to the installation of trail signs and the construction of one gate on an existing road. There are no known historical, archaeological, or cultural resources or human remains within the areas that will be affected by the project. No deep ripping, trenching, or extensive excavation of the type required for foundations, footings, or similar features is included in the project. Impacts to cultural resources are not foreseeable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VI. ENERGY. Would the project:</b>				
a) Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a. – b. This is a trail improvement project which primarily involves opening an existing trail to non-motorized public use. The project could not conceivably conflict with any renewable energy or energy efficiency plans. There are no impacts associated with energy resources.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VII. GEOLOGY and SOILS. Would the project:</b>				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. No grading or construction of improvements at any significant scale is proposed as part of this project. It will not expose people to potential substantial adverse effects associated with faults, liquefaction, or landslides.
- b. The existing trail was constructed by previous owners using modern trail design standards, largely equivalent to the standards and best management practices adopted by the District in its Moore Creek Trail Construction Standards, as amended. These design standards limit erosion and 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. No new grading is proposed as a component of this project. Impacts related to on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse are not foreseeable.
- 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. 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.
- f. The proposed public trail makes use of existing roads and single tracks. New earth disturbing activity will be limited to the installation of trail signs and the construction of one gate on an existing road. There are no known paleontological or geologic features or resources within the areas that will be affected by the project. No deep ripping, trenching, or extensive excavation of the type required for foundations, footings, or similar features is included in the project. Impacts are not foreseeable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:</b>				
a) 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

a-b. Greenhouse gasses will be generated by the extremely limited construction activities associated with the installation of trail signs and one gate and by some increment of additional users driving to and using the trailhead parking lots at Moore Creek Park and the PUC Forest. 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 15 additional park visitor trips on peak weekend days (15 vehicles represents, for instance, roughly 25% of the parking capacity available at Moore Creek Park), greenhouse gas emissions would still be only 5 percent of the Air District-prescribed threshold. Additionally, motorized recreation of any kind is prohibited on the trail, except as is necessary to comply with the ADA. The project does not conflict with any county-adopted or other applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>IX. 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"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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) 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"/>
g) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild-land fires?	<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 chainsaws and like maintenance equipment. 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 6 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 as open space, which would not produce any historical hazardous materials such as buried tanks.
- e. The closest public airport to the project site is Angwin's Virgil O. Parrett Field, located approximately 1.4 miles to the northwest of the nearest point of the proposed trail. The proposed trail is not located in an Airport Compatibility Zone. Outdoor recreation, including multiuse trails, does not result in people living or working in airport areas. The project will not result in any safety hazard.
- f. The project will not affect the implementation of or interfere with any emergency response plan.
- g. According to CalFire, the project is located in areas which are subject to very high, high, and moderate risk of wildland fires (on a scale of low, moderate, high, and very high). 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 trail.
  - o Only trained staff or volunteers will use motorized maintenance equipment, and its use will be limited to low-fire hazard periods.

- The public will not be permitted to smoke while in the park or on the trail.
- 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.
- No open fires will be allowed anywhere on the trail.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:</b>				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) 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"/>
iii) 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; or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv) impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

- a. Impacts to water quality could potentially occur from increased erosion and resulting sediment flows into Moore Creek from trail maintenance and from wildland fire. The District’s Moore Creek Trail Construction Standards

contain up-to-date standards for designing and maintaining trails; the proposed newly-public trail will be 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 increase in water usage. No new water use or extraction is proposed.
- c. The proposed public trail makes use of existing roads and single tracks. New earth disturbing activity will be limited to the installation of trail signs and the construction of one gate on an existing road. There will be no impacts to drainage patterns or streams. The project will not increase impervious surface, and therefore stormwater runoff will not increase.
- d. 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.
- e. The project will not result in any increase in water usage. No new water use or extraction is proposed. There are no impacts to a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XI.</b>	<b>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) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<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.

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XII.</b>	<b>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 State-mapped mineral resource is the Syar Industries aggregate quarry, which is located adjacent to Skyline Wilderness Park near the City of Napa and many miles to the south of this project. 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>XIII. 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) 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"/>

**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 aircraft overhead. Park users will therefore not be exposed to excessive amounts of noise. Regular trail use will result in a very 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. There should be no new or additional vibration or ground-borne noise.

c. As noted in Section VIII, Hazardous Materials, the project is not within an airport compatibility zone identified in the County's Airport Compatibility Plan (Napa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, and Napa County GIS zoning layer) but is located within 2 miles of Parrett Field. Outdoor recreation, including multiuse trails, is an allowed use within airport compatibility zones, where they exist, and this project will not result in any safety hazard. No one will be residing on or near the trail, and any work done in this portion of the park will be intermittent and short in duration. Therefore, the project will result in no impact related to airfields or airstrips.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIV. POPULATION and HOUSING. Would the project:</b>				
a) Induce substantial unplanned 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 people or housing, 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. 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>XV. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in:</b>				
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 our experience managing Moore Creek 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 near 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
<b>XVI. RECREATION. Would the project:</b>				
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>XVII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:</b>				
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-38, 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 a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines §15064.3(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f) Conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-14, 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"/>

**Discussion:**

a.& c. The transition to VMT is required of lead agencies beginning July 1, 2020. As a result, the updated Circulation Element of the Napa County General Plan includes policies that reflect this new regulatory framework for transportation impact assessment, along with a draft threshold of significance that is based on reduction of VMT compared to the unmitigated project rather than the regional average VMT (Policies CIR-7 through CIR-9). Staff believes this alternative approach to determining the significance of a project's transportation impacts would be better suited to Napa County's rural context, while still supporting the efforts of the County to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions goals of its pending Climate Action Plan. The reduction in VMT and, correspondingly, GHG emissions from the transportation sector, is also necessary for Napa County, the region, and the state to achieve long-term, statewide mandates targeted toward reducing GHG emissions. Such mandates include, but are not limited to Executive Order S-3-05 which sets a general statewide GHG emissions reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and Executive Order B-16-12, which sets this same GHG emissions reduction target, specifically for the transportation sector.

Napa County is currently in the process of establishing a threshold for minimum vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for various land uses. The park or trail project category does not fall neatly into traditional land use categories and is a hybrid land use combining VMT characteristics of transportation projects and small development uses. Until minimum VMT thresholds are established by the County for park and open space projects, guidance may be taken from by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA, December 2018. The Advisory indicates that the VMT metric supports three statutory goals: "the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and diversity of land uses." The Advisory goes on to state that "achieving 15 percent lower per employee (office) VMT than existing development is both generally achievable and is supported by evidence that connects this level of reduction to the State's emissions goals." With regard to the proposed project, the Technical Advisory provides "screening thresholds" for small projects as follows:

"Many local agencies have developed screening thresholds to indicate when detailed analysis is needed. Absent substantial evidence indicating that a project would generate a potentially significant level of VMT, or inconsistency with a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) or general plan, projects that generate or attract fewer than 110 trips per day generally may be assumed to cause a less than-significant transportation impact."

As noted at **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**, above, the project is unlikely to result in a net increase of more than 15 average daily trips (15 vehicles represents fully 25% of the total parking capacity available at Moore Creek Park), a number which is well below the 110 trip small development standard. The project would not conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b). Impacts would be less than significant.

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

b. The project does not conflict with any existing policies or plans and would have minimal impact on existing facilities

- d. The proposed trail is located miles from any public road and will not increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses.
- e. Within the Moore Creek Unit, an all-weather dirt access road connects Chiles and Pope Valley Road to the existing gate house and ranch house. To ensure that this does not become blocked in an emergency, the section between the public road and the staging area has been improved to meet County standards, and the public will not be allowed to drive north of the staging area. North of the ranch house an existing dirt road continues to the northern end of the property. While this segment of the road is not passable by standard vehicles, it can be traveled by high clearance four-wheel drive and all-terrain vehicles. An ATV can also negotiate an existing dirt road which connects the canyon road just south of the ranch house with the top of the knoll to east of the ranch house and to the private properties to the east of the Moore Creek Unit. Access to the approximate middle of the Dan's Wild Ride Trail is available for emergency vehicles from either Las Posadas State Forest or the Land Trust's Okin Preserve driveway, which runs down to Chiles Pope Valley Road. Thus, emergency access for purposes of rescuing an injured user on the Moore Creek property is as good as or better than is typical for a wilderness park.
- f. There was a brief moment in time during the middle of the coronavirus pandemic shutdown when Moore Creek Park was seeing 3x or even 4x its traditional level of visitation. During that period the Moore Creek parking lot was sometimes filled to overflowing. Since the Spring of 2021 visitation has dropped to perhaps 2x traditional levels and in that situation the parking lots are broadly adequate. Pacific Union College has also recently improved a parking lot on their property off of Las Posadas Road in Angwin which will absorb some of the additional parking demand that may be created by the subject project. Impacts related to inadequate parking are expected to be less than significant.

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	<b>Potentially Significant Impact</b>	<b>Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated</b>	<b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	<b>No Impact</b>
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**XVIII. 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**

a-b. As noted elsewhere in this document, the proposed project involves no grading and little to no ground disturbing activity of any kind. There is no structural development on or near the project area. Excavation will be limited to the hand installation of trail signs and the installation of a gate on an existing gravel road. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource. 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.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:</b>				
a) 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) 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"/>
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) 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-c. No new water use or wastewater generation would conceivably result from this project.

d-e. 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
XX. WILDFIRE. If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire severity zones, would the project:				
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

a.-d. As noted in the project description, 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. As analyzed here and at **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**, above, impacts related to wildfire will be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
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"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 by protecting the trail corridor from future private development. 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 trail will be publicly managed, with only light, nature-based recreational usage, significant natural plant and animal communities will be 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.



## **STAFF REPORT**

By: Kyra Purvis  
Date: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.g**  
Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for July and August 2021

### 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 \$50,000, 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.

Due to new software rolled out by the auditor's office, staff was not able to produce this report for last month's meeting. As such, attached is a report showing all District expenditures for both July and August 2021.

Also included with the report is the new District credit card statement. As the credit card payment is included in the expenditures report as a single line item, the statement is attached in order to show all purchases.

**PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT -JULY-AUGUST 2021 EXPENSE REPORT**

**Gen Admin Dept - 85000-00**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Salaries	\$ 12,070.80
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Salaries	\$ 8,205.74
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Salaries	\$ 9,221.02
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Medicare	\$ 169.80
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Medicare	\$ 115.11
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Medicare	\$ 129.81
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	FICA	\$ 726.06
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	FICA	\$ 492.14
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	FICA	\$ 555.09
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Employee Insurance-Premiums	\$ 1,501.71
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Employee Insurance-Premiums	\$ 1,091.19
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Employee Insurance-Premiums	\$ 1,091.19
8/4/2021	ALLIANT INSURANCE	Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 9,905.81
8/16/2021	KAISER PERMANENTE	Kaiser Insurance-August 2021	\$ 2,718.33
8/24/2021	KAISER PERMANENTE	Kaiser Insurance-September 2021	\$ 2,718.33
8/20/2021	CENTRAL VALLEY		\$ 16.69
8/10/2021	BAY AREA RIDGE	Membership	\$ 500.00
8/20/2021	CENTRAL VALLEY		\$ 34.60

**Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Salaries	\$ 293.76
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Extra Help	\$ 1,272.00
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Extra Help	\$ 572.40
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Extra Help	\$ 308.88
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Medicare	\$ 18.44
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Medicare	\$ 8.30
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Medicare	\$ 8.74
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	FICA	\$ 78.86
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	FICA	\$ 35.49
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	FICA	\$ 37.36
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Unemployment	\$ 52.15
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Unemployment	\$ 23.47
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Unemployment	\$ 24.71
8/19/2021	HERITAGE SYSTEM	July 2021 Invoice	\$ 128.33
8/23/2021	HERITAGE SYSTEM	August 2021 Invoice	\$ 128.33
8/19/2021	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT	July 2021 Invoice	\$ 191.76
8/16/2021	DONS SWIMMING POOL	Pool supplies	\$ 32.32
8/20/2021	CENTRAL VALLEY		\$ 40.84
8/10/2021	NAPA POWER EQUIPMENT		\$ 16.11
8/16/2021	DONS SWIMMING POOL	Pool supplies	\$ 210.06

**Camp Berryessa Dept - 85010-03**



Date	Name	Description	Amount
8/20/2021	BERRYESSA GARBAGE	July 2021 Invoice	\$ 85.80
8/5/2021	CAL TEST ANALYTICAL	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CAL TEST ANALYTICAL	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CAL TEST ANALYTICAL	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CAL TEST ANALYTICAL	Water Sampling	\$ 95.00
<b>NRER Dept - 85010-05</b>			
Date	Name	Description	Amount
8/19/2021	NAPA VALLEY SUPPORT SERVICES	July Invoice	\$ 500.00
8/10/2021	Zeller's & Clark Ace Hardware		\$ 75.38
<b>State Park - 85010-08</b>			
Date	Name	Description	Amount
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Salaries	\$ 2,802.40
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Salaries	\$ 7,176.28
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Salaries	\$ 7,556.96
8/20/2021	Z17 PR2GL Pay End 8/6/21	Salaries	\$ 14,906.80
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Extra Help	\$ 3,848.92
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Extra Help	\$ 3,746.14
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Extra Help	\$ 4,647.02
8/20/2021	Z17 PR2GL Pay End 8/6/21	Extra Help	\$ 4,199.97
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Medicare	\$ 96.48
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Medicare	\$ 158.36
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Medicare	\$ 176.96
8/20/2021	Z17 PR2GL Pay End 8/6/21	Medicare	\$ 277.06
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	FICA	\$ 412.37
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	FICA	\$ 677.18
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	FICA	\$ 756.67
8/20/2021	Z17 PR2GL Pay End 8/6/21	FICA	\$ 1,184.60
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Employee Insurance Premiums	\$ 617.15
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Employee Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,176.32
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Employee Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,176.32
8/20/2021	Z17 PR2GL Pay End 8/6/21	Employee Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,176.32
8/4/2021	ALLIANT INSURANCE	Workers Comp FY 21/22	\$ 10,452.80
7/9/2021	Z14 PR2GL Pay End 6/25/21	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 157.82
7/23/2021	Z15 PR2GL Pay End 7/9/21	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 153.58
8/6/2021	Z16 PR2GL Pay End 7/23/21	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 166.60
8/20/2021	Z17 PR2GL Pay End 8/6/21	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 125.09
8/20/2021	Department of Justice	Fingerprint Services	\$ 15.00
8/10/2021	Upper Valley Disposal	July Garbage	\$ 1,966.06
8/5/2021	CalTEst Analytical	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CalTEst Analytical	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CalTEst Analytical	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CalTEst Analytical	Water Sampling	\$ 50.00
8/5/2021	CalTEst Analytical	Water Sampling	\$ 67.00
8/5/2021	CalTEst Analytical	Water Sampling	\$ 67.00

8/9/2021	Bay Alarm Company	Alarm Service	\$ 218.31
8/16/2021	Kaiser Permanente	Kaiser Insurance-August 2021	\$ 2,352.62
8/24/2021	Kaiser Permanente	Kaiser Insurance-September 2021	\$ 2,352.62
8/24/2021	Bay Alarm Company	Alarm Service	\$ 174.84
8/9/2021	AT&T	Internet - July 2021	\$ 333.25
8/9/2021	AT&T	Alarm - July 2021	\$ 104.61
8/9/2021	AT&T	Phone Line	\$ 22.20
8/24/2021	AT&T	Internet - August 2021	\$ 333.25
8/24/2021	AT&T	Alarm - August 2021	\$ 102.45
8/18/2021	Copy Corner	Bothe Park Maps	\$ 423.25
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$ 83.55
8/20/2021	Copy Corner	Covid Signs	\$ 2.59
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 75.41
8/4/2021	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 89.04
8/4/2021	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 44.44
8/4/2021	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 183.38
8/4/2021	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 62.74
8/4/2021	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 316.35
8/5/2021	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 1,119.11
8/23/2021	Steve's Hardware		\$ 18.39
8/20/2021	Smart Foodservice		\$ 40.91
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 6.51
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 30.29
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 51.94
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 30.04
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 14.39
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 2.44
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 1.32
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 0.60
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 5.62
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 704.16
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 291.30
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 1,527.14
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 8.27
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 894.83
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 32.99
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 20.03
8/16/2021	The Paint Works		\$ 23.32
8/16/2021	The Paint Works		\$ 52.43
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 60.28
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 33.15
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 38.71
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 63.88
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 193.56
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 37.02
8/16/2021	Silverado Ace Hardware		\$ 49.04
8/20/2021	Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies	Pool Supplies	\$ 274.55

8/20/2021	Keith Giusto Bakery	Bale Mill Supplies	\$ 474.40
8/20/2021	Grainger		\$ 24.13
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 23.15
8/20/2021	Smart Foodservice		\$ 114.86
8/23/2021	Steve's Hardware		\$ 82.23
8/23/2021	Steve's Hardware		\$ 43.24
8/23/2021	Steve's Hardware		\$ 78.96
8/23/2021	Steve's Hardware		\$ 82.23
8/20/2021	Central Valley Hardware		\$ 32.46

**Amy's Grove 85010-10**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
8/10/2021	Napa Power Equipment		\$ 118.26
8/10/2021	Napa Power Equipment		\$ 215.45

**Other Projects 85010-90**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
8/10/2021	Napa Power Equipment		\$ 424.16
8/10/2021	Napa Power Equipment		\$ 46.04



P.O. BOX 6343  
FARGO ND 58125-6343



ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]  
STATEMENT DATE 08-16-2021  
AMOUNT DUE \$321.49  
NEW BALANCE \$321.49  
PAYMENT DUE ON RECEIPT



NAPA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT  
ATTN CHRISTOPHER CAHILL  
1195 THIRD STREET  
SECOND FLOOR  
NAPA CA 94559-3048

AMOUNT ENCLOSED  
\$

Please make check payable to U.S. Bank\*

U.S. BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS  
P.O. BOX 790428  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63179-0428

Please tear payment coupon at perforation.

CORPORATE ACCOUNT SUMMARY

NAPA OPEN SPACE DIST	Previous Balance	Purchases And Other Charges	Cash Advances	Cash Advance Fees	Late Payment Charges	Credits	Payments	New Balance
Company Total	\$0.00	\$344.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.60	\$0.00	\$321.49

NEW ACTIVITY

CHRISTOPHER M CAHILL CREDITS \$22.60 PURCHASES \$344.09 CASH ADV \$0.00 TOTAL ACTIVITY \$321.49

Post Date	Tran Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
08-13	08-12	24755421225152251822972	READERS BOOKS 707-9391779 CA	26.30
08-13	08-11	24943011224010179240631	THE HOME DEPOT #6652 NAPA CA	22.60
08-16	08-12	74943011225010183077528	THE HOME DEPOT #6652 NAPA CA	22.60 CR
08-16	08-14	24943001226206694600551	BUGGIES UNLIMITED 904-421-3003 FL	295.19

Department: 00000 Total: \$321.49  
Division: 00000 Total: \$321.49

CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL 800-344-5696	ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]		ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
	STATEMENT DATE 08/16/21	DISPUTED AMOUNT .00	PREVIOUS BALANCE	.00
SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO: U.S. Bank National Association C/O U.S. Bancorp Purchasing Card Program P.O. Box 6335 Fargo, ND 58125-6335		PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES	344.09	
		CASH ADVANCES	.00	
AMOUNT DUE 321.49		CASH ADVANCE FEES	.00	
		LATE PAYMENT CHARGES	.00	
		CREDITS	22.60	
		PAYMENTS	.00	
		ACCOUNT BALANCE	321.49	



## Projects Status Report

September 13, 2021

### **Bay/River Trail - American Canyon to Napa**

*An 8+ mile recreational trail. Phase 2-B--Pond 10 to Napa Pipe.*

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. Rick and Chris inspected the segment north of Soscol Ferry Road in mid-June and noticed some damage to the stabilized quarry fines tread due to work by Napa San in their easement. Their contractor has committed to repairing the trail to at least the preexisting condition at project completion. Because the construction project requires excavation in and around a manhole in the middle of the trail, the Butler Bridge segment is currently closed to protect public safety.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 thing 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. Staff hosted a 5/8/21 volunteer project to continue working on the new trail to the peak. The Board hopefully saw the excellent article on the Cove in the Napa Register on July 31, in which Rick and Ryan featured prominently. We have been working with a Girl Scout on a Gold Award project (roughly equivalent to the Eagle Scout process in Boy Scouting) rebuilding camp facilities at the Cove, including shade structures and the like. We now have 8 new benches and construction on new shade structures and cook prep tables is underway.

### **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. FEMA ultimately refused to complete the cleanup of the caretaker site at Camp Berryessa under their ROE program, and the County is now appealing that determination. We will either win that appeal and be included in the federal cleanup or will have to rush (and spend) to do it ourselves this summer. Sarah Clark has begun booking new events at the camp effective June 15. The County's thoughtful and carefully worded appeal was submitted to FEMA in late June. Since June 15 we have hosted boyscouts, girlscouts, and the Stonebridge dads.

### **Mayacamas Preserve and Amy's Grove**

*Planning and permits for public use of the Mayacamas Preserve, of which Amy's Grove is part.*

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. We have paused delivery of debris boxes and work on cleaning up the staging area pending the outcome of the June Board of Supervisors budget hearings as part of our broader campaign to limit spending until the budget issue is resolved. Ryan facilitated ICARE/SFBRWQCB fish surveying and creek assessment in Dry Creek at the Chamberlain acquisition in late May. To clarify project boundaries, sometime in the new fiscal year we will be renaming the Chamberlain and Kately acquisitions the Mayacamas Preserve; Amy's Grove will



be a named part of the park. As of early July we have recommenced demolition and cleanup activities at the Kately donation. We have been working on clearing downed trees and brush blocking ranch roads to improve fire access and prepare for the eventual opening of the park. Unfortunately, in late July we discovered that a trespasser had been practicing their chainsawing on the property and dropped at least one living tree. Staff has been doing extensive vegetation management and fuels reduction, along with scouting and mapping in support of the development of an eventual park plan. Rick and Ryan hosted a volunteer project on September 11 focused on continuing to demo the shacks on the Kately donation.

### **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 Trail 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 and may collections once again totaled approximately \$2,000. 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. Rick closed out remaining funds in our CCNB grant by brushing most of the remaining Madrone Trail corridor with the CCNB crew. The well went dry at the Ranch House in mid-July and we are having to purchase water and have it delivered. Rick hosted a chainsaw training with a crew from the Sonoma Ecology Center, focusing on tree felling. Because we held the training at Moore Creek we got quite a bit of free chainsaw work out of the deal, dropping standing dead oaks. Visitation is noticeably down from its Covid peak. Staff has been doing fuel reduction work along the Moore Creek Fire Road and near the two residences.

## **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. We have removed the porta-potty from the parking lot, both to reduce management costs (on a property that we no longer have an agreement to manage) and to mitigate some of the ongoing trash issues that have been associated with it. In early August we hosted an in-service day for the Justin Siena High School teaching staff in partnership with Chip Bouril focusing on removing invasive oblong leaf

spurge. Volunteers collected and properly disposed of fully nine 50-gallon contractor garbage bags of spurge.

## **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. John Woodbury (as a volunteer) and Rick have repaired the Aetna side kiosk and replaced the trail map, all of which were damaged in the 2020 fires. Field staff has been focusing on removing dead standing trees that could fall and potentially impact the trail. Tree mortality seems to be increasing as we near a year from last year's fire.

## **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. Field inspection completed on August 30<sup>th</sup>; Spanish Valley looks surprisingly good given burn intensity. Less tree mortality than would be expected thus far.

## **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. Newly appointed County Assistant Executive Officer Becky Craig has been tasked with overseeing the Skyline purchase on the County side and we had a productive discussion with her in late June including John Woodbury, who

continues to manage the Skyline appraisal and purchase project for the District as a volunteer. Kyra, Chris, and Rick spent a day assessing recent overuse damage to the River to Ridge Trail including some trail widening and erosion that is clearly being caused by the growing number of e-bikes. We are working on plans for minor trail improvements that might mitigate the damage going forward and look forward to pulling Skyline Park's extremely competent trail staff into that conversation.

### **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 Roughs 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). The County expects to hear whether or not it has been shortlisted for the grant sometime in mid to late summer 2021. If award of the grant seems likely we would potentially have most of our development costs funded, but would unfortunately need to slow progress on the property to mesh up with the more measured pace of Federal funded transportation projects.

### **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. Kyra and Supervisor Ryan Gregory were interviewed on site by Doug McConnell in late May as part of his Open Road series on NBC Bay Area. The segment focuses on the ongoing expansion of the Ridge Trail and is expected to air on July 18<sup>th</sup>. District staff and volunteers were trained on safe chainsaw use by Rick in an all-day colloquium in mid-July. Kyra did a starring turn along with Supervisor Gregory in an Open Road segment on the Ridge Trail and Suscol Headwaters which aired on NBC Bay Area. Our friends and partners at the Redwood Trails Alliance (formerly REMBA) are currently at work on the property doing corridor clearing in advance of trail construction that may begin as early as this winter. Staff worked on repairing the latch system on the gate between the Tuteur Loop and Suscol headwaters, which sees heavy and sometimes rough use.

## **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. Jason, Chris, and Kyra met with Philip Sales in early July to inspect the St Helena – Calistoga segment and recommence discussions about the District potentially taking over maintenance responsibility for that section. We continue to explore the feasibility of that project and look forward to

bringing it to the Board for a thorough vetting on the upsides and potential issues once we have our heads wrapped around it.

### **Completed Projects**

#### **Amy's Grove**

*Donation of 50 acres along Dry Creek and Wing Creek.*

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

#### **Bay Area Ridge Trail Realignment**

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: September 13, 2021  
Item: **4.i**  
Subject: August 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 has slowed some due to air quality and heat.
  - **Bale Mill SHP**- Remains open on weekends, visitation remains slow.
  - **Robert Louis Stevenson SP**- Visitation low due to seasonal temperatures.
- The third Saturday hike this month was on August 21st, featuring a tour of Wetlands Edge Park in American Canyon. The hike/tour included an overview of wetland and marsh areas, the history of glass beach and exploring the wildlife inhabiting the area. The hike attracted nine participants.
- Naturalist Staff held a youth summer camp for kids ages 8-12 for the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. Campers experienced different hikes, games, and activities throughout the park. They got a tour of the Bale Grist Mill, participated in a service project and cooled off in the swimming pool in the afternoons. Eighteen campers and four junior counselors attended the camp from cities and towns throughout Napa County.
- Staff made significant progress on the new roof at the Silverado Ranch House at Robert Louis Stevenson State Park. All tear off is complete and a new roof has been put on the building. Staff is installing gutters, trim and finishing up painting of the building currently.
- A Proposition 68, Locally Operated State Parks Program Grant was submitted for repairs and improvements to the Recreation Hall Building. If awarded, the grant would help fund repair and restoration of the building for use as an Environmental Education facility as well as a space for meetings and other programming.
- Naturalists continue to lead Junior Ranger program in the campgrounds on Saturday mornings for kids and interested families. Naturalists led two other guided hikes in the month of August.
- Staff discovered and made repairs to a water line break coming from spring water source.
- Staff is working with Ridge Trail and State Parks on designation of Mount St Helena spur trail as part of the Ridge Trail network. Staff is identifying a trail repair project on this section for a November volunteer event.
- Staff managed through a Public Safety Power Shutdown that affected park services in August.