



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

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Director, Ward Five

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 11, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

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

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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Prior to action on any item, the Board President will ask for comments from any member of the audience. After receiving recognition from the President, give your name, address, and your comments or questions. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject under discussion. Time limitations shall be at the discretion of the President.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors regular meeting of June 6, 2022.
- b. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors special meeting of June 13, 2022.
- c. Consideration and potential approval of the Dan's Wild Ride Trail Park Plan and adoption of the project CEQA Negative Declaration.
- d. Consideration and potential approval of a Resolution calling for the election for three Directors of the governing board of the District (Wards 1, 3, and 5), and consolidating the election with the November 8, 2022 General Election.

- e. Consideration and potential approval of budget adjustments for FY 2022-2023.
- f. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for June 2022.
- g. Review of the District Projects Status Report.
- h. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

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

6. Agenda Planning

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

7. Adjournment



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 6, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present: Tony Norris, Brent Randol, Barry Christian.

Directors Excused: Karen Bower-Turjanis, Nancy Heliotas.

Staff Present: Chris Cahill, Kyra Purvis.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

- a. **Public Hearing.** Consideration and potential approval of budget, position allocation table, and salary table for FY 2022-2023.

Item continued to a date uncertain.

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors meeting of May 9, 2022.

Minutes for the May 9, 2022 regular meeting were approved as presented.

BC – BR - TN - KBT – NH

X X

- b. Informational presentation on the Napa County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) by Shari Gardner, Napa Firewise Project Manager.

Presentation received with discussion; no action taken.

- c. Consideration and potential adoption of an updated MooreCreek Park trail plan.

Directors voted to adopt an updated Moore Creek Park trail plan as presented.

BR – BC - TN - KBT – NH

X X

d. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for May 2022.

Report received; No action taken.

e. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

Report received; No action taken.

f. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, 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 reported that he attended the City of American Canyon’s Class 1 bike trail opening at Green Island and Devlin Road.**
- **Board President Norris reported he attended the Together Bay Area conference in Richmond and spoke at a Napa Climate Now bike/walk event at the Oxbow.**
- **Chris Cahill noted there will be a special meeting to adopt the FY22/23 budget on Monday June 13 at 1:00PM.**

6. Agenda Planning

- **Nothing to report.**

7. Adjournment

SIGNED: _____
Tony Norris, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Ayers, District Secretary

KEY

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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



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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.
Via Zoom Conference Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present via Zoom video conference call: Karen Bower-Turjanis, Tony Norris, Brent Randol, Nancy Heliotes, Barry Christian

Staff Present via Zoom video conference call: Chris Cahill, Kyra Purvis, Ryan Ayers

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

1:05 pm **Public Hearing.** Consideration and potential approval of budget, position allocation table, and salary table for FY 2022-2023.

Public hearing opened; no comments. Public hearing closed. Staff updated Directors about minor revisions to the budget presented on May 9, 2022.

Directors approved the budget, position allocation table, and salary table for FY2022-2023 as presented.

BC - KBT - TN - BR - NH

4. Administrative Items

a. Consideration and potential re-approval of Resolution 22-01, authorizing a remote teleconference meeting.

(Considered at 1:00 PM) Directors re-approved Resolution 22-01, authorizing a remote teleconference meeting.

BC - NH - KBT - TN - BR

5. Adjournment

SIGNED: _____
Tony Norris, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Ayers, District Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill
Date: July 11, 2022
Item: **4.c**
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 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 last year the District accepted a donated trail easement across the Phinney 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 vast majority of the trail itself already exists. The only new construction associated with this project would be the building of an approximately 1,000 foot hand-built re-route of a portion of existing trail on the Land Trust of Napa County's Okin Preserve (specific parcel- APN 025-030-018), the installation of a few trail signs, and construction 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.

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www.napaoutdoors.org

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

June 16, 2022

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:** Kyra Purvis, Park and Open Space Planner, (707) 299-1788, kpurvis@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 and to construct an approximately 1,000 foot re-route of a portion of said existing trail on the Land Trust of Napa County's Okin Preserve. 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 by appointment at the offices of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, Hall of Justice, 1125 Third St., Second Floor, Napa, CA 94559.

16-Jun-22

DATE:



BY: Chris Cahill, General Manager

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments may be submitted through July 10, 2022

Please send written comments to the attention of Kyra Purvis, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, at 1195 Third St., Second Floor, Napa, Calif. 94559, or via e-mail to kpurvis@ncrposd.org. 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 almost entirely 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. New trail construction would be limited to approximately 1,000 linear feet of new trail, to be constructed on the Land Trust's Okin Preserve (APN 025-030-018). 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 a 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

16-Jun-22
Date

Detailed Project Description

Dan's Wild Ride Trail and 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 and to construct an approximately 1,000 foot re-route of a portion of said existing trail on the Land Trust of Napa County's Okin Preserve (specific parcel- APN 025-030-018) 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) and the Las Posadas State Forest (off Las Posadas 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.
- Jake Ruygt, or another qualified botanist, will complete a pre-construction inspection of the Okin Preserve trail re-route and shall flag any instances of Narrow-leaved Daisy and/or Green Coyote Mint as follows: Narrow-leaved daisy shall be flagged and avoided entirely by building the trail a minimum of three feet away from any flagged occurrence. Green Coyote Mint should be avoided where possible, with attention to plant size; large flagged specimens shall be avoided entirely.

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:

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| 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 largely already exists as a series of ranch roads, fire roads, and single track trails. New construction resulting from this project would be limited to 1,000 feet of new trail on the Okin Preserve, 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:

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| 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 new grading proposed as a component of this project will be minimal and limited to hand tools. 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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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
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 largely already 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 the construction of a +/- 1,000 linear foot realignment of the trail on the Okin Preserve, 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 from the conversion of the existing trail to public use.

With regard to the +/- 1,000 linear foot realignment of the Dan's Wild Ride trail on the Okin Preserve, the Land Trust of Napa County contracted with Jake Ruygt of Napa Botanical Surveys to survey the location and review the proposed trail (alignment flagged in the field) for impacts to native plants. The Ruygt survey, dated March, 2022 is attached as an exhibit to this Negative Declaration. It finds no significant impacts to the two special status species identified in the area, Narrow-leaved Daisy and Green Coyote Mint, with the following environmental commitment, which has been incorporated into the project:

Jake Ruygt, or another qualified botanist, will complete a pre-construction inspection of the Okin Preserve trail re-route and shall flag any instances of Narrow-leaved Daisy and/or Green Coyote Mint as follows: Narrow-leaved daisy shall be flagged and avoided entirely by building the trail a minimum of three feet away from any flagged occurrence. Green Coyote Mint should be avoided where possible, with attention to plant size; large flagged specimens shall be avoided entirely.

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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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
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"/>
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 largely makes use of existing roads and single tracks. 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.

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VI. ENERGY. Would the project:				
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.

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VII. GEOLOGY and SOILS. Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				

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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"/>
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 mechanized 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. New grading proposed as a component of this project will be limited to approximately 1,000 linear feet of realigned trail, which will be constructed largely with hand tools. 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. 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.

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VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:				
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.

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IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:				

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) 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:
- The general public will not be allowed to drive cars, trucks, motor cycles, ATV's, or other motorized recreational equipment on the trail.
 - 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.

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X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:				
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"/>

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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 largely makes use of existing roads and single tracks. 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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XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:				
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.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XII.	MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
	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"/>
	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
XIII.	NOISE. Would the project result in:				
	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
XIV. POPULATION and HOUSING. Would the project:				
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
XV. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in:				
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"/>

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

Discussion:

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

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:				

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

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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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 mechanized grading and only minimal ground disturbing from hand tool trail construction along the Okin Preserve 1,000' reroute. There is no structural development on or near the project area. 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
XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:				
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"/>

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

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| <p>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?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>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)?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>c) Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

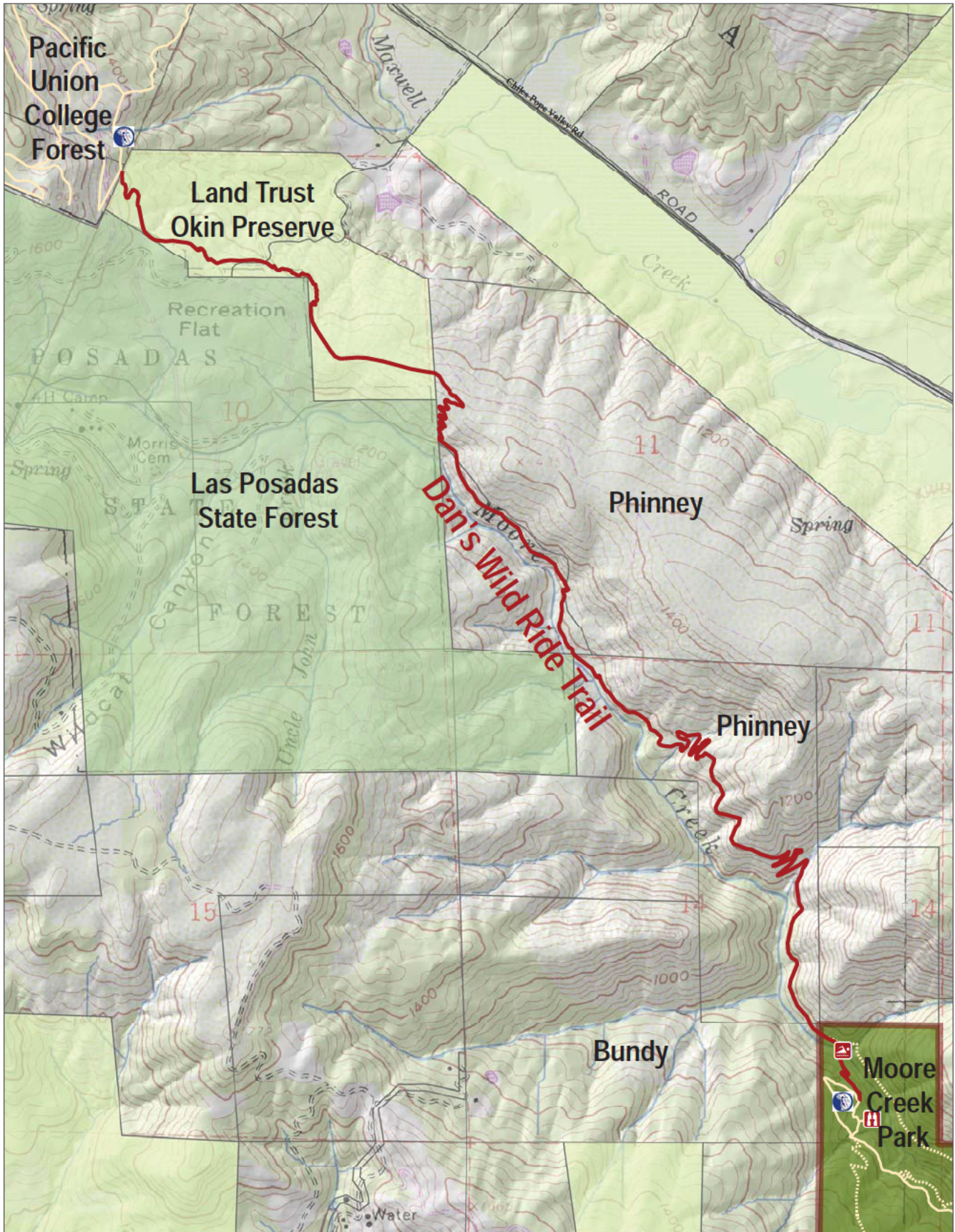
Discussion:

- 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.

Attachments

1. Dan's Wild Ride location map
2. Okin Preserve trail re-route detail
3. Napa Botanical Survey Services March 2002 focused rare plant survey

Napa Open Space District



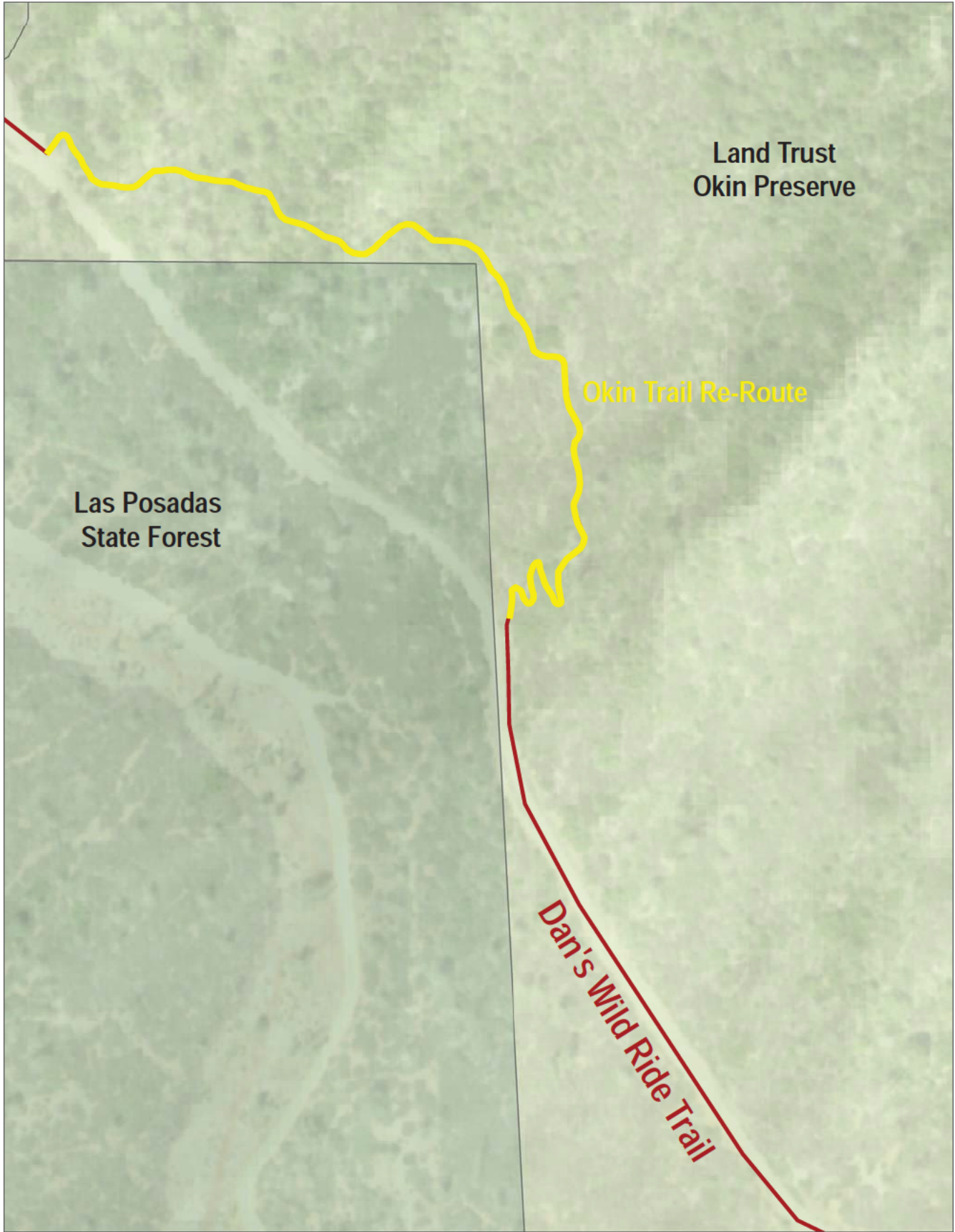
Legend

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| Park Features | Residence |
| Parking | Trails and Boundaries |
| Restroom | Park Boundary |
| View | Private Property |
| Swimming Hole | Existing Trail |
| Stock Pond | Proposed Trail |
| Water Trough | Bay Area Ridge Trail |



Dan's Wild Ride Trail
Moore Creek Park

Napa Open Space District



0 0.025 0.05 0.1 Miles

Legend

Park Features

- Parking
- Restroom
- View
- Swimming Hole
- Stock Pond
- Water Trough

- Residence

Trails and Boundaries

- Proposed Re-Route
- Dan's Wild Ride



Dan's Wild Ride Trail

Moore Creek Park

Napa Botanical

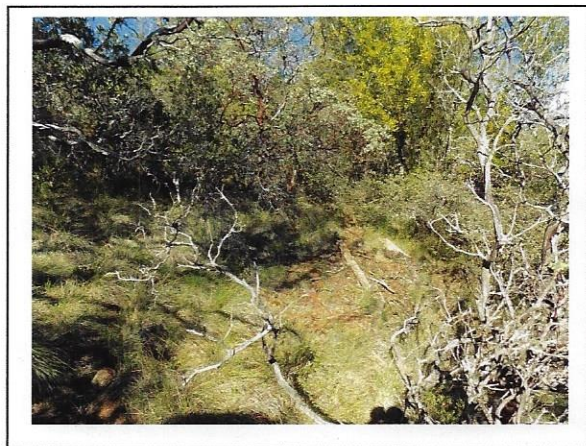
SURVEY SERVICES

Okin (Bicycle) Trail Modification

On March 7, 2022, *Napa Botanical Survey Services* conducted a focused rare plant survey on a modified segment of a proposed bicycle trail. The trail route, designed for a private bicycle group (Redwood Empire Mountain Bike Alliance) was walked with guidance from Lena Pollastro, Land Programs Manager for the Land Trust of Napa County. The existing trail route passes through Las Posadas State Forest property according to California Department of Forestry personnel. The state forest prohibits use for recreational purposes (Agreement between the State of California and the Blake Family who donated the property in 1928 states “for study and research work in forestry, botany and kindred subjects and experimentation in tree propagation and not for recreational purposes...”). The new trail route diverges from an existing jeep road where trespass may occur, and roughly parallels it approximately 20-30 ft. down slope thereby avoiding possible trespass. It returns to the jeep road beyond the point of potential trespass.

The composition of vegetation along the modified trail segment is governed by the serpentine substrate and the rapidly drained rocky soil. Many of the plant species that inhabit serpentine are capable of tolerating low calcium/high magnesium soils that often also possess levels of nickel, chromium and arsenic toxic to species that do not grow on serpentine. The isolation effect of serpentine edaphic “islands” in California vegetation has led to the evolution of numerous serpentine endemic plants. Many of these carry special status.

The predominant vegetation type along the proposed trail modification is *Xeric Serpentine Chaparral*, co-dominated by Whiteleaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos viscida*) and Leather oak (*Quercus durata*) with Foothill Pine (*Pinus sabiniana*) providing a moderately dense over story and California fescue (*Festuca californica*) patchy in the herbaceous understory. A small portion of the new alignment appears to occur on volcanic substrate. The vegetation in this portion of the alignment is dominated by Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) with California Bay (*Umbellularia californica*), with Common Manzanita (*A. manzanita*) and Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) being important associates. The vegetation is dense over most of the route and exposed parent rock is conspicuous. The following list includes special status species recorded on the Okin property during 2015 surveys by NBSS and the focus of the survey:



Xeric Serpentine Chaparral



Mixed Conifer-Shrub stand

Scientific Name	Common Name	Habitat	Status
<i>Amorpha californica</i> var. <i>napensis</i>	Napa false indigo	forest; shade	1B.2
<i>Brodiaea leptandra</i>	narrow-anthered California brodiaea	chaparral, woodland forest	1B.2
<i>Calamagrostis ophitidis</i>	serpentine reed grass	chaparral; serpentine	4.3
<i>Collomia diversifolia</i>	serpentine collomia	chaparral; serpentine	4.3
<i>Erigeron greenei</i> *	narrow-leaved daisy	rock outcrops	1B.2
<i>Hesperolinon bicarpellatum</i>	Napa western flax	chaparral; serpentine, volcanic	1B.1
<i>Monardella viridis</i>	green coyote mint	chap., woodland, forest	4.3
<i>Streptanthus hesperidis</i>	Green jewelflower	chaparral; serpentine	1B.2
<i>Triteleia lugens</i>	Dark-mouthed triteleia	Chaparral, forest; all substrates	4.3

*This species was not recorded in 2015 but considered to have a high probability of occurrence

Results

Two special status species were observed during the survey:

--Narrow-leaved Daisy (*Erigeron greenei*) – This perennial herb forms small clumps with several stems arising from a woody taproot. It generally grows among large rocks or in cracks on monoliths. It was encountered in a vegetative state along the trail corridor at N38°33'49.9"/W122°24'00.3". This species is recognized as Rare and Endangered by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS 1B.2) and is endemic to Napa, Lake, and Sonoma Counties.

--Green Coyote Mint (*Monardella viridis*) - This sub-shrub is branched at the base and generally bears numerous slender herbaceous or woody stems that are 8-16 inches tall. It has been observed in several vegetation types, preferring forest and chaparral communities. In Napa County it is widespread, growing on serpentine, volcanic and sedimentary soils. It is less common and limited in distribution in Lake, Solano and Sonoma Counties (CNPS 4.3). This species occur broadly at this location with few-stemmed plants observed along much of the alignment. The most notable locations are at: N38°33'49.0"/W122°23'58.1 and N38°33'47.6"/ W122°23'57.6

Recommendations

The above described special status species can be avoided or mitigated from construction impacts by utilizing preconstruction flagging. Narrow-leaved Daisy should be avoided entirely by flagging and constructing the trail a minimum of three feet from the occurrence. Green Coyote Mint may be more difficult to avoid entirely because it is locally numerous but best efforts of avoidance with attention to plant size would be adequate to prevent significant impacts.

Jake Ruygt



Napa Botanical Survey Services, March 2022



STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill
Date: July 11, 2022
Item: **4.d**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of a Resolution calling for the election for three Directors of the governing board of the District (Wards 1, 3, and 5), and consolidating the election with the November 8, 2022 General Election.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Not a project. This item does not constitute a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND

Terms for two seats on the District Board of Directors are up at the end of this year (Wards 1 and 5). In addition, due to the reappointment of Director Randol in September 2021, the Ward 3 seat is also up in this cycle. Following the November 8, 2022 election the District will return to its regular schedule with Wards 1 and 5 in the gubernatorial year and Wards 2, 3, and 4 in the presidential year. As in the past, the District needs to call for the election for these three seats, and for the sake of efficiency should consolidate this election with the General Election scheduled for this November 8, 2022. The attached resolution accomplishes these two purposes.

If the resolution is adopted, candidates may pull their candidacy papers at the County Registrar of Voters office starting Monday July 18th, 2022. Papers need to be filed no later than Friday August 12th, 2022, unless the incumbent does not file, in which case the deadline is extended for others to file up through August 19th, 2022. Candidates will need to collect 50 signatures of support from registered voters in Napa County. Candidates who file a candidate statement will need to reimburse the County of Napa Registrar's Office for the cost of those statements. Other County election costs will be reimbursed by the District. If only the incumbent Director files, that person will be appointed by the remaining Directors, and the seat will not appear on the November ballot.

All questions about the election process should be directed to the County of Napa Registrar of Voters, who will conduct the election. John Tuteur can be reached at john.tuteur@countyofnapa.org.

RESOLUTION N^o 22-04

NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLING A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND CONSOLIDATING IT WITH THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006 the voters of Napa County established the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District pursuant to the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Sec. 5500) with responsibility for protecting and stewarding public open space resources and providing outdoor recreational and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Sec. 5528 sets forth the manner of nomination and election of District Directors; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Sec. 5530 sets forth the manner of requesting consolidation of the governing board election with the **November 8, 2022 General Election**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District pursuant to Elections Code Sec. 12001 herewith calls a governing board election for **November 8, 2022**. The manner of holding the election shall, unless Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code provides otherwise, be in accordance with the general election laws of the State for a local election which is consolidated with a statewide election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing board of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District herewith requests the Napa County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the governing board election with the statewide election to be held on said day, and all precincts established and all election officers appointed for said statewide election shall be the precincts and election officers for said governing board election, and said election officers shall conduct said election and make return thereof according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing board of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District herewith requests the Napa County Registrar of Voters to conduct the governing board election on behalf of the District with the understanding that the District will reimburse the County of Napa for costs associated with conducting the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Public Resources Code 5532(e) if, by 5 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the day fixed for the ensuing general election, only one person has been nominated for any elective office to be filled at that election, or no one has been nominated for the office, the Board of Directors shall make the appointments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any person may be nominated for the office of Director of the District upon written petition of 50 or more qualified electors of the ward in which the nominee resides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a person is not entitled to serve as a Director unless they are a resident and elector of the ward and district as provided in Public Resources Code section 5522.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Directors shall be nominated and elected by ward, as provided in Public Resources Code section 5527.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized and ordered to set and collect fees for the filing of candidate statements, as authorized by Elections Code Sec. 13307.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the election, including the nomination and election of Directors of the District shall be held and conducted and the result ascertained, determined, and declared as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby delegates to the Registrar of Voters the task of canvassing the votes cast and canvassing the returns of the election with respect to the persons voted for as directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Public Resources Code Sec. 5532 and relevant sections of the Elections Code shall apply to the election of Directors, nomination papers, certification of candidates, and oaths of office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for election of Directors, the persons receiving the highest number of votes for each ward, respectively, shall be elected Directors of the District to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, or as otherwise provided by law. In the case of a tie vote, the provisions of Elections Code 15651(a) shall apply and the winner will be determined by lot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the election, including the nomination and election of Directors and all matters not otherwise provided for by Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code beginning with Sec. 5500 et seq., shall be held and conducted and the result ascertained, determined, and declared in accordance with the general election laws of the State, as nearly as may be.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Public Resources Code Sec. 5529 the Registrar of Voters shall give notice of the election stating the governing board wards that shall be filled at the election.

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 11th day of July, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: __ DIRECTORS _____

NOES: __ DIRECTORS _____

ABSTAIN: __ DIRECTORS _____

ABSENT: __ DIRECTORS _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Tony Norris, 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: July 6, 2022
Doc. No. 74498



STAFF REPORT

By: Kyra Purvis
Date: July 11, 2022
Item: **4.e**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of budget adjustments for FY 2022-2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the adjusted budget for FY 22-23.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Not a project. This item does not constitute a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND

Each year after the NCRPOSD Board adopts the budget, it is entered into County financial systems and reviewed by the Auditor’s office. As with years past, the software rounds differently than Staff software does during the budget approval process, resulting in small (\$1) differences between the adopted budget and “correct” budget. One County overhead charge has also been moved from one account to another. As such, the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 must be adjusted slightly to match the one that exists in the financial systems. The changes are as follows:

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Change</u>
8500000 Parks Administration	52100 Administration	+\$1
8501000 Moore Creek	52100 Administration	+\$1
8501003 Camp Berryessa	52100 Administration	+\$1
8501008 State Park	52100 Administration	+\$21
8501008 State Park	52130 ITS-Records Mgmt Services	-\$22
8501010 Amy’s Grove	51000 District Salaries	+\$1



STAFF REPORT

By: Kyra Purvis
Date: July 11, 2022
Item: **4.f**
Subject: Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for June 2022

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.

Attached is a report showing all District expenditures for June 2022. Also included with the report is the District credit card statement.

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

Amendment 1 to Agreement 21-06 Amendment to Grant Agreement with the County of Napa (Agricultural Commissioner), extending the time frame and increasing the amount to \$49,470 - by Cahill

Grants and donations:

Iron Ranger Donations (May)	\$625
Spring Trails Challenge	\$97



P.O. BOX 6343
FARGO ND 58125-6343



ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]
STATEMENT DATE 06-27-2022
AMOUNT DUE \$408.18
NEW BALANCE \$408.18
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 [REDACTED]	Previous Balance	Purchases And Other + Charges	Cash Advances +	Cash Advance Fees +	Late Payment Charges +	- Credits	- Payments	= New Balance
Company Total	\$1,217.46	\$408.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,217.46	\$408.18

CORPORATE ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

NAPA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT [REDACTED]				TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY
Post Date	Tran Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
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NEW ACTIVITY

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		\$0.00	\$408.18	\$0.00	\$408.18
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06-13	06-09	24269792161500738616970	CALISTOGA CITY -MOTO 707-942-2803 CA	250.00	
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			CASH ADVANCE FEES	.00
			LATE PAYMENT CHARGES	.00
			CREDITS	.00
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		ACCOUNT BALANCE	408.18	



Company Name: NAPA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
Corporate Account Number: [REDACTED]
Statement Date: 06-27-2022

NEW ACTIVITY				
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06-27	06-24	24011342175000042871329	ZOOM.US 888-799-9666 WWW.ZOOM.US CA	14.99

Department: 00000 Total: \$408.18
Division: 00000 Total: \$408.18

PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT -JUNE 2022 EXPENSE REPORT

Gen Admin Dept - 85000-00

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
6/6/2022	Computer Software	Google 4/22	Us Bank National Association	\$ 18.00
6/6/2022	Computer Software	Zoom 6/22	Us Bank National Association	\$ 14.99

Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
6/6/2022	Rents & Leases	#PARK 20-03 5/22 Portable toilet	Johnny On The Spot	\$ 202.80
6/8/2022	Maintenance Supplies	CV Fuse 250V	Central Valley Builders	\$ 19.37
6/8/2022	Maintenance Supplies	CV Bolts and screws	Central Valley Builders	\$ 8.62
6/8/2022	Maintenance Supplies	CV Ratchet Tiedown	Central Valley Builders	\$ 32.46
6/9/2022	Other Professional Services	5/22 Monthly water sampling	Heritage Systems	\$ 128.33
6/9/2022	Other Professional Services	4/22 Monthly water sampling	Heritage Systems	\$ 128.33
6/9/2022	Other Professional Services	6/22 Monthly water sampling	Heritage Systems	\$ 128.33
6/14/2022	Other Professional Services	McCollum Gen Engineering Septic Repair	Mccollum General Engineering	\$ 551.71
6/21/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Lanyard & 2 Cycle 5 Gallon 6/22	Napa Power Equipment	\$ 201.41

Oat Hill Mine Trail - 85010-01

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
6/6/2022	Maintenance Supplies	OHMT Signpost decals	Us Bank National Association	\$ 166.41

Camp Berryessa - 85010-03

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
6/2/2022	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #X050831-Camp Berryessa	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 50.00
6/6/2022	Janitorial Supplies	Target -CB Janitorial Supplies	Us Bank National Association	\$ 62.45
6/6/2022	Other Professional Services	#PARK 21-05 Annual Maintenance	Carneros Fire Equipmment	\$ 192.00
6/21/2022	Other Professional Services	Caltest Lab Order X060549 6/22	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 50.00

NRER Dept - 85010-05

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
6/6/2022	Other Professional Services	#PARK 18-02 5/22 Litter Abatement	Napa Valley Support	\$ 500.00

State Park - 85010-08

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
6/2/2022	Utilities- Electric	Acct #4831406953-4 4/15/22-5/13/22	Pacific Gas & Electric	\$ 729.44
6/2/2022	Utilities- Electric	#1869012498-9 4/15/22-5/13/22	Pacific Gas & Electric	\$ 757.93
6/2/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Paracord, cord braided	Steves Hardware	\$ 15.78
6/2/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Bit, drill jobber, FT 5/8 blue/white	Silverado Ace Hardware	\$ 89.08
6/2/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Pool supplies-chlorine, acid	Leslie's Swimming Pool	\$ 534.03
6/2/2022	Other Professional Services	Phillips-Bothe Field Trip 5/17/22	Napa Valley Unified	\$ 390.00
6/2/2022	Other Professional Services	Phillips-Bothe Field Trip 5/19/22	Napa Valley Unified	\$ 390.00
6/2/2022	Other Professional Services	Bale Mill water testing	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 50.00
6/2/2022	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #X050675 Bothe water testing	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 50.00
6/6/2022	Goods for Resale	Mill coasters	Us Bank National Association	\$ 271.10
6/6/2022	Other Professional Services	Plumbing repair-water leak	Us Bank National Association	\$ 518.60
6/6/2022	Clothing & Personal Supplies	Lifeguard shirts	Us Bank National Association	\$ 165.91
6/6/2022	Other Professional Services	#PARK 21-05 Annual Maintenance	Carneros Fire Equipment	\$ 811.00
6/6/2022	Maintenance Supplies	GFI receptacle	Silverado Ace Hardwace	\$ 39.86
6/6/2022	Communication	4/28/22-5/27/22 BAN #9391005845 Phone line	At&T	\$ 21.23
6/8/2022	Other Professional Services	Bale Mill water sampling Lab Order X050677	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 125.00
6/8/2022	Other Professional Services	Bothe Water sampling Lab Order X050676	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 125.00
6/8/2022	Waste Disposal Services	UVD Garbage 5/22	Upper Valley Disposal	\$ 1,966.12
6/8/2022	Waste Disposal Services	UVD Ash Bin 5/22	Upper Valley Disposal	\$ 250.75
6/8/2022	Waste Disposal Services	UVD Debris Box	Upper Valley Disposal	\$ 623.30
6/8/2022	Maintenance Supplies	CV Handy Pak/Pro Pak	Central Valley Builders	\$ 104.63
6/8/2022	Maintenance Supplies	CV Misc hardware	Central Valley Builders	\$ 60.81

6/9/2022	Other Professional Services	Alarm Service 6/01/22 - 8/31/22	Bay Alarm Company	\$ 189.15
6/9/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Replacement Lamp Assembly Cust # 1058365	Usa Bluebook	\$ 135.77
6/9/2022	Propane	Propane Delivery 5/5/22	Ferrellgas, Lp	\$ 247.65
6/9/2022	Administration Services	Fingerprinting Services 5/22	Department Of Justice	\$ 15.00
6/14/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Silverado Ace Hardware Mouse & Rat Traps	Silverado Ace Hardware	\$ 32.27
6/14/2022	Vehicle Repair Supplies	Batteries Plus Bulbs Golf Cart Batteries 5/22	Batteries Plus #620	\$ 919.36
6/14/2022	Construction Services	#PARK22-08 Deposit Invoice Triolo Electric	Triolo Electric Inc.	\$ 2,500.00
6/21/2022	Communication	CalNet 5/10/22 - 6/9/22 Internet	At&T	\$ 339.36
6/21/2022	Maintenance Supplies	Steve's Hardware Strainers 6/22	Steves Hardware	\$ 28.10
6/22/2022	Other Professional Services	Bay Alarm Co. Service Call - Visitors Center 6/22	Bay Alarm Company	\$ 125.00
6/22/2022	Communication	CalNet 4/13/22 - 5/12/22 Alarm Line	At&T	\$ 99.30
6/22/2022	Communication	CalNet 5/13/22 - 6/12/22 Alarm Line	At&T	\$ 99.30
6/15/2022	Goods for Resale	Historical Folk Toys-Bale Mill	Historical Folk Toys	\$ 419.60



Projects Status Report

July 11, 2022

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. Post-construction work on rehabilitating the tread of the trail was completed shortly after Thanksgiving and it is once again open and useable.

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. Land Trust conservation easement monitoring which occurred in late 2021 indicated there is still some OHV trespass happening on the property.

The Cove at Mt. Veeder

Reconstruction of campground and trails.

The Cove was severely burned in the October 2017 fires; since then staff has been working on cleanup. Staff hiked most of the property in early January and confirmed that fire damage is severe and extensive. In early February the County Wildlife Commission toured the Cove to inspect fire impacts and discuss ways in which they might direct funding to fire recovery efforts County-wide. Staff worked with a forester to develop a plan for salvage logging to (a) remove hazardous dead trees in the campground area and (b) repair/improve the access road into the site. Doug McConnell (NBC's Open Road) segment on The Cove (and Suscol Headwaters), comparing the effects of the fires in each location and lessons learned, was aired on Sunday June 24, 2018. Salvage logging commenced in late May, 2018 and was completed during the week of July 23rd followed by the logger completing his clean-up and erosion control operations. Road rebuilding is complete. A State Employment Development Department funded crew of 4 (using fire emergency job training funds) started work on April 2, 2019 and continued through the end of 2019 chipping of much of the remaining woody debris and cutting larger logs into rounds for eventual splitting for firewood. In July 2019 we worked with our salvage logging contractor on improvements to the gravel driveway to make it more useable to visitors in 2WD vehicles. We met with a local engineer on site on Sep 5th to begin designing facilities for a rebuilt camp. Staff hiked the

property extensively in February of 2019, trying among other things to relocate the old trails, but most have been destroyed by the 2017 fires and resulting erosion. The Mt Veeder Fire Safe Council secured a grant to fund fuel reduction work along the Mayacamas ridge on and near the Cove, and cleared downed and standing-dead trees along our ridgetop fire road. We continue to work on locating improvements (camp sites, water spigots, etc) for the rebuilt camp and have been working through some potentially more cost effective fixes to the gravel road, which is a struggle for some cars to climb when it's dry and dusty. Staff together with Enchanted Hills Camp applied for and received a 13 week AmeriCorps crew this winter to work on The Cove, Amy's Grove and Enchanted Hills Camp. We have paused work on developing a new potable water system and septic system on the site while we reconsider our priorities in light of District finances, and the timeframe in which we think regular ongoing (as opposed to occasional special event-style) public camping will actually be desirable on the property once again. The Americorps team in January and February of 2021 constructed just under a half mile of new trail running up the ridge and towards Mount Veeder from the Cove bowl; it is much more gradual than the old trails (the old trail was 25-30%, new trail is about 9%). 2 volunteer projects were hosted in spring 2021 to reconstruct several of the campsites. 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 three new cook stands along with temporary signage indicating the names and locations of the previous camping areas. Ultimately the temporary signage will be replaced by routed or burned wood signs. Chris and Kyra are meeting with representatives of Merryvale Vineyards, the new owner of the property directly to our west, in early November to discuss potential shared interests in the area. Merryvale is potentially interested in the possibility of a long-term vineyard lease on one of the three Cove parcels. The parcel in question was previously leased out as vineyard land by the Girl Scouts, but for whatever reason no vineyard was ever developed.

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 boy scouts, girl scouts, and the Stonebridge dads. Camp Berryessa has had a few groups use it in August, September and October. Groups are starting to make reservations for the 2022 calendar year, with the first reservation occurring in January. We continue to await results of the County's appeal of the FEMA denial of federal cleanup support for the burned caretaker's residence. Staff from the Bureau of Reclamation have reached out to say they have some money available for post-fire cleanup that they may be able to use to help us with the remains of the caretaker's cottage. Details on that are light at this point, but it's a promising turn of events. We will be meeting with local BOR management in late March to discuss the rebuilding of the camp host location as well as potential federal funding opportunities for the work. As the world opens back up, spring and summer bookings are coming in hot and heavy. We have three bids for cleaning up the burned caretaker site, ranging from \$17,500 to \$33,750. The Bureau of Reclamation is looking into whether or not they can reimburse us for the work out of their fire recovery funding and they're likewise hectoring FEMA about getting some final determination on the County's appeal of the FEMA/CalOES denial of funding for cleanup work at the EcoCamp.

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 number of additional volunteer projects focused on clearing remaining debris on the Kately donation. Rick reports that the water in Dry Creek has been running very high, which is a good reminder that without some sort of bridge Mayacamas and Amy's Grove will be seasonally inaccessible. We are scouting for bridge locations and beginning to think about permitting and costs if we went that route. Also, the location of the proposed parking lot on the Kately donation has gotten quite mucky, so drainage improvements of some kind will be necessary there if we are going to develop it into a parking lot. The January and early February Diablo wind events resulted in extensive tree fall in previously burned areas, with Bay laurel seeing the brunt of the damage. We have begun initial planning work on opening the Mayacamas Preserve and Amy's Grove to the public; the trailbuilder who did the initial alignment work for the Suscol Headwaters trail system has contracted to do similar work at Mayacamas, which is a great outcome. Staff met with Ryan Gregory on-site in early April to get his experienced civil engineer's advice on parking lot logistics and the possibility of building a pedestrian bridge over Dry Creek. Neighboring property owners have been mowing the meadow portion of the Amy's Grove property with District permission to mitigate fire risks this summer and fall. We had 15 volunteers from Opus One out to pull broom at Mayacamas on June 2nd. Chris and Kyra completed a full wetfoot survey of Dry Creek from property boundary to property boundary in late May and discovered a number of useful and interesting things, including pools as deep as 8 feet and the remnants of a creek-spanning suspension bridge. We also did an initial planning survey of Amy's Grove and Mayacamas with trail guru

Kevin Smallman, John Woodbury (as a volunteer) and Chris spent some time in the creek in late June working on engineering questions related to bridge construction. On June 11 we hosted 14 volunteers on the Kately finger, removing the last of the construction debris and concrete.

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. The Dan's Wild Ride use permit application was filed with the County in early September. We hope to get to County approval this calendar year. As noted in their recent comment letter, CalFire is concerned that a portion of the proposed trail (this is a section that uses an existing deeded access drive) is located on Las Posadas property. We are working with the Land Trust to survey or otherwise establish that the trail and driveway are not located on State land. We have completed inspections of the trail network at Moore Creek after the 100+ year storm of October 24th and though there are a number of trees down, the trails themselves held up remarkably well. On February 3rd Rick, Kyra, and Chris met with staff of the RCD to begin work on a Vegetation Treatment Plan funded by a major Coastal Conservancy fire readiness grant. The North Bay Bohemian annual readers' poll has named Moore Creek Park the best hiking park in Napa County for 2022. District staff have begun extensive and grant funded fuel management on the property, focused thus far on thinning Douglas fir saplings in the Moore Creek canyon. We have closed the Conn Peak Spur Trail until at least mid-June, due to its proximity to an active Bald eagle nest. Ryan reports the Easter weekend VO-Cal volunteer trail building event was a rousing success, with excellent residual soil moisture. We had 14 volunteers from Trincherro Winery out on May 19th eradicating Himalayan Blackberry and 9 volunteers earlier in the month who did cleanup on the VO-Cal Yip Trip trail project.

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. Mowing season has arrived, Rick reports needing to mow/weed whip the property every few weeks due to the heavy grass growth this winter. The recent wind event resulted in some oak damage that we have been working to buck and clear. Rick has been working with Chip Bouril on rehabbing the nature trail and plant signage at the reserve, as well as dealing with a fresh crop of graffiti.

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 30th; Spanish Valley looks surprisingly good given burn intensity. Less tree mortality than would be expected thus far. We have discovered what looks to be an illegal small scale mining operation on one corner of the Crystal Flats property. Staff removed all of the mining material in early December. Inexplicably, it had already been smashed by some unknown party, perhaps a claim jumper? The Berryessa Estates Fire Safe Council reached out to the General Manager and was given permission to burn a number of debris piles in and around the marina, all with required CalFire and BAAQMD approvals. District staff has been contacted by LBRID staff, who are concerned that a lack of rainfall this spring could leave Berryessa Estates without a source of drinking water. The General Manager has preliminarily ok'd the use District-owned properties to do hydrogeological assessments in hopes of finding alternate emergency water sources. Proposed exploratory work is focused on the Marina and adjacent to the Crystal Flats access drive. We have likewise given the local Fire Safe Council permission to access our properties to complete planning work on various fuel reduction projects.

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. The bicycle skills course was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 11 and was fully executed in late February. The Redwood Trails Alliance has begun fundraising for the project and the plan is for them to construct the skills course as a voluntary cooperator at no cost to the District. The County of Napa Assistant CEO has taken lead on negotiating the Skyline purchase appraisal with the Department of General Services. Chris participated in an extensive site tour (interestingly including Camp Coombs and the Coombs Ranch Dam canyon) in late March with the appraiser and representatives from the Department of General Services, the State Hospital, and Skyline. The final appraisal is slated to be completed in June. In early May, +/-5 acres of the flat lower portion of Skyline Park was included in a list of potential affordable housing sites presented to the Board of Supervisors by the County's Planning Director. On July 11 the Planning Commission hosted a hearing on the Housing Element that featured much discussion of the Skyline (County staff prefers the term "Imola") public housing site. Ryan has been collaborating with a number of individuals and community organizations to develop a Storywalk that will be hosted by Skyline Park and Wetlands Edge Park over the next several months. Opening day was at Skyline on July 2nd and was attended by many well wishers and dignitaries. It moves to American Canyon on July 30th.

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. Federal DOT funding officials completed a site visit of the Smittle Creek parking area and potential trail improvements in late April, preliminary reports from County DPW indicate it went well and we may be on a path to funding.

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. Ridge Trail Day occurred on Saturday November 6th; volunteers worked to delete and restore a number of switchback-cutting social trails on Mount St Helena.

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 18th. 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 repaired the latch system on the gate between the Tuteur Loop and Suscol headwaters, which sees heavy and sometimes rough use. John Woodbury was out in the field in early February, and again in March and April, working on the design and (hopefully) future construction of the red legged frog pond. Jeff Alvarez, a renowned Red-legged frog specialist has been working with John on the plans. Kyra finalized and submitted a \$1.2M Prop 68 Regional Park Program grant application to fund development of a N Kelly Road trailhead and the complete Suscol Headwaters trail network. Kyra and Chris conducted a site visit with State grant reviewers on May 24th and it went extremely well. They expect to announce grant awards late this summer.

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. After much thought and research staff has reached a point where we

believe we may be able to take over maintenance of the St Helena to Calistoga section without committing to potentially subsidizing the work out of District funds. We are continuing to scope the initial capital outlay for tools and equipment, which will not be insignificant, and are finalizing the terms of a draft 5-year management agreement between ourselves, the County of Napa, and the Vine Trail Coalition. If that proceeds to agreement at the staff level, the Board should expect to see it this fiscal year sometime. A District draft of the proposed management agreement was submitted for County and Vine Trail review in late March. Groundbreaking for the St Helena to Calistoga Vine Trail segment took place on May 24th at the State Park. Tony Norris and Jason Jordan represented the District.

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: July 11, 2022
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Subject: June 2022 State Park Report for Bothe- Napa Valley SP, Robert Louis Stevenson SP, and Bale Grist Mill SHP.

PARK STATUS

Bothe Napa Valley SP- Campground continues to be steady and near full on weekends. Walk-in sites are not as popular this year and remain available on weekends. Trail system now fully open.

Bale Mill SHP- PGE gas line construction and signage has impacted visibility and visitation to Bale Mill.

Robert Louis Stevenson SP- Visitation moderate with warm weather.

PARK UPDATES

- In support of DPR's new initiative, California's State Parks Week, staff held two events at Bothe on June 15th and 18th. The 15th was a Junior Ranger Program for *Kids Day*, the 18th was a guided hike and work day for *Stewardship Day*. A total of eight people participated on the 18th.
- NVSPA coordinated a pool party that was an auction lot from 2020. The bidders enjoyed the pool and Ramada area with food and drinks provided by Local Q 707 and Calistoga Inn and Brewery.
- The Ramada Group Picnic Area opened for reservation after completion of the new roof this May. It was used for birthday parties, baby showers, and Nature Camp Participants in June.
- Nimbus Arts and Carolyn Sanders held their annual Nature Camp at Bothe on June 20-24th. Twenty five campers enjoyed hikes, activities, and cooling off in the afternoons in the pool.
- The third Saturday hike this month was on June 18st at Bothe. This hike was combined with the State Parks Week Stewardship day where participants were led along Coyote Peak and worked on final touch up of the Southfork trail to prepare for reopening.
- Staff completed the rebuilding the Southfork Bridge and rehabilitation to the Southfork trail to finally reopen from the 2020 Glass fire. This project was funded by a grant secured by the Napa Valley State Parks Association from California State Parks Foundation. The opening of this trail and bridge means that all trails in Bothe are once again open!
- The electrical panel serving Yurtville hosts was repaired through a contracted electrician.
- State Parks authorized PGE tree work and removals near cabins and yurts that was originally scheduled to start in June. Due to the short notice, the date was pushed back to July and staff has

been working with reservation system to cancel yurt and cabin reservations in these areas for visitor safety.

- A massive Western Toad hatch occurred along Ritchie Creek in early June creating a main attraction of thousands of baby toads along the Redwood and Ritchie Canyon Trails.
- A campfire ban was put in place after Memorial Day Weekend at Bothe due to dry conditions and continued drought.
- All budget reconciliation was done and reimbursement requests were submitted prior to the end of the Fiscal year.