



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

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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 9th, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

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

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors regular meeting of February 9, 2026.
- b. Consideration and potential approval of Resolution 26-01, adopting *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience*.
- c. Consideration and potential approval of a CAL FIRE Forest Health program grant application for vegetation management projects at Moore Creek Park as detailed in the *Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Watershed Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties* project proposed by the Napa and Lake County Resource Conservation Districts.
- d. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 midyear budget review.
- e. Consideration and potential approval of a budget adjustment for FY 2025-2026 increasing appropriations for Salaries & Benefits in the amount of \$225,000.
- f. Consideration and potential revision of the District allocation and salary tables to add the Park Steward job classification.
- g. Consideration and potential approval of Amendment Number 2 to Agreement 25-02 with Monk & Associates, Inc. for biological surveying services at Suscol Headwaters Park, increasing the not-to-exceed contract maximum to \$98,590.20.
- h. Receipt of report on staff reportable actions including expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for February 2026.
- i. Receipt of monthly report for Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park.
- j. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

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 agendized, 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 February 9th, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present: Brad Wagenknecht, Ryan Gregory, Patricia Clarey, Nancy Heliotes, Barry Christian
Staff Present: Chris Cahill, Andrew Brooks, Jason Jordan, Sabrina Wolfson, Ryan Ayers

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

- a. Consideration and potential approval of minutes for Board of Directors regular meeting of January 12, 2026.

Minutes for the January 12, 2026 regular meeting were approved as presented.

BC - RG - NH - BW - PC

- b. Presentation by John Wentworth of the of the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation on California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience and Board direction to staff on same.

Informational presentation by John Wentworth of the of the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation on California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience.

Directors directed staff to prepare a resolution adopting the Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience.

NH - BC - BW - RG - PC

- c. Consideration and potential adoption of an updated Forest Management Plan for the Moore Creek Unit of Moore Creek Park, including the Phinney Addition.

Report presented by Chris Cahill. Directors found the proposed action categorically exempt from CEQA and adopted the updated Forest Management Plan for the Moore Creek Unit of Moore Creek Park, including the Phinney Addition as presented.

RG - BW - PC - NH - BC

d. Presentation by District Counsel on the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act and distribution of required paperwork.

Informational presentation by District Counsel Sabrina Wolfson on the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act; No action taken. Directors received a copy of the text of the Brown Act distributed by the District Secretary via email prior to the meeting.

e. Receipt of report on staff reportable actions including expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for January 2026.

Report presented by Chris Cahill; 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 presented by Jason Jordan; No action taken.

g. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

Report presented by Andrew Brooks; No action taken.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- **Director Christian announced that the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation's Wetlands Ecology Center project fundraising is proceeding well and that they expect ground to be broken within the next several months.**

6. Agenda Planning

None.

7. Adjournment

SIGNED: _____
Patricia Clarey, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Ayers, District Secretary

Vote: BW = Brad Wagenknecht; RG = Ryan Gregory; PC = Patricia Clarey; NH = Nancy Helioles; BC = Barry Christian

The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.

Notations under vote: N = No; A = Abstain; X = Excused; Ab=Absent



STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.b**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of Resolution 26-01, adopting *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience*.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 26-01, adopting *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience*.

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

At the Board's February regular meeting we received a presentation from John Wentworth of the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation advocating for adoption of *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience* by the District along with other local governments statewide. At the close of that presentation, the Board directed staff to return with a resolution adopting the *Joint Strategy*.

Resolution 26-01, formally adopting the *Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience* is attached for the Board's review and potential adoption.

RESOLUTION N^o 26-01

NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND WILDFIRE RESILIENCE.

WHEREAS, the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District ("District") was established to protect, restore, and enhance natural, scenic, and cultural resources while providing equitable and sustainable public access to outdoor recreation for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the District's adopted Master Plan sets forth long-term goals to expand connected parklands and trails, improve climate resilience, steward biodiversity, and foster community health through nature-based recreation; and

WHEREAS, *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience* ("Joint Strategy") advances statewide objectives to increase safe and sustainable public access to nature, reduce wildfire risk through landscape-scale stewardship, promote climate adaptation, and strengthen partnerships among state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Strategy recognizes that well-managed outdoor recreation infrastructure, including trails, shaded fuel breaks, defensible space planning, and visitor education, can complement wildfire resilience and ecological restoration objectives when designed and maintained according to best available science; and

WHEREAS, Napa County's landscapes are increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including prolonged drought, extreme heat, and catastrophic wildfire, underscoring the need for coordinated land management and resilient recreation planning; and

WHEREAS, the District's Master Plan emphasizes the integration of fire-adapted land management practices, habitat restoration, and sustainable trail design to reduce environmental impacts while maintaining high-quality recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, aligning local implementation efforts with the Joint Strategy will strengthen eligibility for state, federal, and private foundation funding opportunities related to land conservation, wildfire mitigation, climate adaptation, trail connectivity, and outdoor access for all; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Joint Strategy is consistent with the District's commitment to stewardship, climate resilience, non-motorized outdoor recreation, and regional collaboration as articulated in its adopted Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District hereby adopts *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience* as a guiding framework to inform the District's policies, programs, capital improvements, and land management practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that implementation of the Joint Strategy shall be consistent with and complementary to the District's adopted Master Plan, as it may be amended, including its goals related to climate resilience, habitat stewardship, sustainable trail development, wildfire risk reduction, and

equitable access to outdoor recreation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall prioritize landscape-scale fuel management, ecologically sensitive trail planning and maintenance, visitor education, and interagency coordination as practical means of advancing both wildfire resilience and sustainable recreation objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall continue to collaborate with local, state, federal, tribal, and community partners to leverage technical expertise and pursue funding opportunities that support wildfire mitigation, land conservation, climate adaptation, habitat restoration, and public access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager, or their designee, is authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution in accordance with the District's Master Plan and available resources.

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 9th day of March, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: __ DIRECTORS _____

NOES: __ DIRECTORS _____

ABSTAIN: __ DIRECTORS _____

ABSENT: __ DIRECTORS _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Patricia Clarey, President

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

By: Chris Cahill
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: 4.c
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of a CAL FIRE Forest Health program grant application for vegetation management projects at Moore Creek Park as detailed in the *Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Watershed Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties* project proposed by the Napa and Lake County Resource Conservation Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Find the proposed action categorically exempt under CEQA.
2. Approve the grant application and vegetation management scope of work proposed by the Napa and Lake County Resource Conservation Districts.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Categorically Exempt. The proposed forest management work is exempt from the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) and the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's Local CEQA Guidelines, Class 4, Sub 2 (Minor Alterations to Land - Mechanical or Chemical Control of Invasive Plants), Class 4, Sub 3 (Minor Alterations to Land - Routine Vegetation Management to Reduce Wildfire Hazard) and Class 4, Sub 4 (Minor Alterations to Land - Grazing, Prescribed Fire, and Vegetation Thinning to Reduce Wildfire Hazard). There are no unusual circumstances associated with either the proposed project or with its location which would cause it to have a significant effect on the environment.

BACKGROUND

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD) and Lake County Resource Conservation District's (Lake RCD) are developing a grant application for the CAL FIRE Forest Health program to support the *Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Watershed Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties* project.

The proposed project is an approximately 900-acre, landscape-scale forest health and watershed protection initiative spanning the City of Napa's Lake Hennessey watershed lands, the District-owned Moore Creek unit of Moore Creek Park, and Snowden Vineyards in Napa County, along with Six Sigma Ranch in Lake County. The project is designed to restore fire-adapted oak woodland and mixed conifer forest structure, reduce high-severity wildfire risk, and strengthen watershed resilience within the Lake Hennessey and Upper Cache Creek watersheds. Portions of the project area have not experienced recorded wildfire since 1964 and reflect decades of fire exclusion, fuel accumulation, and increasing

stand density. Current conditions elevate the risk of crown fire and high soil burn severity, threatening forest health, watershed function, regional evacuation routes, and nearby communities.

The proposed treatments, including thinning, ladder fuel reduction, and prescribed fire, will reduce fuel continuity and shift fire behavior toward lower-intensity surface fire. This will improve community safety and evacuation conditions, protect watershed function by reducing post-fire erosion and sediment delivery, and deliver climate benefits by stabilizing forest carbon and lowering the risk of large wildfire emissions.

Consistent with the Moore Creek Park Forest Management Plan, which was most recently updated and adopted by the District just a month ago in February, 2026, the CAL FIRE Forest Health grant application proposes the following scope of work at the Moore Creek Unit of Moore Creek Park:

Moore Creek Park Scope of Work

Units previously treated in 2021-2024 under State Coastal Conservancy Grant 20-115 (101 acres)

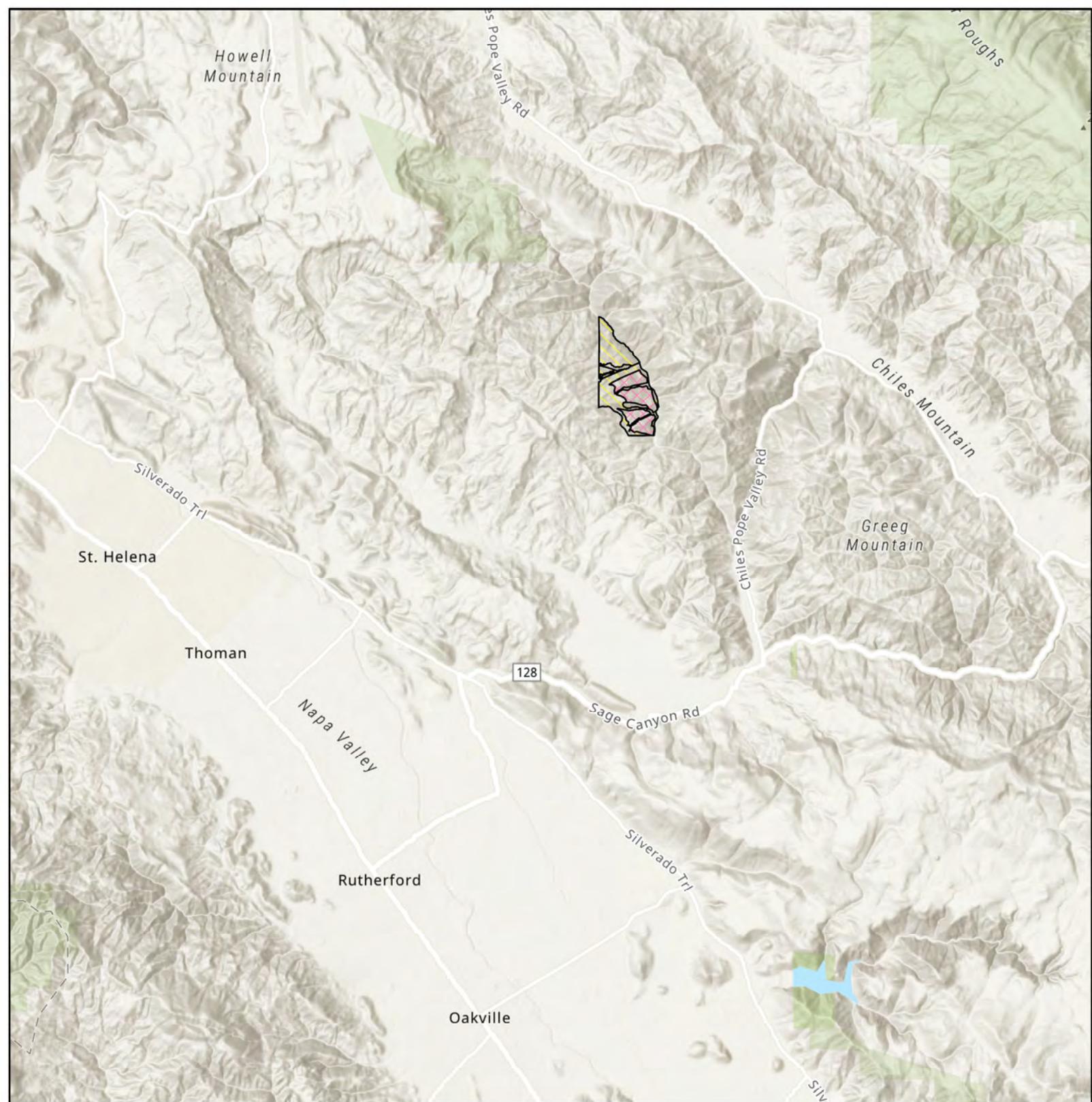
- Thin all woody vegetation less than 8 inches dbh (diameter at breast height). Pile and burn generated material and previously lopped and scattered material. Follow-up treatment with broadcast burning.

Previously untreated areas (168 acres)

- Thin all woody vegetation less than 8 inches dbh. Pile and burn all generated material. Follow-up treatment with broadcast burning.

A location map and treatment area map for the proposed scope of work are attached.

Staff thanks the Napa and Lake RCDs for their work on this important project and recommends approval of the grant application and forest management scope of work as proposed.



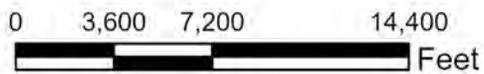
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 APN:

Map Date: 1/7/2026
 Prepared By: NCRCD

Legend

-  SCC Treatment Unit
-  Untreated Unit

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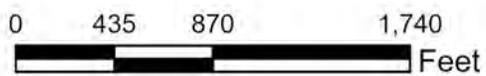
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STAFF REPORT

By: Barb Ruffino and Chris Cahill
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.d**
Subject: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 midyear budget review.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the report.

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

In an effort to keep the District budget on track, we have conducted a review of revenue and expenditures for the first two quarters of FY 2025-26 (July-December, 2025). This marks the beginning of the budgeting process for next year, creating a jumping-off point for the drafting of next fiscal year's budget. It also alerts staff to any mid-year adjustments that might be called for. Note that this process provides a general impression of the state of the budget, as not all accounting occurs in real time.

Introduction/Summary

The General Operations portion of the District's budget is projected to close the fiscal year at or near balance. There are modest variances on both sides of the ledger. The Deputy General Manager position was budgeted as a County-contracted service (Account 52100 – *Administration Services*) but ultimately continued as a District direct-hire position (Account 51000 – *District Salaries and Benefits*). As a result, expenditures shifted between accounts. On net, this change is expected to yield a favorable outcome, as total benefit costs are higher under the County structure than under the District's.

Additional savings were realized from the Park Steward Assistant ("ranger 2") position, which remained vacant for much of the year. Offsetting those savings are higher-than-anticipated trail construction costs, both systemwide and, most notably, at Moore Creek Park. These overruns are largely attributable to the scope and quality of trail work exceeding earlier assumptions. In plain terms, we are building more trail, and building it to a higher standard, than originally budgeted.

At fiscal year-end, we anticipate the unassigned General Operations fund balance will stand at approximately \$1.3 million. That reserve is roughly equivalent to one year of operating revenue and represents a reasonable level of financial cushion for an agency of our size and responsibilities.

On the State Parks side, performance at midyear is modestly ahead of budget. Concession revenues are tracking approximately nine percent above projections year over year, and total revenues are forecast to close the fiscal year approximately \$64,000 above budget. Expenses, however, are also trending upward, driven primarily by higher-than-anticipated insurance costs. Workers' compensation alone accounts for roughly \$10,000 in additional expense.

On balance, we project the State Parks fund will close Fiscal Year 2025–2026 approximately \$25,000 ahead of budget, with a year-end fund balance of roughly \$600,000, equivalent to slightly less than one year of concession revenue.

General Operations, Revenue

Based on the year to date, General Operations (non-State Park) revenues at the close of this fiscal year are anticipated to be slightly higher than anticipated. The increased revenue is due mainly to an increased transfer-In (*49900-Intrafund Transfer-In*) for revenue received from various subdivisions related to increased district employee hours charged out to individual park units.

The District is also likely to exceed projected revenue for interest earned on the fund balance.

General Operations, Expenditures

Across all non-State Park units, expenditures are lower than budgeted in most subdivisions. There will be a large increase in Salaries (*51000-District Salaries and Benefits*) however a good portion of this should be offset by the end of the year with a decrease in Administration (*52100- Administration Services*) costs. We are, however, seeing higher than budgeted expenditures in workers' compensation as well as in accounting and legal services. We will see large savings in the Administration Services line across all subdivisions as this is where time is charged to cover County employee salary costs.

State Parks, Revenue

State Parks revenues are likely to be slightly higher than budgeted projections. Concessions revenue is running slightly higher than budgeted at 54% at the mid-year point. We are also likely to exceed projected revenue for interest earned on the State Park fund balance.

State Parks, Expenditures

State Parks expenditures will likely be slightly above the budgeted expenditures by the end of the fiscal year. Salary expenditures look to be running on target at this point, however there are a few expenditures that are higher than budgeted. As noted above, workers' compensation premiums came in approximately \$10,000 higher than anticipated. In addition, there is a new agreement for replacing the existing lawn with hardscape at Bothe NV State Park in the amount of \$52,000 that was not included in the actual FY 25/26 budget. We have been promised full reimbursement from NVSPA for the cost of this landscape project. All other expenditure accounts seem to be running fairly close to the budgeted target.

The 2025-26 State Park budget was prepared showing a projected year end deficit of \$46,000. Based on the six month revenue & expenditures we can project that this deficit will be closer to \$10,000-\$20,000. This is primarily due to a forecasted increase in concessions revenue. The result of this will likely result in the use of the fund balance of approximately \$12,000 by the end of fiscal year 2025-26.



STAFF REPORT

By: Barb Ruffino
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.e**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of a budget adjustment for FY 2025-2026 increasing appropriations for Salaries & Benefits in the amount of \$225,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the adjusted budget for FY 25/26.

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

Based on changes that have occurred since adoption of the current year budget, staff are proposing an amendment to the FY 25-26 budget as outlined below.

The FY 25-26 budget was created with the assumption that a vacant County position would be filled, resulting in a vacancy in the District salary structure. However, that vacancy was not filled on the County side and instead will be deleted at the mid-year budget cycle. In addition, we saw larger than anticipated premiums for Worker's Compensation policies as well as expenses associated with the newly formed 457(b) retirement plan for District employees.

All of the factors above, along with the pending hire for the District "ranger 2" position and potentially for the "ranger 3" position as well, will lead to a shortage of appropriations in the District Salaries & Benefits budget line. We do expect to see significant savings in the Administration (52100) expenditure account line which will offset a large portion of this budget adjustment at the end of FY 25/26. The Administration line is an expenditure line used to charge for staff costs of all Parks employees who are County employees.

Staff propose a budget adjustment to the FY 25/26 budget moving \$225,000 from the Fund Balance to the District Salaries and Benefits expenditure.



STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.f**
Subject: Consideration and potential revision of the District allocation and salary tables to add the Park Steward job classification.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the requested amendment to the Position Allocation and Salary Tables.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

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

BACKGROUND

Under the District’s Personnel Manual, the Board establishes all permanent regular positions, by title, through the allocation process and adopts corresponding salary schedules. The General Manager is responsible for developing and approving job descriptions, authorizing temporary or extra-help positions, and hiring employees into both permanent and temporary roles. In short, the Board defines the structure; staff implements it.

The item before you proposes two related actions: (1) adding one full-time Park Steward to the District Allocation Table, and (2) adopting a salary schedule for that classification. Approval would create a single permanent, full-time Park Steward position as a direct-hire employee of the District.

The Park Steward, what we have sometimes called our “small R” ranger position, is the supervisory classification within our field operations staff. Park Stewards may also serve as managers for individual parks or for groups of parks, preserves, and trail systems. At present, our State Parks unit is overseen by a County of Napa–employed Park Steward (Jason Jordan). The position proposed here would establish a comparable Park Steward on the District side of the organization, with a job description and salary range closely aligned with the existing County classification.

This new Park Steward would be assigned to General Operations, supporting facilities such as Moore Creek Park, Suscol Headwaters Park, the Woodbury Preserve, and similar sites. With the addition of this position, along with the already-budgeted Park Steward Assistant scheduled to begin next week, General Operations field staffing would total three full-time employees. For an agency responsible for approximately 15,000 acres of land, that remains a lean model. It does, however, represent a substantial improvement over the single General Operations field employee with whom we have operated since 2018. Most importantly, this

structure should allow the District, for the first time, to provide seven-day-a-week staffing coverage at our non-State Park facilities.

Given the budget unknowns facing the District in Fiscal Year 2027–2028 and beyond, staff proposes that, if approved, the Park Steward position be filled on a time-limited basis, with a term extending through Fiscal Year 2026–2027. This approach balances our operational need for increased field supervision with prudent long-term financial planning.



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Position Allocation Table

REV 3.9.26

Default Budget Subdivision	Title	Positions
State Park	Park Steward Assistant	1
State Park	Park Maintenance Specialist	1
60% State Park, 40% Parks and Trails	Park Steward Assistant	1
Parks and Trails	Park Steward Assistant	1
Parks and Trails	Park Maintenance Specialist	1
Parks and Trails	Park Steward	1
Parks and Trails	Community Relations Specialist	1
Parks and Trails	Deputy General Manager (M)	1

(M)- management position



Salary Table, revised 3/9/26

rates are hourly

	Step 1	Step 2 (half)	Step 3 (half)	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Park Aide / Lifeguard	\$ 17.16	\$ 17.59	\$ 18.03	\$ 18.93	\$ 19.88	\$ 20.87
Park Steward Assistant	\$ 28.57	\$ 29.29	\$ 30.02	\$ 31.52	\$ 33.09	\$ 34.75
Park Maintenance Specialist	\$ 34.91	\$ 35.78	\$ 36.67	\$ 38.51	\$ 40.43	\$ 42.46
Park Steward	\$ 42.22	\$ 43.28	\$ 44.36	\$ 46.58	\$ 48.90	\$ 51.35
Management Analyst I	\$ 43.89	\$ 44.99	\$ 46.12	\$ 48.42	\$ 50.84	\$ 53.39
Management Analyst II	\$ 48.23	\$ 49.43	\$ 50.67	\$ 53.20	\$ 55.86	\$ 58.66
Community Relations Specialist	\$ 48.45	\$ 49.67	\$ 50.91	\$ 53.45	\$ 56.12	\$ 58.93
Park and Open Space Planner	\$ 55.03	\$ 56.40	\$ 57.81	\$ 60.70	\$ 63.74	\$ 66.93
Deputy General Manager	\$ 61.44	\$ 62.97	\$ 64.55	\$ 67.77	\$ 71.16	\$ 74.72
<u>Temporary-Only Positions</u>						
Trailhand	\$ 20.87	\$ 28.57	\$ 34.91	\$ 42.46	\$ 66.93	\$ 80.27

Park Steward

Payroll Job Code - _____

DESCRIPTION

The Park Steward, under general direction, supervises the staff and administers the day-to-day operation and maintenance activities of Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) facility or facilities; including, supervision and training of staff, visitor safety, fee collection, facility and trail maintenance, development of nature and interpretive programs, and monitoring Park programs and activities for compliance with District, County, State and Federal requirements and codes.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a permanent supervisory FLSA non-exempt classification in the service of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. Employees in this class are in positions of trust and confidence and are held accountable for the management, operations and maintenance of an assigned large multi-use park and/or several small park units in a designated geographical area. Incumbents work collaboratively with District leadership, other District employees, outside agencies, and other partners in the planning and delivery of program services, ensuring that programs successfully meet identified objectives.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Supervision is provided by the General Manager and/or the Deputy General Manager.

This position provides direct and indirect supervision to assigned staff, seasonal employees, and volunteers.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:

Experience:

Three years of increasingly responsible professional level park management or operations which included lead worker and/or program responsibilities.

Education:

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, with course work in park management, forestry, natural resources, public administration, or a closely related field.

License or Certificate:

Possession of a valid California Driver's License.

Possession of a valid certification in First Aid and CPR/AED is required within the first 12 months of employment. Failure to obtain this certification will be cause for termination of employment in this class.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may perform some or all of the listed duties and may be required to perform additional duties as assigned to address business needs and changing business practices.

Assumes day-to-day responsibility for the services, activities, and physical upkeep of the facilities and trails at a Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District facility or facilities.

Supervises the construction of structures and systems within assigned park units, such as nature and hiking trails, wood and wire fences, foot bridges, picnic areas, water systems and other related projects.

Performs routine and semi-skilled tasks in the construction, maintenance and repair of park structures and facilities such as buildings, trails, plumbing, sprinkler and water systems, picnic tables, barbeque pits, playground equipment, and informational signs.

Coordinates with District management on the assignment of personnel to different park units, as necessary.

Works with federal, state, and local agencies to secure necessary permits for park and open space acquisition and improvement projects.

Directs subordinate personnel and participates in the monitoring of an assigned park unit on foot, bicycle, or in a light motorized vehicle. Provides assistance to the public in matters relating to their health, safety and welfare.

Collects visitor day-use, overnight camping fees, and monies for merchandise sales; computes daily park fees and enters amounts on required forms; performs the computation of total daily visitor use and fees using basic arithmetic calculations; prepares bank deposits and reconciles monthly collections.

Manages District facilities to ensure they are ready to receive visitors and are safe for both day and overnight visitors.

Maintains equipment in a clean safe condition; operates equipment safely at all times.

Attends trainings, workshops, and classes related to job duties; may conduct training on proper and safe use of equipment.

Manages the processing of any camping reservations to ensure required fees are collected and recorded.

Makes certain that all financial transactions are recorded in the appropriate general ledger account in compliance with District accounting procedures, such as to fees collected, fees reimbursed, and general expenses.

Directs the preparation of regulatory reports (attendance logs, revenue and expense reports, and inspection reports) for District management.

Monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided to park visitors and makes recommendations on how to enhance the visitors' experience.

Manages response to all emergency situations (first aid calls, CPR emergencies, search and rescue incidents, fire and unsafe activities) with assistance from law enforcement, fire suppression services, and medical personnel.

Works directly with law enforcement to address visitors who choose not to voluntarily comply with park rules and regulation.

Recommends appropriate service and staffing levels based on seasonal activities and special events.

Plans, directs, coordinates, and reviews the work of assigned full time staff, seasonal employees and volunteers.

Reviews and evaluates work products, methods, and procedures to identify and resolve service problems and recommend changes in park policies, rules and regulations to District management as needed to ensure District goals are being met and that its mission is being accomplished.

Participates in the selection, training, motivation, and evaluation of assigned personnel and volunteers to ensure staff provide customer-friendly service and accurate information to park visitors.

Directs and participates in a visitor service interpretive program within assigned park unit(s), which consists of gathering, labeling and cataloging data on fish, wildlife, plants, insects, historical and other significant natural and interpretive information; instructs visitors in nature and interpretive programs within an assigned park unit.

Provides the public with information about the District's parks, trails, facilities, and recreation opportunities; responds to inquiries.

Coordinates the planning and execution of special events.

Ensures proper monitoring and security of any artifacts, exhibits and displays to make certain they are preserved for current and future uses.

Performs related duties as assigned.

TYPICAL QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Communication and conflict resolution principles and techniques.

Principles and practices of working effectively in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environments.

Principles of supervision, training, and performance evaluation.

Methods and techniques of technical, administrative, and financial report preparation and presentation.

Office procedures, methods, and equipment including computers and applicable software applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, and databases.

Pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations.

Principles and practices of administering, protecting and maintaining park and open space facilities.

Techniques of natural and cultural resource management and protection.

Principles of facilities maintenance, construction, repair, housekeeping and grounds keeping.

Methods of interpretation and education related to natural, cultural and recreational resources.

Maintenance and preventive maintenance tasks and schedules for equipment used in the parks.

SKILL TO:

Effectively manage the day-to-day operation of a complex park and open space facility or facilities.

Participate in the selection, training, motivation, and evaluation of assigned staff.

Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement the safest and most cost-effective solutions.

Coordinate with other programs and services within the District, the County of Napa, and with outside organizations, agencies, and facilities.

Prepare clear and concise correspondence and reports.

Participate in the preparation and administration of budgets.

Interpret and apply federal, state, and local policies, laws and regulations.

Work effectively under pressure, meet deadlines and adjust to changing priorities.

Operate a variety of office equipment including personal computers and related peripheral equipment and software applications.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Effectively work with a variety of persons and organizations who have diverse issues, concerns, agendas, and values.

ABILITY TO:

Travel to different sites and locations within the District.

Work evenings, weekends, and holidays as assigned.

Work outdoors in all types of weather conditions including in and around potentially hazardous conditions.

Lead groups on cultural tours and nature hikes traversing uneven terrain at varying heights.

Perform tasks which include the full range of body movements involving reaching, bending, grasping, climbing, crouching, twisting, and hiking over developed trails or open country.

Stand for prolonged periods of time.

Lift, carry, push, and/or pull moderate amounts of weight.

Use repetitive hand movement and fine coordination including using a computer keyboard.

Smell and detect smoke and potentially hazardous chemicals and gases.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Abide by the District Standards of Conduct, which require that we treat coworkers and the public with respect and courtesy at all times.

NOTE:

The individual(s) chosen for hire must be able to pass a criminal background check. A District medical examination may additionally be required.

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply.

REV DATE 3.3.26 AHB, SALARY BOARD APPROVED 3.9.26, POSITION BOARD ALLOCATED ON 3.9.26 AT 1 POSITIONS.



STAFF REPORT

By: Andrew Brooks
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.g**
Subject: Consideration and potential approval of Amendment Number 2 to Agreement 25-02 with Monk & Associates, Inc. for biological surveying services at Suscol Headwaters Park, increasing the not-to-exceed contract maximum to \$98,590.20

RECOMMENDATION

Amend Agreement 25-02 to increase the not-to-exceed contract maximum to \$98,590.20

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

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

BACKGROUND

In February 2025 the District entered into agreement 25-02 with Monk and Associates to provide biological surveying services as per the mitigation measures in our Phase 2 CEQA document in the amount of \$46,517.40. In the course of that surveying, Crotch's bumblebee was confirmed on-property and a Bumblebee Avoidance Plan was developed in conjunction with CA Department of Fish and Wildlife.

That Bumblebee Avoidance Plan requires a biologist onsite to monitor construction activities during all initial ground-disturbance and as such the scope of Monk's agreement has been adjusted to account for that additional monitoring requirement as well as to account for expanding the area to include all the Phase 2 trails as well as the parking lot. The updated scope adds \$52,072.80 to the cost, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract to \$98,590.20

An amendment to Agreement 25-02 is attached for the Board's review and potential adoption.



Agreement 25-02 Amendment 2
Exhibit A - Scope of Work

MONK & ASSOCIATES INC – BIOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS
1136 Saranap Avenue Suite Q | Walnut Creek, CA 94595 | (925) 947-4867 | www.monkassociates.com

January 29, 2026

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District
1195 3rd Street, Second Floor
Napa, California 94559

Attention: Mr. Andrew Brooks, Deputy General Manager

**RE: Change Order Request #02 to Agreement No. 25-02
Preconstruction Surveys for Swainson’s Hawk, Crotch’s Bumble Bee, White-Tailed
Kite and Other Raptors, and Daily Construction Monitoring
North Kelly Road Parking Lot and Proposed Access Trails to Suscol Headwaters
Park, Napa County, California**

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Monk & Associates, Inc. (M&A) has prepared this Change Order request to Agreement No. 25-02 to fulfill your request to survey the North Kelly Road parking lot and proposed access trails to Suscol Headwaters for Swainson’s Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) and other nesting birds, including raptors, and Crotch’s bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), in accordance with the MND requirements.

The MND mitigation measures relevant to this cost proposal are reiterated below:

Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 2: Swainson’s Hawk Surveys and Avoidance: If any construction, grading, or vegetation removal associated with the installation of the North Kelly Road trailhead or trailhead parking lot is scheduled during the nesting season for Swainson’s hawks (March 1 to September 15), prior to beginning work on the Project, a qualified biologist shall conduct surveys according to the *Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson’s Hawk Nesting Surveys in California’s Central Valley* (<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=83990&inline>) and prepare a report documenting the survey results.

Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 5: Crotch’s bumble bee Survey, and Avoidance: Project shall conduct a pre-construction survey consistent with *Survey Considerations for California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Candidate Bumble Bee Species* (CDFW 2023). The survey plan should be submitted to CDFW for review. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified entomologist familiar with the behavior and life history of Crotch’s bumble bee. Surveys shall be conducted during the colony active period (i.e., April through August) and when floral resources are in peak bloom.

Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 6: White Tailed Kite and Nesting Bird Surveys. If construction, grading, vegetation removal, or other Project-related activities are scheduled during the avian nesting season, February 1 to August 31, a qualified biologist shall conduct a survey for active bird nests within 7 days prior to the beginning of Project-related activities. The survey shall cover the entire Project site and a minimum 500-foot buffer around the Project site.



Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 7: Nesting Bird Surveys. If construction, grading, vegetation removal, or other Project-related activities are scheduled during the avian nesting season, January 1 to September 15, a qualified biologist shall conduct a survey for active bird nests within 7 days prior to the beginning of Project-related activities.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

9) A qualified biologist/monitor will be onsite during all initial ground-disturbing activities (i.e., removal of vegetation and soil) during colony active season and that individual (in addition to their other qualifications to act in this role) will be approved by CDFW for bumble bee monitoring.

Below, M&A presents the tasks and costs for proposed services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Task 1. Surveys for Swainson's Hawk Surveys **Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 2**

The MND requires protocol surveys for nesting Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*). The surveys must be completed on the project site where there is suitable habitat and in a 0.5-mile radius around the project site (MND requirement). The survey period timing and methodology shall be conducted following CDFW's *Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in California's Central Valley* (CDFG 2000), which identifies different survey windows throughout the pre-nesting and nesting season (ranging from January 1 through July 30/post-fledging) that have different survey methodologies and requirements. These survey recommendations were developed by the Swainson's Hawk Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to maximize the potential for locating nesting Swainson's hawks, and thus reduce the potential for nest failures as a result of project activities and/or disturbances.

To meet the CDFW's guidelines, surveys shall be conducted for a half-mile (0.50-mile) radius around all project activities and shall be completed for at least the two survey periods prior to the project's initiation. Survey periods are Period I (January 5 to March 20), Period II (March 20 to April 5), Period III (April 5 to 20), Period IV (April 21 to June 10), and Period V (June 11 to July 30). *Surveys should not be conducted in Period IV (nesting season- monitoring of known nest sites only during this period).*

Based on our surveys last year, we have narrowed down the locations of nesting opportunities for these large raptors and anticipate that it will only take one full day to cover the survey area. In accordance with the protocol, M&A will conduct 3 surveys (1 day allotted for each survey) within two survey periods for a total of 6 surveys (6 field days needed to cover the survey areas/trees). At this time, we are not sure of the project's start date, so we cannot predict in which two survey periods the surveys will be completed, but it is likely that the first round of



surveys will take place in the early spring, when the leaves are off the trees as that is the easiest time to detect nests. Should nesting Swainson’s hawks be identified, we will prescribe any necessary avoidance measures required to ensure there would be no direct take of Swainson’s Hawk.

Project Biologist II	6 surveys x 8 hours @ \$125/hr.	\$ 6,000.00
Project Biologist I	6 surveys x 8 hours @ \$122/hr.	\$ 5,856.00
Mileage	6 trips x 80 miles @ \$0.725/mile	\$ 348.00
Toll	6 trips @ \$8.50/trip	\$ 51.00
GPS Rental		\$ 300.00

Subtotal Cost of Task 1:	\$12,555.00
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**Task 2. Survey for California Endangered Species Act Candidate Bumble Bee Species
Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 5**

Because Crotch’s Bumble Bee has already been identified in the work area, protocol level surveys are no longer required. However, in accordance with the CDFW-approved Bumble Bee Avoidance Plan for this project, a preconstruction survey is necessary. The language in that avoidance plan reads as follows:

No more than 14 days prior to the commencement of construction activities during the colony active period or the gyne flight season (generally, April 1 to October 31) the qualified biologist will survey for Crotch’s bumble bee. The survey will occur at least two hours after sunrise (> 60F and < 90F with no rain) or two hours before sunset and the survey area will include the project boundaries and a surrounding 100-foot buffer area. The survey duration will be appropriate to the size of the project site and buffer area based on the metric of a minimum of one person-hour of searching per three acres of suitable habitat (i.e., habitat with potential nesting sites and floral resources).

Due to the length of the trail plus the parking area we are budgeting two days for this preconstruction survey since it has to be traversed entirely on foot.

Associate Biologist	2 survey days x 8 hours @ \$160/hr.	\$ 2,560.00
Project Biologist I	2 survey days x 8 hours @ \$122/hr.	\$ 1,952.00
Staff Biologist	2 survey days x 8 hours @ \$120/hr.	\$ 1,920.00
Mileage	2 surveys x 80 miles @ \$0.725/mile	\$ 116.00
Toll		\$ 17.00
GPS Rental		\$ 100.00

Total Proposed Budget for 2 Survey Days:	\$ 6,665.00
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Task 2C. Data Analysis

After each survey it will be necessary to analyze our survey data, download and label all bumblebee photographs as necessary for species identification.

Associate Biologist	4 hours @ \$160/hr.	\$ 640.00
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Subtotal Cost of Task 2C:	\$ 640.00
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Subtotal Cost of Task 2:	\$ 7,305.00
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Task 3. Preconstruction Surveys for White-Tailed Kite and Other Nesting Birds

Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 6
Mitigation Measure Biological Resources 7

Within 7 days of ground-disturbing activities or tree removal conducted between February 1 and August 31, the project applicant shall retain a qualified biologist to conduct surveys for nesting raptors (non-special-status species), White-Tailed Kite, and other nesting birds.

Because this survey has to be completed within 7 days of project commencement, it may not be possible to combine this survey with the Swainson’s Hawk surveys due to the timing of those surveys. However, if the timing does line up and this survey can be completed during one of the Swainson’s Hawk surveys, we will conduct it concurrently and will not need to bill for an additional survey day.

Project Biologist II	8 hours @ \$125/hr.	\$ 1,000.00
Mileage	80 miles @ \$0.725/mile	\$ 58.00
Toll		\$ 8.50
GPS Rental		\$ 50.00

Subtotal Cost of Task 3:	\$ 1,116.50
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Task 4. Preconstruction Survey Reports

After completion of all the surveys discussed above, a report will be prepared that details our survey methods and findings.

Principal Biologist	1 hours @ \$170/hr.	\$ 170.00
Associate Biologist	2 hours @ \$160/hr.	\$ 320.00



Project Biologist II	16 hours @ \$125/hr.	\$ 2,000.00
Graphics Production	2 hours @ \$120/hr.	\$ 240.00

Subtotal Cost of Task 4:	\$ 2,730.00
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Task 5. Daily Onsite Monitor
Avoidance and Minimization Measures 9

A qualified biologist/monitor will be onsite during all initial ground-disturbing activities.

NOTE: For budgeting purposes M&A is planning on 20 days of construction monitoring. Should the project take less time M&A shall only bill actual days/time. Should the project exceed the 20 days M&A shall request a change order.

Daily Monitoring Rate:

Staff Biologist	10 hours @ \$120/hr.	\$ 1,200.00
Mileage	80 miles @ \$0.725/mile	\$ 58.00
Toll		\$ 8.50

*Daily Monitoring Rate:	\$ 1,266.50
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*The daily monitoring hours are an estimate based on our experience on construction sites. If workdays are shorter than 10 hours, we would only bill for hours worked including driving time.

- This fee would only be charged on any day when a monitor is necessary.

20 days x \$1,266.50	\$25,330.00
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Subtotal Task 5A:	\$25,330.00
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Task 5B. Reporting

M&A shall download field notes and photos after completion of the construction monitoring and prepare a brief letter report.



Principal Biologist	2 hours @ \$170/hr.	\$ 340.00
Staff Biologist	16 hours @ \$120/hr.	\$ 1,920.00
Graphics Production	2 hours @ \$120/hr.	\$ 240.00

Subtotal Task 5B:	\$ 2,500.00
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Task 5C. Field Prep/Photo Download/Management

Tasks include field preparation, downloading field notes and photos after monitoring, coordination of junior staff working on the project, report and graphics preparation oversight, and telephone calls/emails with you and/or your designees.

Principal Biologist	2 hours @ \$170/hr.	\$ 340.00
Staff Biologist	8 hours @ \$120/hr.	\$ 960.00
Office Manager	2 hours @ \$110/hr.	\$ 220.00

Subtotal Cost of Task 5:	\$ 1,520.00
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Subtotal Cost of Task 5:	\$29,350.00
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Task 6. Field Prep/Photo Download/Project Management/Administration

Project management tasks include field preparation, downloading field notes and photos after the field visit, coordination of junior staff working on the project, report and graphics preparation oversight, and telephone calls/emails with you and/or your designees. Administrative tasks include contracting, billing, and budget tracking.

Principal Biologist	8 hours @ \$170/hr.	\$ 1,360.00
Associate Biologist	8 hours @ \$160/hr.	\$ 1,280.00
Project Biologist II	8 hours @ \$125/hr.	\$ 1,000.00
Office Manager	8 hours @ \$110/hr.	\$ 880.00

Subtotal Cost of Task 6:	\$ 4,520.00
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Total Cost Estimate:	\$57,576.00
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Approved Budget Remaining:	-\$23,180.30
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Change Order Request Amount:	\$34,396.20
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Current Contract Amount	\$46,517.40
Change Order #01Amount	\$17,676.60
Change Order Request	\$34,396.20
New Contract Total	\$98,590.20

THE FOLLOWING TASKS ARE BEYOND THIS SCOPE OF WORK

- Any additional unspecified work, including additional visits to the project site, shall require a budget amendment and would be considered outside the scope of services proposed herein.
- Any unscheduled meetings, including Zoom meetings, would require a budget revision.

CAVEATS

- If a bumblebee nest is found in the work area that could be a Crotch’s bumble bee nest, then we will need to notify CDFW, who may require an additional survey, make them halt work until after Oct 31, require us to establish a 60-foot no disturbance buffer around the nest, or may even require take authorization. This work would require a change order and is not included in this change order.
- M&A requires authorization to be on the site. Your signature on this proposal or any written contract between Client and M&A for this project constitutes written permission that M&A can be on the site. This contract agreement is a conveyed permission for M&A and any necessary personnel to access the project site with M&A. If there are special entrance instructions, please be sure to let M&A know right away..
- If the execution of the proposed work takes longer than one year from acceptance of this proposal, owing to no fault of M&A (for example this happens when project plans are not far enough along etc. and the job has long delays in starting), M&A reserves the right to adjust our billing rates to be consistent with our normal schedule of charges in the year work actually commences.
- The costs presented herein are a guideline. All task costs will be averaged over the total budget to account for the complete products proposed herein. If selected tasks are approved and others not approved, M&A will have to revise individual task costs.
- Any unspecified new work that develops or becomes necessary will be charged for on a T&M basis in accordance with the attached Schedule of Charges.
- This proposal is good for 60 days.

Change Order Request #02 to Agreement No. 25-02
Preconstruction Surveys for Swainson's Hawk, Crotch's Bumble Bee, White-Tailed Kite and Other
Raptors, and Daily Construction Monitoring
North Kelly Road Parking Lot and Proposed Access Trails to Suscol Headwaters Park
Napa County, California



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All work performed under this agreement will be on a time and materials basis in accordance with the costs proposed herein. Tasks that are not completed or only partially completed will only be billed in accordance with actual work completed and/or material expenditures as required for the portion of work completed. You may terminate any and all work at any time, allowing M&A 48 hours of time to formally close the books on the job and process final billing. No unauthorized work would be completed without a formal request and approval from you.

M&A appreciates the opportunity to be able to assist you with this project. Please call Ms. Sarah Lynch at (925) 947-4867 ext. 203 should you wish to discuss any aspect of the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Milliken'.

Christopher Milliken
Office Manager

I/We agree to the terms of this Cost Proposal. I/We also permit work to proceed in accordance with this Cost Proposal. I/We agree to pay Monk & Associates, Inc., to perform the tasks proposed herein. Payment will be made to M&A upon receipt of the invoice. Invoices not paid within 30 days of the M&A's invoice date shall be subject to a late payment charge of 1½ percent per month.

Duly Authorized Approval Signature

Name (Please Print)

Telephone

Title

Date



**Schedule of Charges
January 2026**

Hourly Rates

Principal Biologist	Field Work/Permitting/Agency Negotiations	\$170/hour
Associate Biologist	Field/Office Work	\$160/hour
Project Biologist II	Field/Office Work	\$125/hour
Project Biologist I	Field/Office Work	\$122/hour
Staff Biologist	Field/Office Work	\$120/hour
Office Manager		\$110/hour
Graphics Production		\$120/hour
Sub-contracting Biologists	Field Work	\$120 to \$170/hour

- Any Biological Construction Monitoring performed on weekends will be billed at 1.5 times the hourly rate.

Other Expenses (Flat Rates)

Vehicles:	Passenger vehicle: Current IRS standard mileage rate. Bridge Toll & Toll Roads Actual Cost
Oversize Maps	\$2.00/square foot.
Color Photographs	(laser printed, \$2.00 per page).
Materials/Supplies	Cost plus 15 percent
Advanced Permit & Fees Payments:	Amount plus 10 percent
Equipment Rentals:	GPS (sub-meter accuracy) \$50/day. Infrared Wildlife Camera \$15/day each; rodent traps 0.20/day each; Burrowing owl eviction doors at \$5.00/day each; medium- size mammal traps \$5.00/day each. Spotlight charged at \$5.00/day. Other equipment is priced on a job basis by the approved proposal.



STAFF REPORT

By: Chris Cahill and Barb Ruffino
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.h**
Subject: Receipt of report on staff reportable actions including expenditures, encumbrances, donations, and grants approved by District staff for February 2026.

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 \$55,204.03, 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 **February 2026**. All Cal-Card purchases are itemized in the financial report.

Advocacy

Agreements

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| Agreement 26-04 | With the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation for vegetation management activities at the Cove and the Turkovich Acquisition (no cost). |
| Agreement 26-05 | With Kevin Smallman for professional trail planning and design services at the Cove, Ethelwild, and the McCormick Preserve (not to exceed \$16,000). |
| Agreement 26-06 | With Redwood Trails Alliance for construction of McLeod Trail at Moore Creek Park (not to exceed \$39,440). |
| Agreement 26-07 | With Redwood Trails Alliance for construction of Chiles Traverse Trail at Moore Creek Park (not to exceed \$28,160). |
| Agreement 26-08 | With the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation for vegetation management activities at the Stone Corral Unit of the Woodbury Preserve (no cost). |

Grants and Donations

Large Donations (≥ \$1,000)

John and Renata Woodbury \$3,132

Online Donations

ReLeaf \$3,319

Iron Ranger Donations

Moore Creek Park \$310.01

Oat Hill Mine Trail \$131

PARKS & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT -FEBRUARY 2026 EXPENSE REPORT

Gen Admin Dept - 85000-00

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
2/3/2026	Rents/Leases-Equipment	2/11/26-3/10/26 Printer Lease	Kyocera Document Solutions	\$ 62.06
2/3/2026	Computer Software	1/26 Google	Us Bank National Association	\$ 8.40
2/3/2026	Computer Software	1/26 Zoom	Us Bank National Association	\$ 16.99
2/3/2026	Communications/Telephone	1/26 Internet-Main St	Us Bank National Association	\$ 74.90
2/3/2026	Books/Media/Subscriptions	Doodle subscription	Us Bank National Association	\$ 14.95
2/3/2026	Fleet Charges	Ford Lightening-charging	Us Bank National Association	\$ 6.77
2/10/2026	Rents/Leases-Buildings/Land	3/26 Rent-1443 Main St, #135	Knm Properties, Inc.	\$ 2,173.50

Moore Creek Dept - 85010-00

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
2/3/2026	Other Professional Services	2/26 Monthly Wastewater sampling	Heritage Systems, Inc	\$ 128.33
2/5/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Oil, broom, mop, supplies	Central Valley Builders	\$ 134.79
2/17/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Bar oil, 50to1 premix, carbide loop	Napa Power Equipment	\$ 263.43
2/19/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Rake	Napa Power Equipment	\$ 19.56
2/3/2026	Rents/Leases-Equipment	1/26 Portable Toilet	Johnny On The Spot	\$ 227.21

Camp Berryessa 85010-03

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
2/3/2026	Waste Disposal Services	1/26 Garbage Service	Berryessa Garbage Service	\$ 126.10

NRER - 85010-05

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
2/3/2026	Other Professional Services	1/26 Litter Abatement	Napa Valley Support	\$ 500.00

State Park - 85010-08

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
2/3/2026	Communications/Telephone	12/28/25-1/27/26 Phone	At&T	\$ 31.98
2/3/2026	Goods for Resale	T-shirts-Visitor Center/gift shop	Wild Tribute Llc	\$ 931.15
2/3/2026	Waste Disposal Services	1/26 Garbage Service	Upper Valley Disposal	\$ 2,604.39
2/3/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Sign bases-kiosk	Us Bank National Association	\$ 202.83
2/3/2026	Office Supplies	Bell, Toner	Us Bank National Association	\$ 378.80
2/3/2026	Freight/Postage	Shipping	Us Bank National Association	\$ 22.00
2/3/2026	Goods for Resale	Sonora Wheat (20 bags)	Riverdog Farm, Inc	\$ 1,000.00
2/5/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B011066-Bale Mill	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 85.00
2/5/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B011067-Bothe	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 85.00
2/5/2026	Goods for Resale	Souvenirs-gift shop	Americana Souvenirs	\$ 462.69
2/5/2026	Other Professional Services	3/1/26-5/31/26 Bale Mill Alarm Service	Bay Alarm Company	\$ 262.02
2/5/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B011064-Bothe	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 116.00
2/10/2026	Goods for Resale	Souvenirs-Mill Gift shop	Historical Folk Toys	\$ 512.06
2/17/2026	Communications/Telephone	1/10-2/9/26 Internet	At&T	\$ 317.80
2/17/2026	Printing and Binding	Bothe kiosk signs	Embzone Group Inc	\$ 296.89
2/19/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B020627-Bothe	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 116.00
2/19/2026	Maintenance Supplies	LED Wrap light	Steves Hardware	\$ 64.94
2/24/2026	Goods for Resale	Souvenir books-gift store	Ingram Library Service	\$ 53.37
2/24/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B020630-Bothe	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 85.00
2/24/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B020631-Bale Mill	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 85.00
2/24/2026	Utilities-Electric	1/13/26-2/11/26 Acct #2172831822-7	Pacific Gas & Electric	\$ 83.02
2/5/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B011065-Bale Mill	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 61.00
2/5/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Bristle brush, roof leak repair	Central Valley Builders	\$ 15.65
2/3/2026	Vehicle Repair Supplies	Mower blade, spindle	Brown's Auto Parts	\$ 22.73
2/10/2026	Vehicle Repair Supplies	Dexron	Brown's Auto Parts	\$ 3.82
2/17/2026	Maintenance Supplies	LED light, rope poly 3/8"	Steves Hardware	\$ 73.59
2/19/2026	Other Professional Services	Lab Order #B020629-Bale Mill	Caltest Analytical Labs	\$ 61.00
2/19/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Vinyl repair, drip irrigation	Silverado Ace Hardware	\$ 40.91
2/24/2026	Communications/Telephone	1/13-2/12/26 Alarm	At&T	\$ 153.00
2/24/2026	Utilities-Electric	1/13/26-2/11/26 Acct #6765403114-4	Pacific Gas & Electric	\$ 57.31

Other Projects - 85010-90

Date	Account Name	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
2/3/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Skyline signs	Us Bank National Association	\$ 170.70
2/19/2026	Maintenance Supplies	Chain loop, hardware	Napa Power Equipment	\$ 78.27



STAFF REPORT

By: Jason Jordan
Date: March 9, 2026
Item: **4.i**
Subject: February 2026 State Park Report for Bothe-Napa Valley SP, Robert Louis Stevenson SP, and Bale Grist Mill SHP.

PARK STATUS

Bothe Napa Valley SP- Campground has been slow during the week but picked up on President's Day weekend and Napa Valley Marathon weekend.

Bale Mill SHP- Visitation has been light.

Robert Louis Stevenson SP- Use increasing on weekends and lots of calls about snow during the mid-February storms.

PARK UPDATES

- Vine Trail Update:
 - Continuing to keep up on mowing, weed eating, blowing.
 - Evaluating requests from County and NVVTC to repair non-route maintenance on a fee-for-service basis.
 - Still awaiting receipt of payment for FY25/26 Q1 and Q2 from NVVTC.
 - Purchased electric pressure washer for cleaning of rest stops/ graffiti.
- Interpretive Plan Draft: The completed plan was received in February. The committee is reviewing and scoping short term, high return on investment projects with remaining funding.
- The landscape improvement project at the Visitor Center started in February and is making great progress. The hardscape component should be completed by mid-March with planting component to follow in April.
- Kerry Brackett's Eco fitness hike was held on February 14th.
- Volunteer Update:
 - Our regular trail volunteer assisted with trail clean up of down trees from storm and improvements to the History Trail.
 - NOSD and NVVTC have planned and are recruiting volunteers for a March 6th work party to remove invasive French Broom along a section of the Vine Trail.
- Staff cleared trees on the Palisades trail at RLS and cleaned up the Bothe trailsystem from recent rains.

- Environmental Education:
 - One Field Trip occurred at Bothe in February for 45 students.
 - Three field trips occurred at Bale in February for 87 students.
- The 3rd Saturday hike in February was held at Bothe on the 21st and had a “Five Senses Theme” Participants explored the sounds, smells and beauty of the forest in the winter. This was a popular theme, drawing 14 participants.
- A permit was issued for the replacement of the Wright House roof by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The PEF submitted to State Parks is in the review process.
- The split rail fencing around the Bale Mill entrance sign was repaired. Two other identification and directional signs were installed.
- A water leak was repaired in the Cabin/Yurt area.
- A Special Event Permit renewal has been completed by Wings of Rogallo for the use of Mount St Helena in RLS as a parasailing launch.
- Summit Engineering was at the Mill on February 27th to complete the condition assessment of the flume structure to further guide scope of the repairs needed. Report to come.
- Staff met with Napa County ITS/Communications staff to further assess feasibility and options for expanding WIFI into the cabin/yurt area as an amenity upgrade for the park.



Projects Status Report

March 9, 2026

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. The Board President and General Manager met with CADFW staff on June 12, 2018 to discuss CDFW concerns. Senator Dodd organized a meeting in October with the City of American Canyon, County of Napa and the District in an attempt to move the project forward, and another meeting with District staff and CADFW staff on November 28, 2018. Staff has been working with BCDC to determine whether 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. 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. 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. On July 29th the Napa StoryWalk had its grand opening in American Canyon, turnout was light, probably due to the 4:00PM on Friday afternoon timing, but those who attended had a wonderful time. In early February 2023 the County of Napa began the extended process of updating its Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (or ALUCP), a document that is relevant to the District because adopted policies could impact our ability to someday complete the Napa River Trail, which would run through the Airport Land Use Compatibility planning area. District staff inspected the entire trail from American Canyon to Fagan Marsh in late January and has had initial conversations with the County planners running the project. Chris, Ryan, and Jessica toured the Am Can Parks Foundation's

Napa River Eco Center project in late April and had fruitful conversations with ACCPF and Napa RCD staff about the facility and outdoor education generally. The Napa StoryWalk will be in residence in American Canyon at Wetlands Edge Park for the month of August. Staff inspected the segment between Suscol Ferry Road and Anselmo Court in August 2024 in response to a Vine Trail request for \$167k in planning funds and found the segment to be not only planned but constructed and in good, operable, ADA-compliant shape. King tides in December resulted in flooding and significant debris accumulation along parts of the trail. Rick Fessenden and super-volunteer Wayne Grout got the trail cleaned up along with some help from an anonymous local who had raked much of the debris into piles.

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 early 2023 indicated the property is in good shape. Staff has lifted the closure on the property we put in place after the LNU Fire. With lake levels being what they now are the property is only accessible by boat.

The Cove at Mt. Veeder

Conversion of a former Girl Scout camp into a park 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. 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. 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 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%). The Turkovich acquisition (Hirth/Turkovich to Land Trust) closed in August and the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Land Trust and the District was executed on August 30, 2023. We have three years to complete the purchase. Staff filed a General Plan Consistency Determination request with the Napa County Planning Director on November 29 regarding the Turkovich acquisition. While the District no longer needs to secure County land use approvals for our parks, we are still obligated to check in with the County on General Plan consistency. The County formally determined that the Turkovich acquisition was consistent with the General Plan on December 12, 2023. Trail planning work is now significantly underway at the Cove despite very challenging conditions (lots of brushy regrowth). Staff discovered a small slide on one of the roads in Turkovich which will need to be cleaned up to make it passable by vehicles. The property has otherwise handled the winter weather well. Turkovich acquisition closed as of 5/8/25 and marks a significant step in opening the Cove to the public. Thanks again to our partners at the Land Trust for making this acquisition possible. Our neighbor did significant slide clearing/road repairs on one of the Turkovich roads (which he uses via an easement to access his water supply) and it's much improved. Staff worked with PG&E to position underground power equipment in such a way as to not impact any future parking lots in Turkovich and came to an acceptable plan for locating the underground boxes. Staff met with the neighbors immediately east of Turkovich to discuss PG&E and vegetation management near the property line and scheduled a discussion with Firewise to discuss fire preparedness at Turkovich/The Cove. Staff met with Napa Firewise staff to discuss fire access at The Cove and to examine the federally-funded ridgetop fuel break along the top of Cove property. Turkovich neighbor Ian Leggat placed some erosion control measures on our access road and did a nice job. Staff discovered and pulled a patch of French Broom at the Cove. NCCF work along the Hogback Ridge firebreak is complete on Cove property and District staff continues to interface with Firewise around vegetation management and wildfire readiness on The Cove. Staff is researching grazing with goats and/or sheep for vegetation management at The Cove and possibly on other District properties as well.

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. The EcoCamp has been closed to the public since mid-March 2020 due to the pandemic. 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. Reclamation has begun work on the camp host site electrical rehabilitation and Sarah has been working to repair tent cabins, which are starting to show some signs of age in what is a tough environment. Napa County 4H successfully hosted their summer camp July 9 – 14, 2023 and campers reportedly thoroughly enjoyed the new location. This was one of the largest groups to utilize the facility for this duration and staff is evaluating infrastructure needs for groups this size at the camp. 4H summer camp will be relocating to Enchanted Hills for the 2024 season, keeping the Bay Area 4H camp tradition alive and located in Napa County. This is a great outcome and staff is very thankful to Lighthouse for the Blind for their help and support in making the move work. September 2024: Repair for failed electrical panel is contracted and should be completed this month. A couple slight water quality issues at Camp in June, resolved by staff without any impact to guests. Some evidence of uninvited guests in the camp, staff requested support from Bureau of Reclamation as well as Napa Sheriff's Office to keep extra eyes on the camp for visitors without reservations. February Income: \$0. Concerns about rainy weather kept folks away from Camp Berryessa in February.

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. 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. 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. Several volunteer work parties have since made even further progress on tearing down old buildings and salvaging the materials that can be reused. To clarify project boundaries, sometime in the new fiscal year we will be renaming the Chamberlain and Kateley acquisitions the Mayacamas Preserve; Amy's Grove will be a named part of the park. 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. 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. The heavy rains of the winter of 2022/2023 evidenced significant drainage issues in the Kateley Finger staging area; it now appears that drainage improvements, potentially even engineered drainage improvements, will be necessary if we are ever to allow regular wintertime vehicular traffic in and out of that area. The local Napa Firewise council is conducting fuel reduction along Dry Creek Road abutting the Mayacamas and Amy's Grove properties and requested authorization from the District to do significant clearing 110 feet from the center line of the road. The District was not comfortable with the level of planned tree removal, so has agreed to a reduced project, which includes removing brush, trees that pose a hazard to the road, and trees <math>< 6''</math> dbh, and limbing up of trees >math>> 6''</math> dbh to reduce ladder fuels. Staff hosted the first public opening of the Mayacamas Preserve/Amy's Grove on September 16, and the event was a success. Francis and Beth Chamberlain sponsored two cameras to be placed on property for mountain lion tracking (via Audobon Canyon Ranch's program out of Sonoma County). Napa RCD continues to use Mayacamas as a base of operations for fish studies in Dry Creek. Staff hosted a volunteer day at Mayacamas in preparation for this year's guided hike. Data from the mountain lion tracking cameras was retrieved and we're eagerly awaiting the results. November's 3rd Saturday hike in Mayacamas Preserve was canceled due to impassable crossing at Dry Creek due to high water level, which serves as a good reminder that we will ultimately want to construct some kind of bridge there.

Moore Creek Park

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. The Gate House was re-roofed in November 2018 using the Moore Creek maintenance/repair reserve fund. 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. 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. 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. In March 2021 volunteers installed striping for the main parking lot (marked with pinned used fire hose segments) to make parking more efficient. 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. The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution establishing new no-parking zones at the end of Conn Valley Road in late July, 2022. The Dan's Wild Ride use permit modification was approved on March 22nd, against the objections of two neighbors (one of whom was a representative of CalFire's Las Posadas forest) who were concerned about the adequacy of our parking lots on busy weekend days. We have launched a social media campaign to alert visitors about the full parking lots and busy trails they can expect to experience at Moore Creek in a superbloom spring. Staff met with the Napa County DPW and their landscape architect to discuss tree planting in the area of the main parking lot to mitigate off-site tree removal resulting from a County bridge replacement project on Chiles Creek. The County would be responsible for watering the trees and would cover all costs. A native plant garden is being developed adjacent to the main parking lot in partnership with Napa County First 5 and with funding from First 5's climate initiative. Volunteers built a split-rail fence around the native plant garden at the March workday and it really adds a sense of place to the entrance. RTA hosted a ribbon-cutting event for donors and users for the recently-completed Washing Machine Trail on 8/3/24. Electrical panel at the Bussey house has been replaced by Buzz Electric, not only very expediently but also slightly under his quoted price. Both State Coastal Conservancy and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission awarded us grants and the Phinney acquisition will add 523 acres to Moore Creek Park. The Phinney acquisition is complete and Moore Creek Park is now 523 acres larger! Seismic monitoring equipment was installed along the road to the caretaker house on 7/7/25. Napa RCD is intending to resubmit its Forest Health Grant solicitation for work in Moore Creek Park (as well as in several other locations around the county). Ongoing fall maintenance work continues at Moore Creek and elsewhere: clearing trail drainage, working to improve sight lines, getting ready for winter. Redwood Trails Alliance (with help from Grasshopper Adventure Series) held a fundraising group ride on November 9th to raise money for the Pay the Piper trail in Moore Creek. Construction bid requests for approximately three miles of new trail in Moore Creek Park are live and we're awaiting bids for those trails with an aim towards constructing them this spring. Volunteers made good progress on Yip Trip trail at December's volunteer day; only a few hundred feet remain to complete the trail. Lots of winter maintenance in January: downed trees, slides (mud and rock, and debris. Volunteers and staff continue to make progress on Yip Trip and have completed approximately 500ft of trail and connected the two sides; two more workdays should have the trail totally completed. Bids for three trails on the Phinney Unit of Moore Creek have been awarded and should be completed this spring. Yip Trip Trail is very close to completion; any (volunteer) day now. Trees were planted and a water tank and other irrigation infrastructure were installed in the parking lot as part of the mitigation for the Chiles Creek bridge replacement. Contractors are onsite for planning work for trail construction on the Phinney Acquisition.

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. 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. Staff has purchased and installed new metal native plant signs. A member of the public was concerned about cyanobacteria at NRER, staff confirmed with State Water Board that the site has tested negative several times and the water is free of harmful algae blooms.

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. 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. Tree mortality seems to be increasing as we near a year from last year's fire. The County and the District have been receiving calls from an adjacent property owner who would like to "improve" the trail to make it easier to drive to his property by Jeep. Replacement trail signs for the Holms-to-Aetna segment of the trail have been ordered to replace the ones lost to fire in 2020. Eagle Scouts installed new (and more accurately measured!) trail markers between Calistoga and Holm's Place. Staff brushed/scouted Palisades trail and inventoried projects for

fall trailwork on Palisades. Two rescues took place on OHMT/Palisades trail in late July. Significant slide in the bottom quarter mile of the trail took place on 2/4/25. Staff will be tending to it as soon as the rains subside somewhat. Staff hosted volunteer workdays on Palisades Trail and OHMT on 3/1 and 3/8 to address trail issues and ensure access. Staff continues to hold volunteer days to maintain OHMT and palisades trail. The Pickett fire burned in the vicinity of Oat Hill Mine Trail and the trail served as both firebreak and critical access for CalFire. We won't know the extent of the impacts until firefighting operations cease and staff can get in to assess. Staff inspected OHMT as soon as conditions would allow and found (mostly) good news, as reported elsewhere in this agenda. Staff inspected Oat Hill Mine Trail in late December and found it to be in good shape and weathering the storms without incident.

Old Howell Mountain Trail

Operations and Management of three miles of County public trail on a closed section of Old Howell Mountain Road

The District assumed management responsibility for the trail as of 9/23/25 and staff has been meeting with neighbors, the County, and interested community members to resolve final details of parking, access, and maintenance of the trail. Jim Gamble hired Pina Vineyard Management to restore drainage along Old Howell Mountain Road and they've done a nice job clearing culvert inlets and restoring gate functionality on the North end of the road. Staff met with neighbors at the north end to discuss parking and other issues and has been making (as of yet unsuccessful) attempts to meet with City of St Helena officials to discuss additional details around opening Old Howell Mountain Trail to the public. The local volunteer "Friends of Old Howell" crew graveled/hardened the south slide bypass and it seems to be holding up to use and rains nicely. Culverts appear clear and the trail seems in good, clear shape.

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. 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. 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. 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. Surveyors have been on the property since the week before Thanksgiving and the County has contracted with a geologist to complete a mineral resources report in support of a potential State Lands Commission action to surplus the mineral rights to the County along with fee title. The State Phase 1 environmental analysis is complete and did not identify any serious issues. The pump track grand opening was held on December 16, with a great turn out of adult cyclists, kids, and dignitaries. Senator Dodd introduced SB 958 which deletes the specific exemption of Camp Coombs from the Skyline Park purchase authorization, which would make Camp Coombs eligible for purchase as part of Skyline Park. Governor Newsom signed SB958 and final work now begins to complete the purchase of Camp Coombs immediately following the purchase of Skyline Park. Construction work on the "jail trail" happened on River to Ridge in late September and left the side entrance to Skyline looking much nicer and more welcoming. Skyline Park Citizens Association signed a revised concessionaire's agreement and it's headed to Napa County Board of Supervisors for signature on 12/17/24. Board of Supervisors approved the PSA for skyline park on 12/17 and we're in the due diligence period. Final payment is scheduled for Spring 2025. County and Department of State Hospitals staff met and set a mid-March date for an operational overview of Lake Marie dam and other Skyline-related day to day operational issues related to park purchase. Escrow closed on 4/4/25 and Skyline Park is permanently protected as parkland! Camp Coombs to follow later this year. Many thanks to all involved. Staff worked with DSH fire department to remove homeless encampments along River to Ridge Trail and did brushing work to reduce fuel loads in the area. Surveyors marked the western boundary of Camp Coombs on 10/15 as things continue to proceed towards purchase. Staff and volunteers hosted a volunteer workday on Skyline's pump track to provide routine maintenance to the track surface. November 8th was the annual Ridge Trail Service Day (in partnership with Bay Area Ridge Trail and Skyline Park) and volunteers and staff made improvements to River to Ridge Trail where it's often wet in the winter and spring. A recent Napa Valley Register article provided updates about housing in Skyline Park as well as the potential purchase of Camp Coombs. County Flood Control is working on repairs to the gate valve mechanism at Lake Marie Dam. The Camp Coombs appraisal is complete and County staff is working diligently to complete the purchase. Skyline Park staff and County Flood Control are working together to repair the valve mechanism at the Lake Marie Dam.

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. 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). 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. It appears that there has been some trespassing and poaching on the property during the 2022 deer season, we are in communication with CaDFW wardens about the situation. Rick has posted a new closed to the public sign on the front gate, replacing the one that was stolen during deer season. Rick and the Napa County Sheriff ran an armed trespasser (who purported to be hunting quail) off the property in early November. Great heads-up work by Rick in what was otherwise a fairly iffy situation. The Federal Highway Administration has approved Napa County Public Works' application for the California Federal Lands Access Program to fund work on Knoxville-Berryessa Road near Smittle Creek. Public Works' project includes funding for the Smittle Creek trail, the crossing of Knoxville-Berryessa Road from the existing BOR parking lot, and parking lot rehabilitation. We continue to see some trespassing and illegal camping on this property. Staff met with CalFire on-property in early March to discuss the use of Smittle for CalFire aviation night training exercises. CalFire/Napa County Fire has volunteered to do some grading and road improvement on the property in support of that use. Calfire has completed the grading on existing fire roads at Smittle in advance of training operations this month. Staff reports the work looks top-notch. There was a fire at Smittle Creek on 8/13/25. The fire burned approximately six acres of steep ground, about half of which on our property and half on Federal land. Damage was not significant; Bureau of Reclamation is going to tackle some minor fence repairs and Rick estimates that

the burned area will revegetate quickly. CalFire will repair erosion damage on roads they graded last summer; they'll complete that work once the rain has subsided later this spring.

Suscol Headwaters Park

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. We have been awarded the \$1.17M Prop 68 grant to fund the development and opening of Phase 2 of Suscol Headwaters! Now the real work begins. We have signed a contract with Applied Civil Engineering for design and engineering services for the new Suscol Headwaters parking lot. We are hoping to have initial parking lot plans and a legal description of the parking lot and trail easement done in draft and ready for Napa San approval in April. RTA returned to Suscol Headwaters to finish work on Chance the Cowboy and to complete Perdida Connector. Staff submitted requests for bids for three additional trail segments, Chance West, Suscol Ridge South, and Amphitheater. RTA is building in Suscol and was awarded an additional bid for Chance West Trail. Two additional bids were awarded to Johnson Trails. Additional construction is complete on Amphitheater and Suscol Ridge South trails and RTA is wrapping up Chance West. On June 24th. Staff installed temporary directional signage to help users navigate the newly opened trails which are already proving to be very popular. Construction and planning work continues at Suscol with RTA slated to wrap up construction on Chance West Trail this month. Frog pond liner is slated to be installed by staff and volunteers this month. Frog pond liner is installed thanks to staff and volunteers and our partners at Skyline Park. Escrow is opened on the easement purchase, CEQA is launched for phase 2, another invoice went to OGALS and a slate of bids is queued and ready to send to potential contractors for this season's trail construction. Planning work for parking lot construction is underway and we expect to launch formal bid for that work around the new year in anticipation of summer 2025 parking lot construction. Staff received comments from Ca Dept of Fish and Wildlife on Phase 2 CEQA and integrated those comments into a revised document whose comment period ends 12/7/24.

Trailbuilding work in phase 1 continues while staff and volunteers are keeping existing trails clear and in good shape. Escrow closed on the acquisition of the Napa San trailhead easement on December 2 and we are now the proud owners of .75 acres of sprayfield, or sprayfield easement. Staff removed several trees along North Kelly Road in December and a final Eucalyptus is slated for removal in January in anticipation of a summer 2025 parking lot build. Biosurveying is slated to begin in spring in advance of parking lot and trail construction in phase 2 this spring and summer. Preconstruction surveys are under contract and we're on track to get bid out for parking lot construction in advance of this summer's construction window. Staff and volunteers addressed cattle damage on recent trails and met with

ranchers to mitigate future trail damage. Additional trail construction bids are out for this spring's builds. One trail construction contract was awarded, several others for summer construction are imminently out to bid, and pre-construction surveys are underway in advance of parking lot and further trail construction in Suscol Headwaters. Staff has been busy maintaining existing trails and visitation at the park is high with the good weather. Existing trails have been string trimmed. Buckaroo trail construction is nearly complete (as of 5/7/25). Biosurveys are in progress, including the first round of bumblebee surveys. Bids for parking lot construction are still on track for build this summer. Buckaroo Trail is complete and open after hard work by both contractors and staff to complete it. Parking lot bid is in progress. Biologists found Crotch's bumblebee and have asked CDFW to cease surveys and proceed with a bumblebee avoidance plan so that trail and parking lot construction can commence in Phase 2. Final touches are being placed on parking lot bid and upcoming Phase 2 trails bids while we await approval from CDFW for Crotch's bumblebee avoidance plan. Still awaiting final approval from CDFW on bumblebee avoidance plan which will surely arrive shortly. Suscol headwaters continues to be heavily used and the parking lot bid is ready to launch save for final word from CDFW about our bumblebee avoidance plan. Staff is continuing to build trail in the Phase 1 area of Suscol and maintenance operations continue as well with support from our partners at Skyline Park. Fall building in Suscol continues and staff has tackled trail maintenance issues as they've started to appear. Bids for two additional trails in Suscol Headwaters are live as of 10/22 and two more are expected to go out shortly. Connection to the North Kelly Road parking lot should be complete this winter/spring in advance of next summer's parking lot construction. Bids were awarded to Johnson Trails for two more trails, commencing building in Phase 2 of Suscol Headwaters Park. Staff continues to chip away at builds in Phase 1 as well as tackling maintenance issues as they arise. Two more requests for trail construction bids are live in Suscol Headwaters Phase 2. District trailbuilding staff has almost completed Little Bend Trail in Phase 1. Formal bid for the parking lot is undergoing legal review prior to launch later in January for construction in summer 2026. Little Bend Trail in Phase 1 is complete and open to the public. Construction contracts were awarded to Johnson Trails for two additional trails in Phase 2 and will be constructed this spring. Parking lot construction is on track for this summer. Biosurveys in advance of trail construction is scheduled for February. Johnson Trails is onsite constructing trails in Phase 2. District excavator was repaired under warranty and is headed back towards Suscol to continue building trail in Phase 1.

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. Staff 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. 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. The NCRPOSD/Vine Trail/County of Napa Up Valley Vine Trail maintenance agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June and is now (finally) fully executed. Celebrations for the opening of the St. Helena to Calistoga segment are planned for the 8/17 weekend. Vine Trail St. Helena to Calistoga segment is opened and traffic through Bothe has been a steady stream both on weekends and weekdays. Staff is slated to begin maintenance on the St. Helena to Calistoga segment in January and final preparations are underway to complete punchlist and identify any last construction-related issues. Discussions about Vine Trail construction and ongoing maintenance continue as the last construction punch list items are debated. Winter rains exposed several design-related drainage issues and other challenges with the trail surface. Invoices for the first two quarters of maintenance have been issued and we're awaiting payment for Vine Trail maintenance.

Woodbury 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 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. 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? 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. The GM has given Napa County permission to do additional exploratory drilling in hopes of finding reliable emergency water for the community of Berryessa Estates. We were contacted by a neighboring property owner who had concerns about a large Gray pine on our property in mid-May. Staff is getting bids to have it removed. In the last months we've additionally been contacted about two large oaks located on our property that neighbors have concerns about, we'll be up to inspect those as well. Staff is securing quotes for the removal of the trees, the large Gray pine will likely be expensive. We received a weed abatement notice from Napa County Fire for a small undeveloped residential property in Berryessa Estates, which served as a useful reminder to current staff that we owned such a property. The Fire Marshal retracted the abatement notice, which was issued pursuant to Napa County Code Sec 8.36.060, following a conversation about the District's *Save Lafayette Trees* exemption. District staff weed whipped the abated parcel in mid-November. Two large hazard trees adjacent neighboring properties were removed in May 2024. Staff is in discussions with the Land Trust's stewardship team about a prescribed burn for veg management/invasives control on the Woodbury properties for May/June 2026. Preparations continue for a prescribed burn in May/June 2026 in partnership with Land Trust of Napa County's stewardship team and CALFIRE.

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.

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.

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.

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.