

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)

East Counties Parks

Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP)

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Executive Committee
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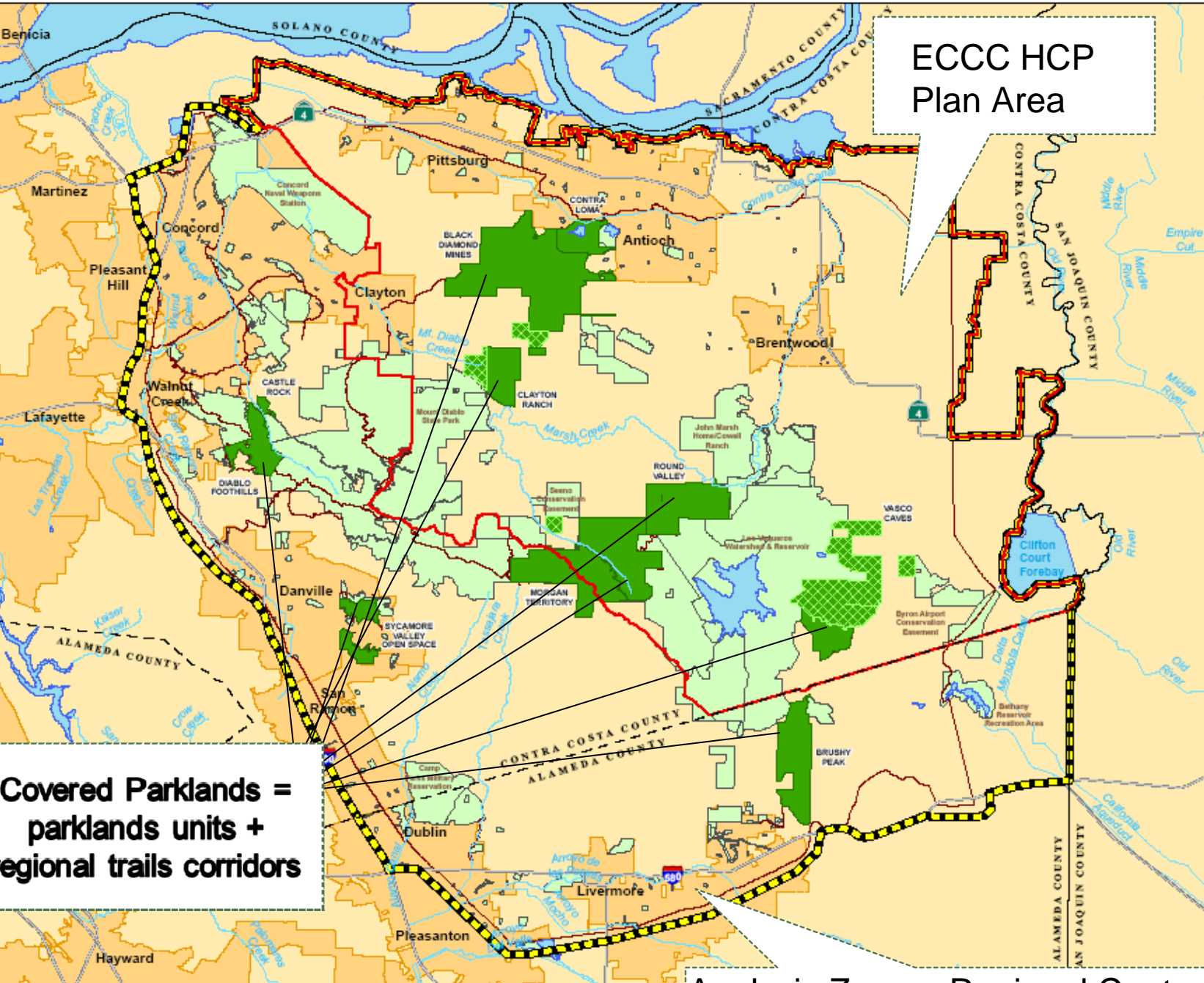
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What Will Our HCP Accomplish



- Allow us to effectively balance species and habitat protection with recreation and park use (our mission!).
- Provide regulatory compliance for operations, maintenance and minor development within East Counties parks.
- Long range plan that eliminates lengthy and costly permit procedures.
- Encompasses most of those parks and future park areas not presently covered by East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP.

ECCC HCP Plan Area



- Legend**
-  Analysis Plan Area
 -  Regional
 -  District C Parkland



HCP/I

**Covered Parklands =
parklands units +
regional trails corridors**

Analysis Zone = Regional Context

Sources: ESRI (2008)
East Alameda
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Integration with other Conservation Efforts



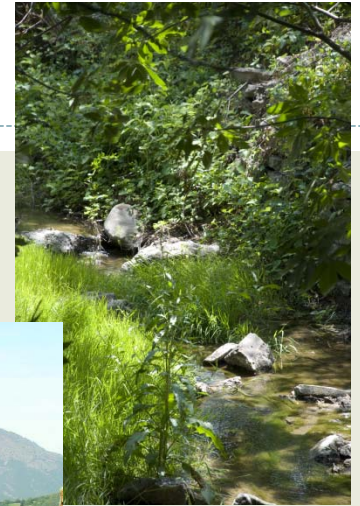
Completed and Permitted

- East Contra Cost County HCP/NCCP
- PG&E San Joaquin Valley O&M HCP

Plans In Progress

- Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area NCCP/HCP
- East Alameda County Conservation Strategy
- PG&E Bay Area O&M HCP
- Santa Clara Valley HCP/NCCP
- SFPUC Alameda Watershed O&M HCP

Covered Parklands



- **Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve**
- Sycamore Valley Regional Open Space Preserve
- **Round Valley Regional Preserve**
- **Vasco Caves Regional Preserve**
- Contra Loma Regional Park
- **Morgan Territory Regional Preserve**
- Brushy Peak Regional Preserve
- **Diablo Foothills Regional Park/Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area**
- Clayton Ranch Land Bank
- Sycamore Valley Regional Open Space Preserve
- **Regional Trail Corridors**

Covered Species



- **Covered Species** = species on the final permits and for which “take” is authorized
- Over 150 special status species evaluated
- 23 recommended as Covered Species for final permits
- 9 plant and 14 wildlife
- Will evaluate benefits of Plan to many other species

A Few Proposed Covered Species

Wildlife

Alameda whipsnake



Golden Eagle



Vernal pool fairy shrimp

San Joaquin kit fox



Plants

Fragrant fritillary



Round-leaved filaree



Covered Activities



- Criteria for Covered Activities/Projects
 - Within HCP/NCCCP Study Area
 - Occur during HCP/NCCCP Permit term
 - Activity needs “take” coverage
 - Impacts are well defined
 - Consistent with HCP/NCCCP schedule

Proposed Covered Activities



- Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance
- Wildlands Management
- Public Access and Park Development
- HCP Implementation

Target Audiences/Stakeholders



- Environmental Groups
- Recreation Groups (hikers, cyclists, equestrians, etc.)
- Conservation Groups
- Cultural Resources Groups
- Water Districts
- Grazing Tenants
- CA State Parks
- East CC County HCP
- Contra Costa and Alameda Counties
- Wind/Energy Consultants
- City and Town Officials
- Culturally diverse Groups

Public Input Opportunities



- Meetings
 - EBRPD Committee Meetings - Quarterly
 - ✦ Executive Committee
 - ✦ Park Advisory Committee
 - Community meetings - Annual
 - ✦ HCP/NCCP development, review, and approval
 - ✦ Public review of associated environmental documents
- Speakers Bureau presentations
- Comments
 - Provide written or verbal comments via meetings, web, email, fax, or mail to Program Manager

Next Steps



Phase 1

- Finishing Draft Chapters 1-3 and providing for review
- Presentations to Park Advisory Committee (fall)
- Community Meeting (winter)

Phase 2 (pending)

- Public Draft HCP/NCCP
- Community Outreach
- EBRPD Board of Directors



Questions ?



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