Trail User Working Group

Park Advisory Committee
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PURPOSE OF THE TRAIL USER WORKING GROUP
Planning for new trails in new parklands

- Address concerns about trail conflict
- Understand interests of all trail users
- Facilitate sustainable trail development and resource protection
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TRAIL DEVELOPMENT IN NEW PARKLANDS
District expansion since 1995

✅ Parkland added: Over 57,000 acres
✅ New trails constructed: 13 miles
➢ Percent in Crockett Hills: 66% (8.75 miles)
➢ Percent in new parklands: 0%
Who is on it?

- Bicyclists
- Conservation
- Dog Owners
- Equestrians
- Hiking
- Land Trusts
- Regional Perspectives
- Youth
- Disabled communities
- EBRPD Park Advisory Committee
- EBRPD Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Inclusive communities
- Regional Parks Foundation
Meetings

• Group met 7 times in virtual meetings between August 2020 and October 2021
• Heard from different user perspectives
• Discussed and debated potential solutions
• Draft report reviewed
• Polling tool used for rating consensus on trails planning solutions
• All meetings recorded w/ notes posted here https://www.ebparks.org/trail-user-working-group-2020-2021
What we heard

• Predictability
• Access for all
• Need to address interest of seniors, youth, BIPOC, and new trail users
• Interest in operation strategies
• Trail user education
• Trail enforcement
• Importance of design
• Need to fully understand environmental impacts
• A transparent and public process
• And dozens of other suggestions
Topics for additional discussion

- Closing gaps in the regional trail network (e.g. Bay Area Ridge Trail)
- Demand for mountain bike accessible trails
- Protecting access for equestrians
- Operational controls (e.g. one-way trails, alternate use days)
- Ensuring a transparent and public process
- Addressing existing trails in currently opened parklands

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Upcoming Projects

- Roddy Ranch Public Access and Restoration Plan
- Southern Las Trampas Land Use Plan
- Briones Regional Park Pilot Projects
- Wildcat Flow Trail Proposal
- Trail User Education Campaign
Next steps:

• Last TUWG group meeting February 7, 2022
• Board Executive Committee February 11, 2022
• Summary Report

• TUWG recordings and meeting information available here: https://www.ebparks.org/trail-user-working-group-2020-2021