Roddy Ranch Golf Course
Public access and habitat restoration plan

Park Advisory Committee, May 18, 2020
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Photo: Stephen Joseph

East Bay Regional Park District
Roddy Ranch Golf Course acquired by Park District in 2018

A partnership with Habitat Conservancy:

- Located in the City of Antioch
- 260 acres of former golf course
- Key piece of larger 3,500-acre Regional Preserve --“Deer Valley”
- Open golf course first to public access and habitat restoration
- Restoration Design Group and Nomad Ecology as consultants
Critical open space in East Contra Costa County

Part of the expanding Park District network in Contra Costa County:

1. Concord Hills
2. Black Diamond Mines (LUPA being prepared)
3. More Habitat Conservancy acquisitions to come in East County
What’s on the site today

1. Cement golf cart paths
2. Irrigation and stormwater ponds
3. Parking lot for future staging area
What's on the site today
What’s on the site today – Great Views

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Park Planning—Public Input

- **PAC #1: Project Initiation**
- **Stakeholder interviews (Save Mt. Diablo, City of Antioch)**
- **Community engagement events**
- **PAC #2: review of park alternatives**
- **PAC #3: selected park alternative**
- **Plan adoption events and meetings**
Park Planning – Next Steps

- Existing Conditions reports
- Project web page
- Stakeholder interviews
- Alternatives
- Planning period: 12-18 months

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Part of a trend of golf course conversions

Trust for Public Land reports that 800 golf courses have closed in past decade.

Twenty have been converted to other uses, and ten are public parks.

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Rancho Canada GC:
- 185 acres
- 36 holes
- 300 space parking lot
- Club houses for rentals
- Half of course open now as parkland
- Provides staging and unlimited public access to larger wilderness park to the south.
• Preparing Habitat Restoration Plan now
• Emphasis on wildlife corridors, connecting different ecosystems
• Carmel Middle School will do habitat projects with MEarth non-profit
• Native plant test plots
U.C. Santa Barbara – Ocean Meadows Golf Course conversion

- 100-acre restoration at north side of Campus
- 40-acres are wetland restoration
- Trust for Public land acquired and transferred to UCSB.
- Restoration plan takes 16 different funders!
Community Opportunities:

- Monthly volunteer plantings
- Saturday Tree Plantings
- Thursday Greenhouse seedling transplanting
- Group volunteer events
- Photo and wildlife spotting site
- UCSB Student interns

200,000 plants in two years!
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