



**AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES UPDATE
BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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Agricultural Land Leases Update

- Benefits & Challenges

- Overview by location:

- Delta Access Regional Recreation Area (323 acres)
- Ardenwood Historic Farm (~91 acres)
- Coyote Hills Regional Park (45 acres)



Benefits

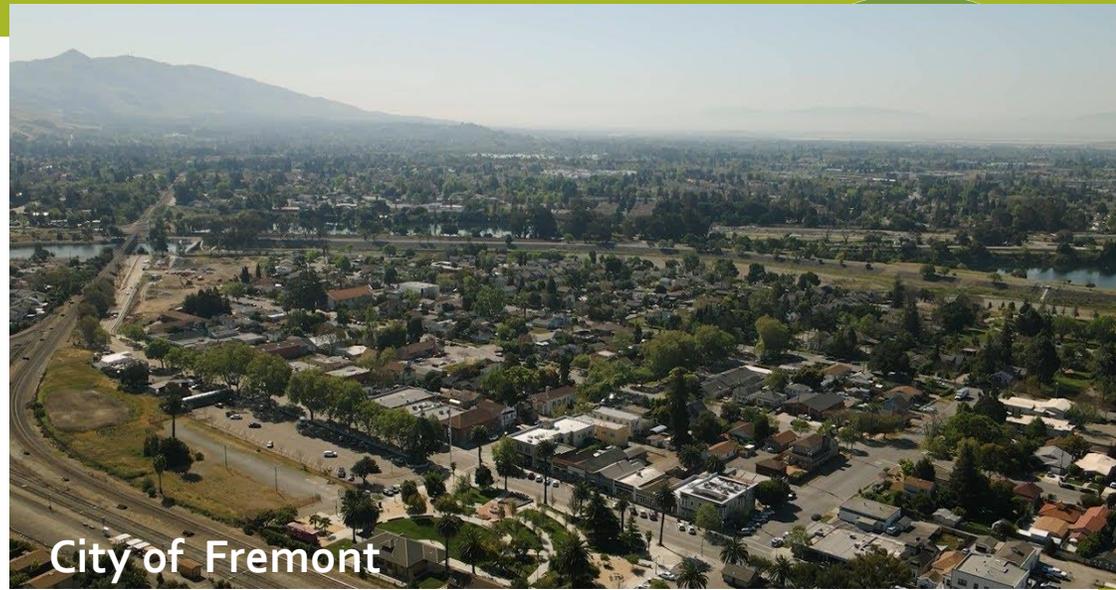
Why have agricultural leases?

- Land management tool
- Education & interpretation
- Meets land use requirements/goals

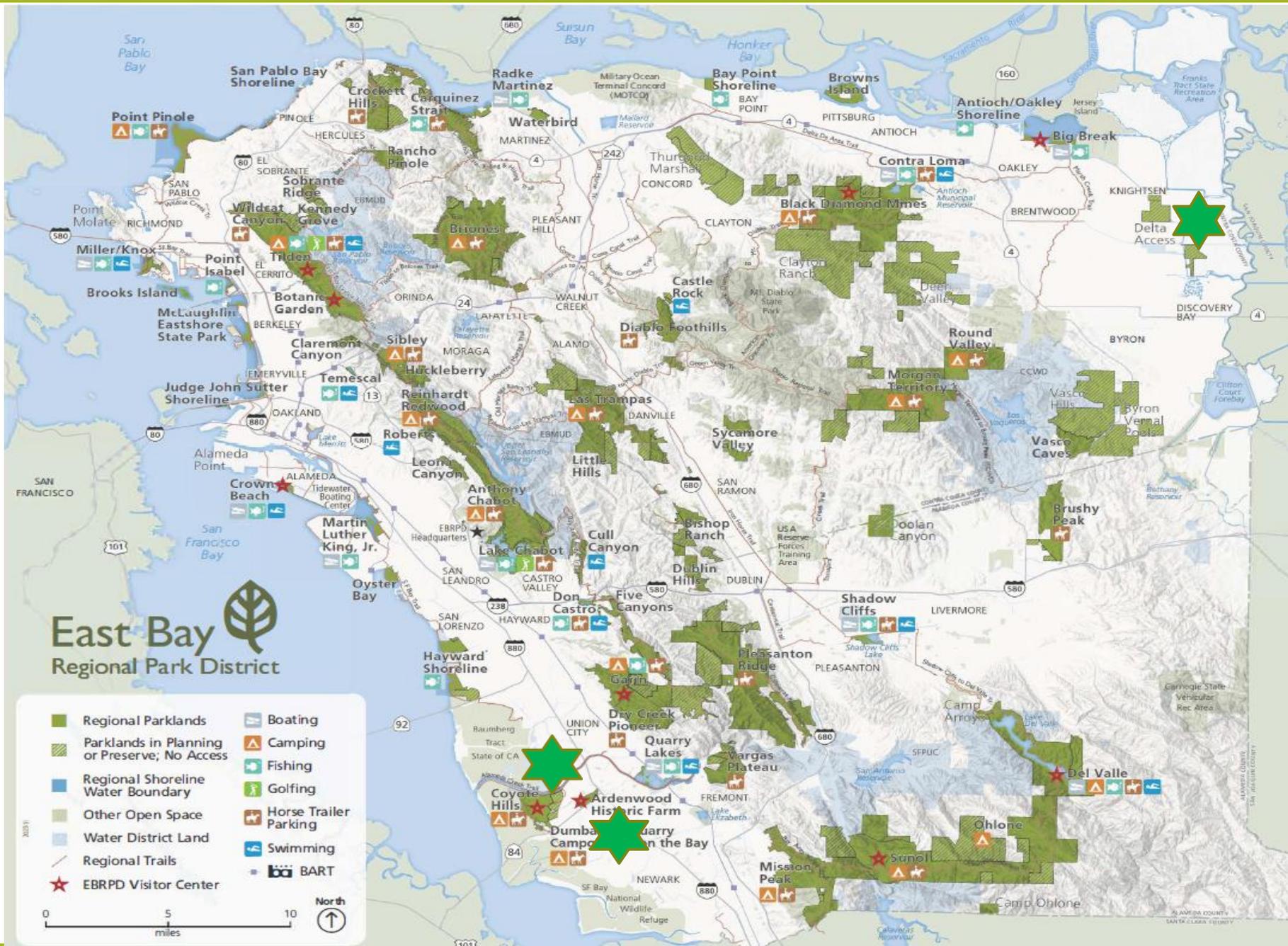


Challenges

- Urbanized Region
- Cost of living
- Cost of doing business
- Limited acreage for farming
- Water availability

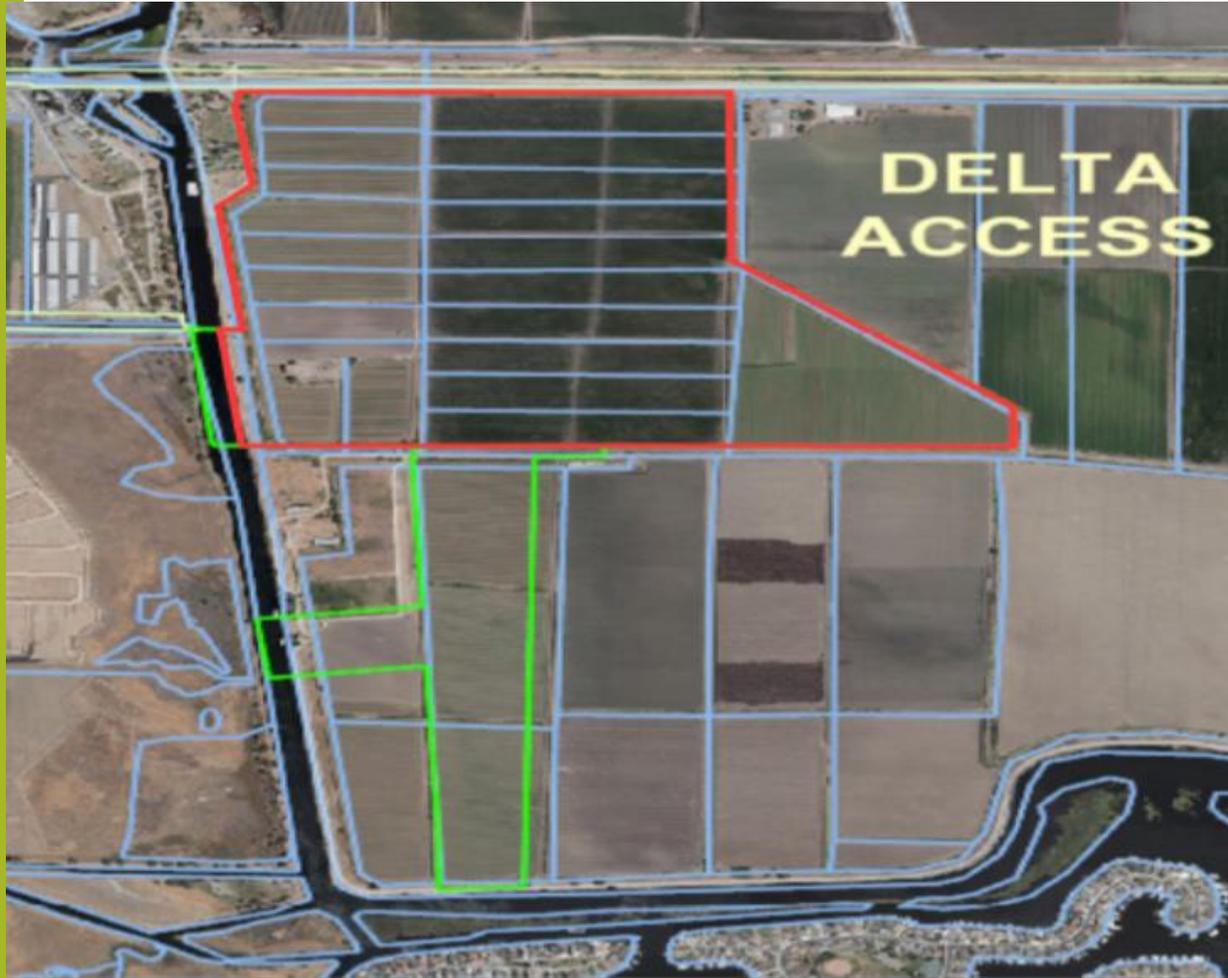


Lease Locations



Delta Access

Off of Orwood Road near Fallman Road
Near Knightsen, east of Brentwood



- Lemhi Land & Cattle has leased since June 2019
- Lease extended to 2029
- 323 farmable acres
- \$150 per acre/year = \$48,450/year
- Primarily alfalfa
- Some water challenges
- Successful land management tool

Ardenwood

City of Fremont – Ardenwood Drive
Near Hwy 84 & The Dumbarton
Bridge

- Special management unit in EBRPD Land Use Plan
- 91 acres total
- 53.13 acres – lessee only
- Farming and packing of farm product
- May sell produce
- Annual pumpkin/harvest sale
- Certified Organic



Ardenwood Lease Timeline

- Mid 1980's Perry Farms started farming
- January 2020 Perry Farms notice of retirement
- May 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) #1
- January 2021 Request for Proposals #2
- August 2021 Dig Deep Farms / Deputy Sherriff's Activity League (DSAL)
- April 2024 DSAL notice of assignment or termination as of June 30, 2024
- Present Staff discussing next steps



Coyote Hills

City of Fremont – Paseo Padre Parkway
Near Hwy 84 & The Dumbarton Bridge

- Deed restriction – preserve agricultural and open space values
- 45 acres agricultural lease
- Historical plantings: hay, cover crops
- Site challenges
 - Shared use of well (completed 2023)
 - No public access
 - Limited storage area



Coyote Hills Lease Timeline

- Bear Flag Robotics Leased 2020 - October 2023
- Request for Proposals posted twice
 - no proposals received

NEXT STEPS

- Remain consistent to requirement of “agricultural values”
- Expand allowable uses beyond farming only





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QUESTIONS?

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