




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday, March 19, 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Wildcat Bike Trail – Update on Route Selection and Analysis
<b>DIVISION</b>	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
<b>FROM</b>	Brian Holt, Chief of Planning, Trails & GIS Sabrina Landreth, General Manager
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**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational item.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2022, the East Bay Regional Park District ('Park District') was approached by the Northern California chapter of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) and trail advocates requesting the development of a new bike optimized flow trail within Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. The Trails Program Unit worked with Stewardship and Cultural Resource staff to identify existing trails that could potentially serve this purpose, existing trails that could be converted for this purpose, and several locations for new construction of a trail within Wildcat Canyon that will have minimal impact to sensitive plant and animal communities and historic and cultural resources.

The Park District hired Nomad Ecology to conduct a jurisdictional wetland delineation, a special-status plant survey, vegetation mapping, and prepare a biological resources report to identify avoidance and mitigation measures. The studies completed to date have concluded there are no Sensitive Natural Communities or rare plants observed in the study area and no jurisdictional wetlands. There is potential for some wildlife species to be present during trail construction, e.g., bumble bees, California red-legged frog, Alameda whipsnake, nesting birds, etc. Nomad Ecology has advised that preconstruction surveys and biomonitoring measures can alleviate any potential impacts to these species. In 2024, the Park District will further analyze this project under CEQA and continue to engage with the community.

Staff will provide an update on the route selection process, address comments from stakeholders on additional sites to consider, and discuss the project next steps.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

