

On-Call Trail Services Agreement

Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship

December 17, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

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Authorization to Amend an On-Call Trail Services Agreement with Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship in the Amount of \$1.5M:
Districtwide



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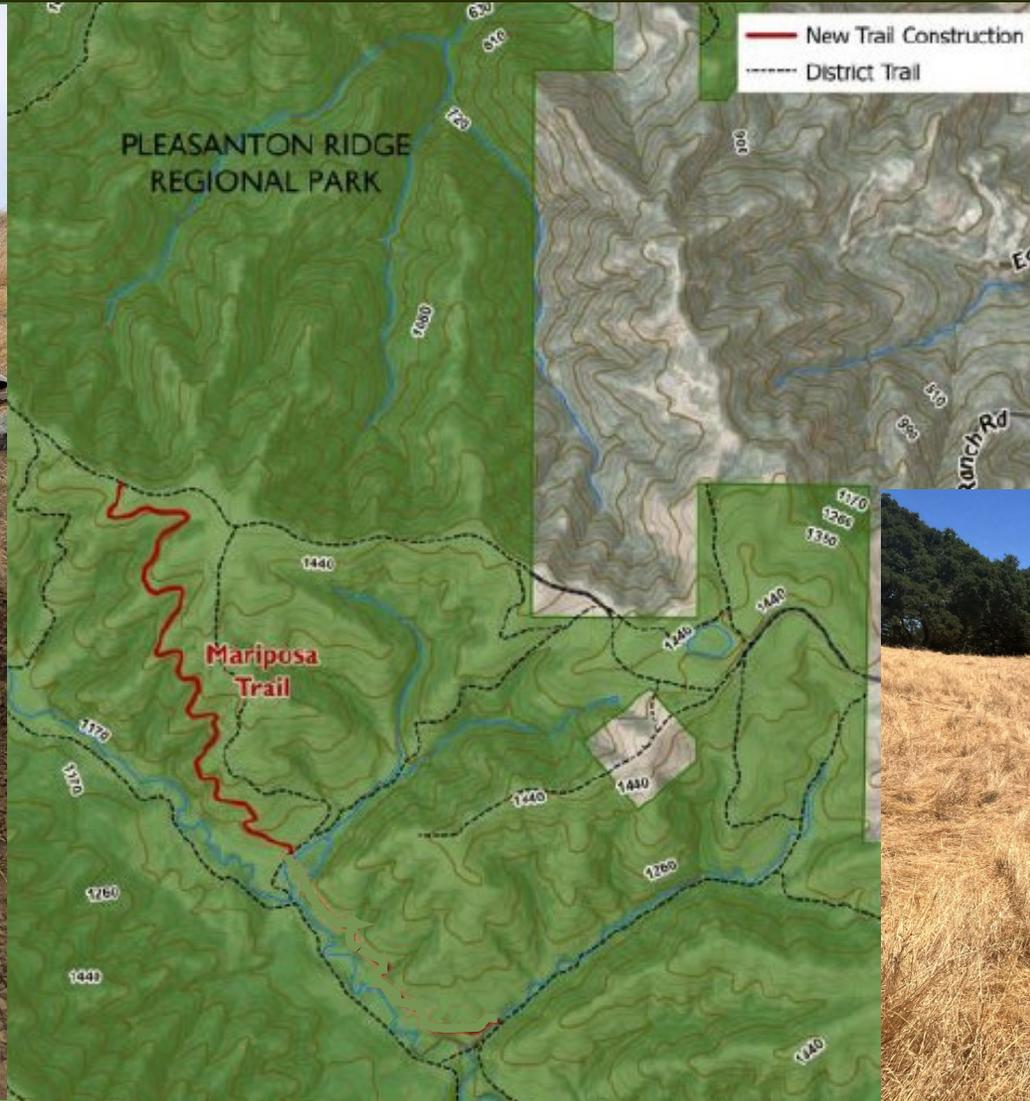


- Lead Operators are Professional Trail Builders Association (PBTA) Registered Builders
- Crews primarily operate excavators, but also run skid-steers, trail-dozers and tracked material haulers
- Operators have hundreds of hours of experience in difficult and steep terrain
- Familiarity working under CA permitting requirements
- Proven efficiency and skill at constructing quality trails – Valle Vista Trail
- Familiarity with complex trail design and construction of trail infrastructure such as bridges, culverts, retaining walls, steps, and armored stream crossings



Pleasanton Ridge: Valle Vista Trail

Completed by SCMTS in 2024





Upcoming Park Trail Projects

Garin to Vargas Plateau

Bay Area Ridge Trail
(permits expected 2025)

Pleasanton Ridge

Tehan Canyon Trail
Valle Vista Trail (complete)
Aquila Loop (portion)
Sunol to Pleasanton Ridge

Sibley/McCosker

Pacific Pea Trail (complete)
Coyote Brush Trail (extension)
Bay Area Ridge Trail (restoration)

Calaveras Ridge Trail

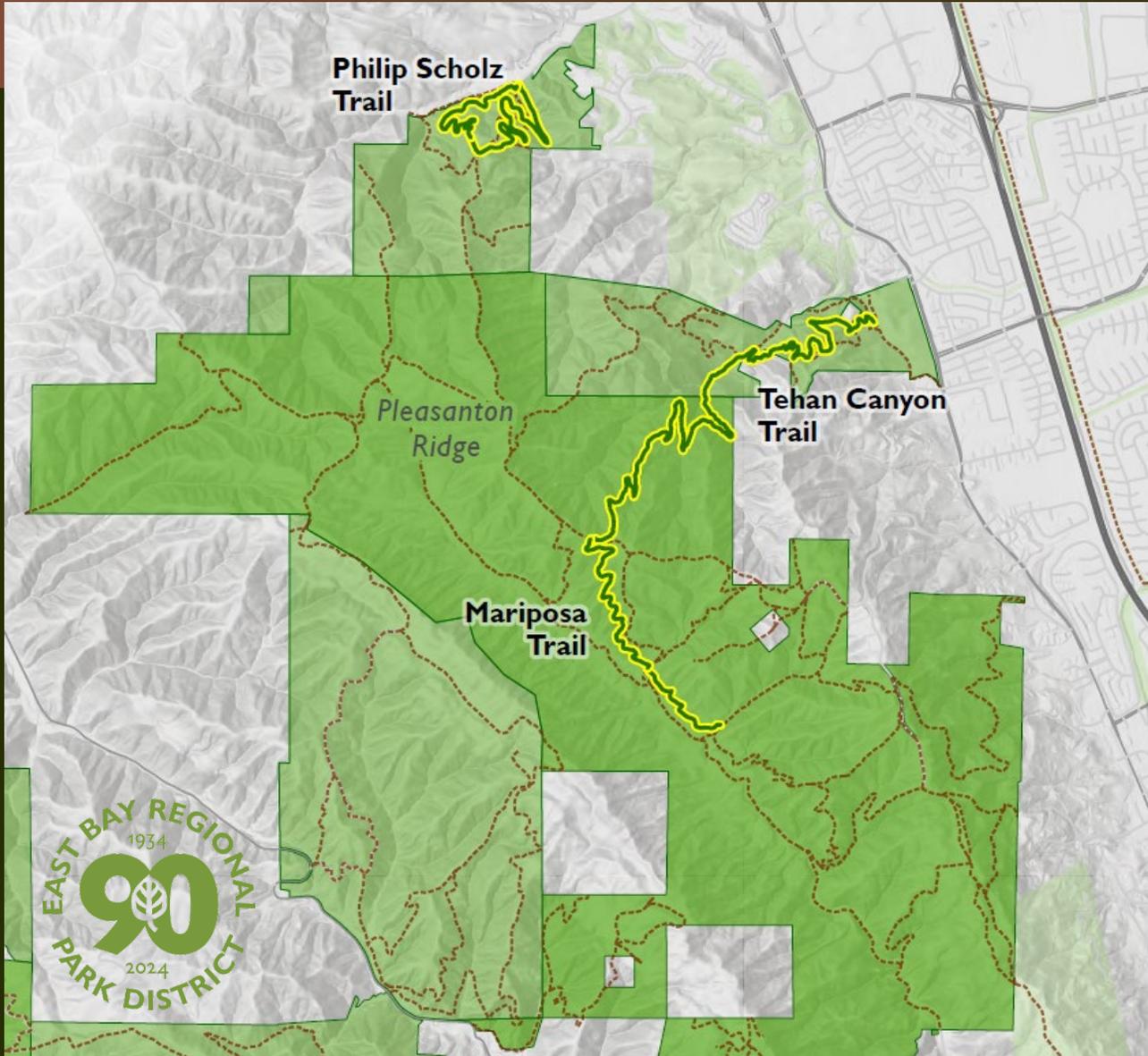
Burton Ridge
Philip Scholz Trail

Wildcat Canyon

Wildcat Bike Trail



Pleasanton Ridge – Permitted Trails



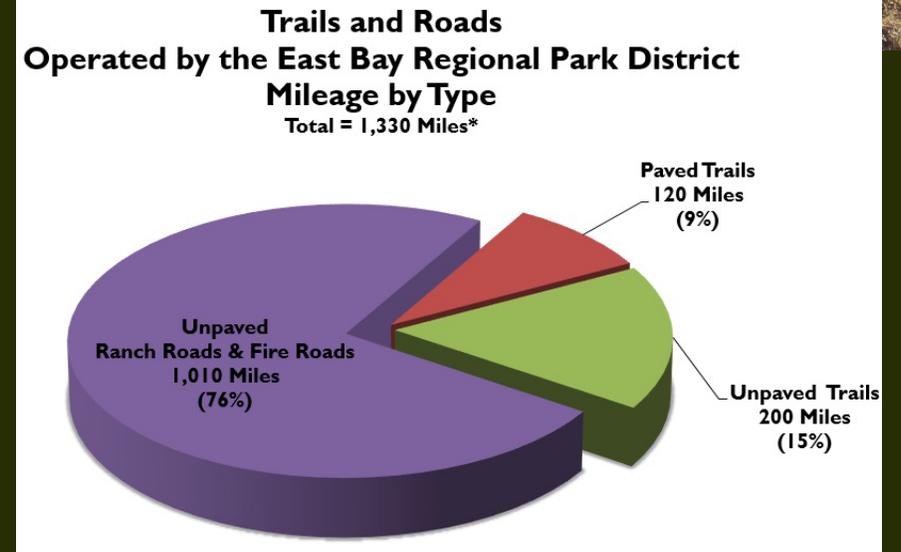
Construction of Valle Vista, Philip Scholz, Tehan Canyon and portions of Aquila Loop and Raptor View are included in this permit. Permit requires pre-construction surveys, biomonitoring during ground disturbing activities, monitoring of mitigation/restoration of temporarily impacted areas:

Permit Expiration Dates

Agency and Permit Type	Expiration Date
CDFW – LSA 1602, streambed alteration	December 31, 2025
CDFW – ITP, Whipsnake,	December 31, 2026
RWQCB – 401, stream crossings	Annual Fee to Extend
USACE – 404, stream crossings, BO from USFWS for ASR, red legged frog, CA tiger salamander	March 14, 2026

Trail Construction Challenges

- Five –Year maintenance backlog
- New construction neglects needed maintenance
- Over 15 miles of trail projects planned in the next five years
- Restricted RGP work window August - October
- Complexity and technical aspects
- Limited equipment & Operator availability, logistics and lack of ease of manipulation of equipment
- Multi-year commitment
- Logistics and Coordination with personnel
- Not full-time work



Project Management and Permit Challenges



- Required Bio-Monitor during all ground disturbing activities
- Schedule and personnel coordination, scheduling and management
- Equipment and sanitation rental coordination
- Monthly and yearly status reports to regulatory agencies
- Trails Program Staff capacity



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