

# 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





# Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship



- 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

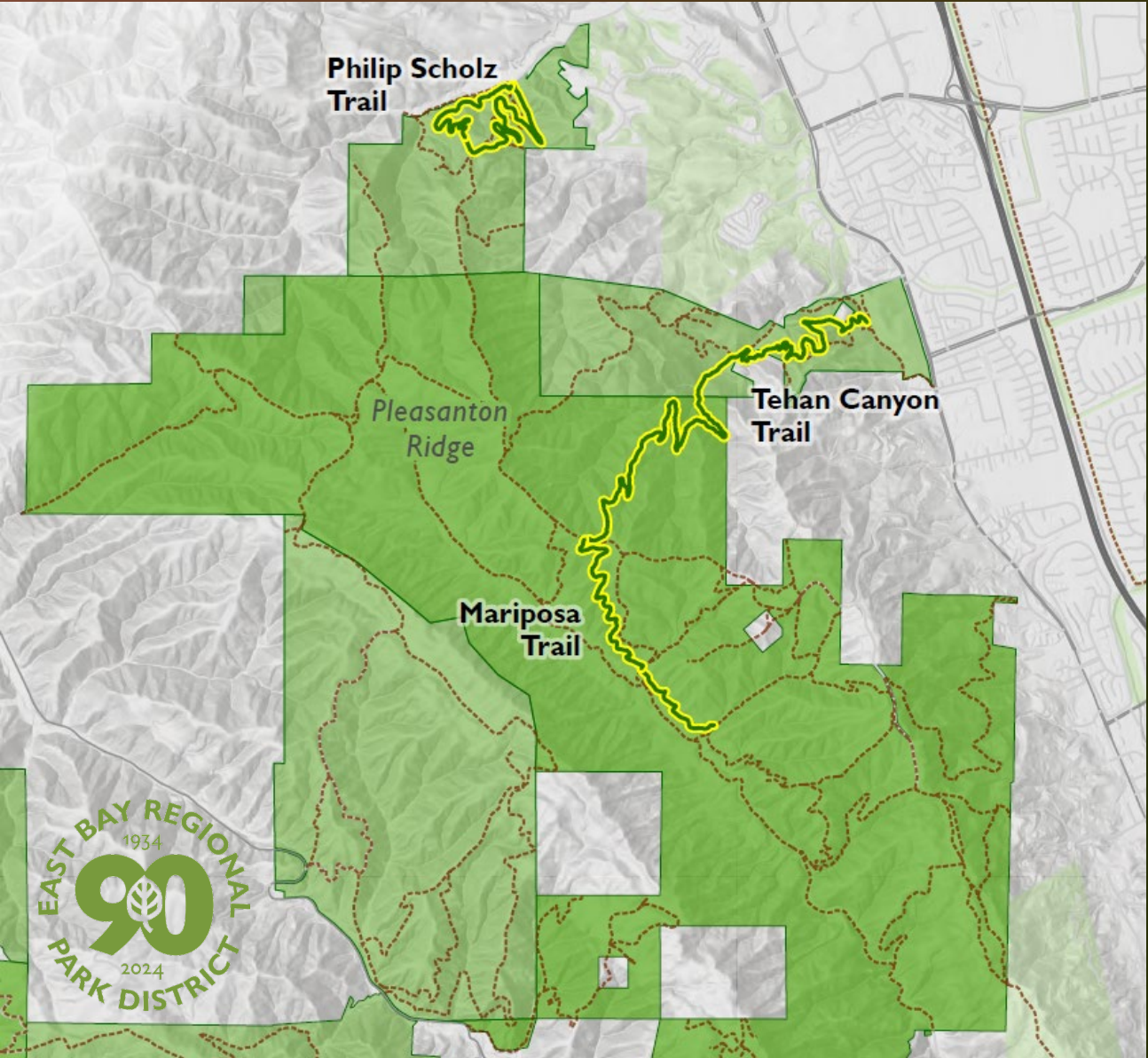
### Wildcat Canyon

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

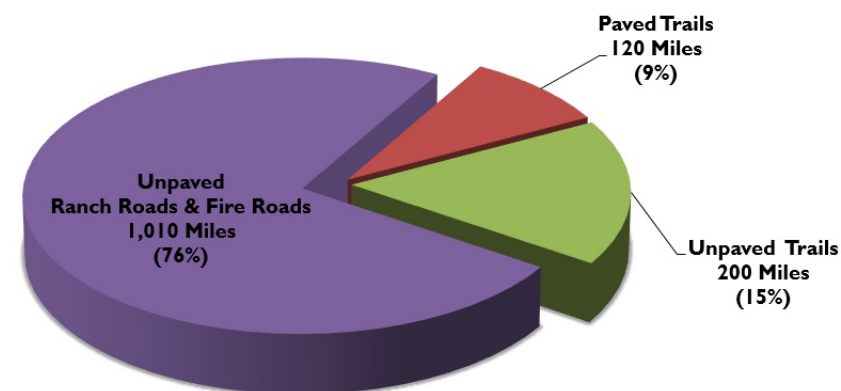
Agency and Permit Type	Expiration Date
CDFW – LSAA 1602, streambed alteration	December 31, 2025
CDFW – ITP, Whipsnake,	December 31, 2026
RWQCB – 401, stream crossings	Annual Fee to Extend
USACE – 404, stream crossings, BO from USFWS for ASR, red legged frog, CA tiger salamander	March 14, 2026

# 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



**Trails and Roads**  
Operated by the East Bay Regional Park District  
**Mileage by Type**  
Total = 1,330 Miles\*





# 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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