



## MARSH CREEK CORRIDOR

MULTI-USE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

# Final Plan

May 16, 2023

Board of Supervisors



# Overview

- Provide an overview of the study findings
- Share feedback heard on the draft plan
- Recommendation and Next Steps





# Background & Objectives

- Marsh Creek corridor and the Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP)
- Resolutions/letters of support (2015/2016): Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Oakley, EBRPD, SMD, Habitat Conservancy, County BOS
- Creek corridor is adjacent to state and regional parks, ranches and farms, open space, and parks, with two small denser areas of residential parcels
- Watershed is home to multiple habitat types, including agricultural lands, grasslands, various oak woodlands, and a riparian corridor
- Work to expand public park lands and planned creek restoration activities could be enhanced if coupled with the vision of a trail system connecting Clayton to Brentwood through Marsh Creek Corridor



# Background & Objectives



“The purpose of the path would be to provide a safe, useful and enjoyable transportation corridor for various forms of non-motorized travel, including pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle users.”



# What this Plan is (and isn't)

- Goal of the project is to assess the feasibility of a possible trail and multi-modal facility in the Marsh Creek corridor
- This is not a plan to engineer, build, or construct a trail
- Costs, topography, environmental constraints, safety considerations, and demand all factor into feasibility
- Study does not commit the county to move forward with the design of the trail, or decide if/when the trail will be built
- No eminent domain or forced sale of property for this trail



# Existing Conditions

## Report Overview

- Relationship to other plans and policies
  - County Vision Zero Plan (2021)
  - County Active Transportation Plan (2022)
- Natural Resources Inventory
- Basemap Development
- Demand Analysis





# Public Engagement

## Report Overview



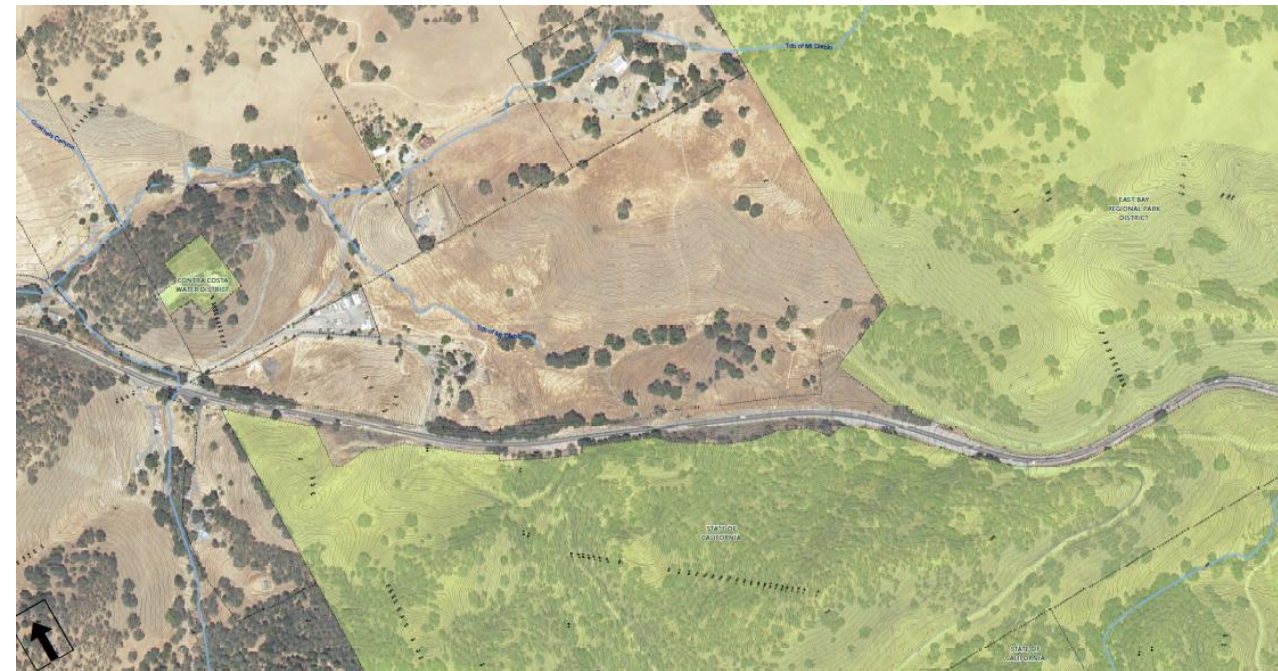
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Project website
- Pop-up events
- Design workshop
- Property Owner workshop
- Field review
- Draft Plan public workshop



# Approach to Trail Alignment

## Report Overview

- Public lands first approach
- Create access to existing public spaces
- Minimize impacts to property owners
- Refinements to the alignment will be necessary in future phases *if* the project advances







# Trail Design Principles & Typologies

## Report Overview

- Overview of design considerations and best practices
- Creek setback requirements and opportunities for rehabilitation
- Details on supportive amenities including staging area and trailhead recommendations
- Considerations for special design considerations given the topography and constraints



*Recommended Amenities at Staging Areas*



# Implementation & Phasing

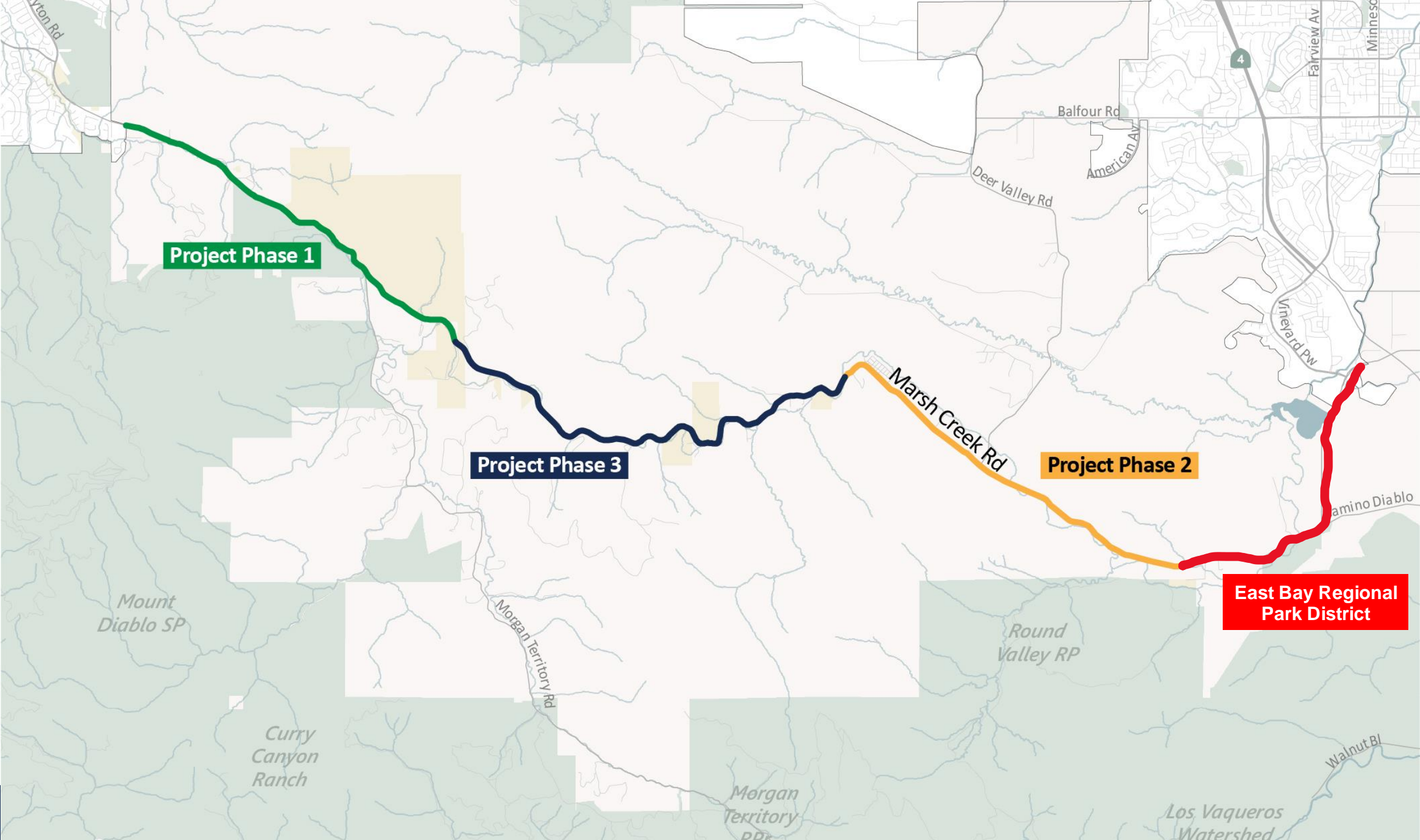
## Report Overview

Corridor split into 3 segments:

- Phase 1: Clayton City Limits to Clayton Ranch
- Phase 2: Clayton Palms to Round Valley
- Phase 3: Dark Canyon

Phasing is based on the constraints, opportunity to connect existing facilities, and public feedback.

Note: EBRPD conducted planning study for segment from Round Valley to Brentwood.



**Project Phase 1**

**Project Phase 3**

**Project Phase 2**

**East Bay Regional  
Park District**



# Implementation & Phasing

## Report Overview

- Phase 1: Clayton City Limits to Clayton Ranch - \$19.1m
- Phase 2: Clayton Palms to Round Valley - \$7.1m
- Phase 3: Dark Canyon - \$16.5m

Cost estimates are high level and will need to be adjusted over time.  
Multiple funding sources will be required.



# Implementation & Phasing

## Report Overview

- There is no eminent domain or forced sale of property for this trail
- Access will depend on arrangements with willing sellers
- This could include the purchase of an easement that would preserve agricultural operations
  - Can include the potential for trail closures during key periods of land activity if trail use might interfere with operations or safety



# Draft Plan Feedback

- Concerns about risks to adjacent property owners, including fire risk, liability, personal safety, privacy, and impacts to ranch and livestock operations
- Draft provides a high-level overview of how these details would be addressed in a management plan for the trail
  - Best practices for safety, maintenance, and mitigation of liability/risk
  - At this time, no owner/operator has been identified



# Draft Plan Feedback

- Support for on-road improvements and desire for better bike connections between East and Central CCC
  - Adopted Vision Zero and Active Transportation Plans both speak to these items
- Support for coordination with existing recreational resources and agencies such as EBRPD and State Parks



# TWIC Feedback

- Recommended incorporating minor changes to reflect comments received from the public
- Recommended advancing to the full Board of Supervisors for approval





# Requested Action

- ACCEPT the Marsh Creek Corridor Trail Feasibility Study and DIRECT staff to coordinate with corridor stakeholders to pursue funding opportunities for implementation, as recommended by the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee
- If approved, staff would monitor opportunities to seek funding for additional planning and community outreach and report back to the Board



# Questions?

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