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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2026

TO: LARPD / EBRPD Liaison Committee

FROM: Kirsten Holder, Assistant General Manager
Drake Hebert, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) acquired the first Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve (Doolan Canyon) property in 2012 in partnership with the City of Livermore. This partnership included the agreement that a conservation easement would be placed on the property as mitigation for several development projects in Livermore. EBRPD has made several additional property acquisitions in the intervening years (2018 and 2026), bringing the parks total acreage to approximately 805 acres.

Per the direction of the EBRPD Board of Directors a Land Use Plan (LUP) process was initiated in 2026 to identify potential public access, restoration, and resource management projects at Doolan Canyon.

ANALYSIS

As discussed above, the original Doolan Canyon property was purchased by the Park District in partnership with the City of Livermore, in part to provide mitigation for three development projects in Livermore with impacts to special-status species by recording a conservation easement. The easement will protect habitat for state and federally listed species such as San Joaquin kit fox (SJKF), California tiger salamander (CTS), California red-legged frog (CRLF), and burrowing owls. In addition to sensitive natural resources, Doolan Canyon also poses challenges for opening due to natural hazards and limited parking options on site.

The ongoing LUP process will develop a plan to balance the desire for public access with the constraints of the site. The LUP will identify strategies to protect the park's natural and cultural resources, address parking challenges for public access into the park, and identify the best public recreation opportunities and constraints for public recreation.

While the LUP is under development, EBRPD will host guided tours of Doolan Canyon. Two tours have already occurred, one in May 2025, and another in October 2026. Currently, future tours are scheduled to be led by EBRPD Interpretation and Recreation Department, but staff is also exploring partnering with other organizations to lead tours as well. The 2027 tours will take place on Wednesday, April 7 and Saturday, May 9th.

ATTACHMENTS

Doolan Canyon Existing Conditions Map

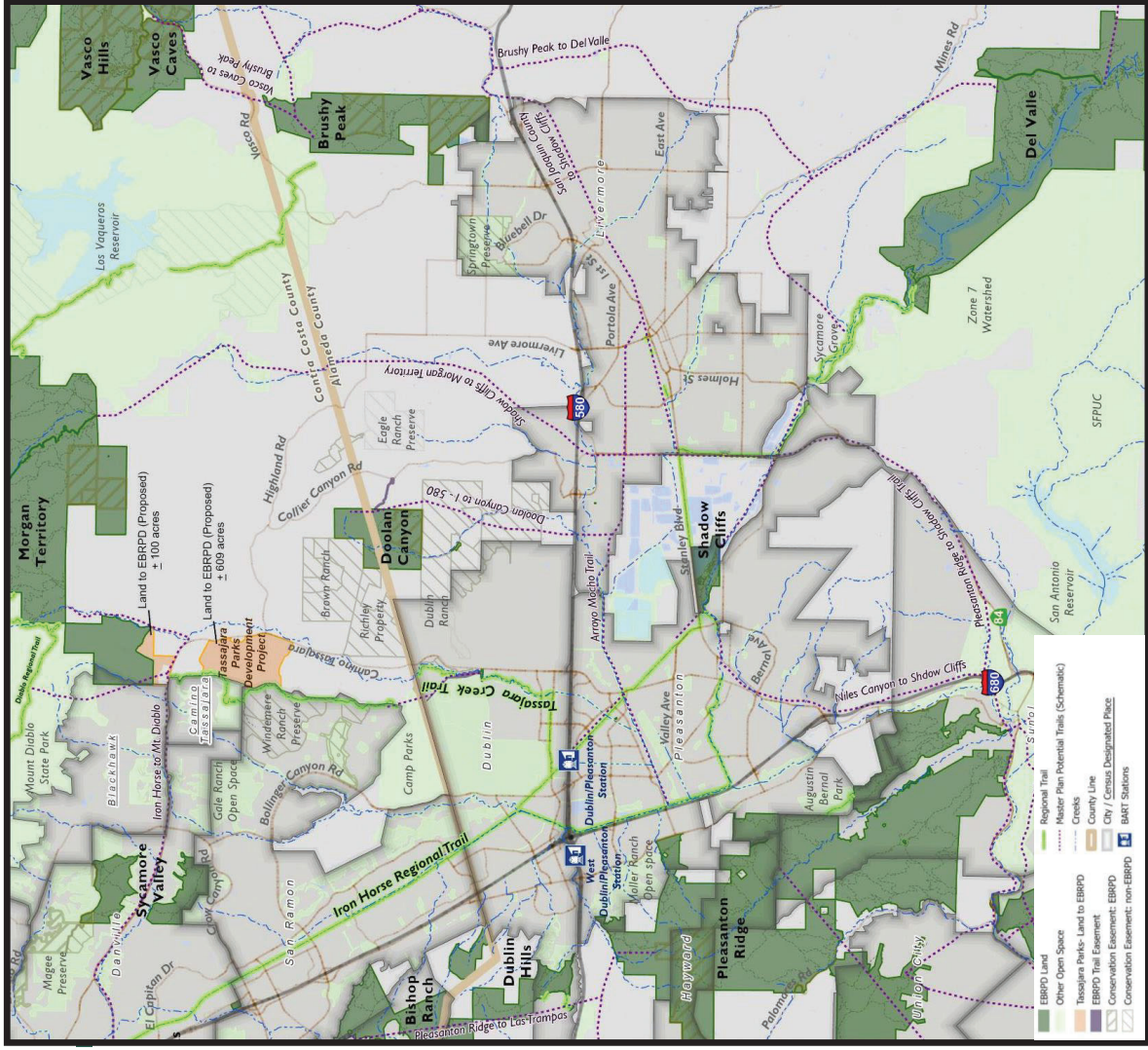


**East Bay Regional Park
District / Livermore
Area Recreation and
Park District
Liaison Committee
Meeting**

**Doolan Canyon Regional
Preserve Land Use Plan**

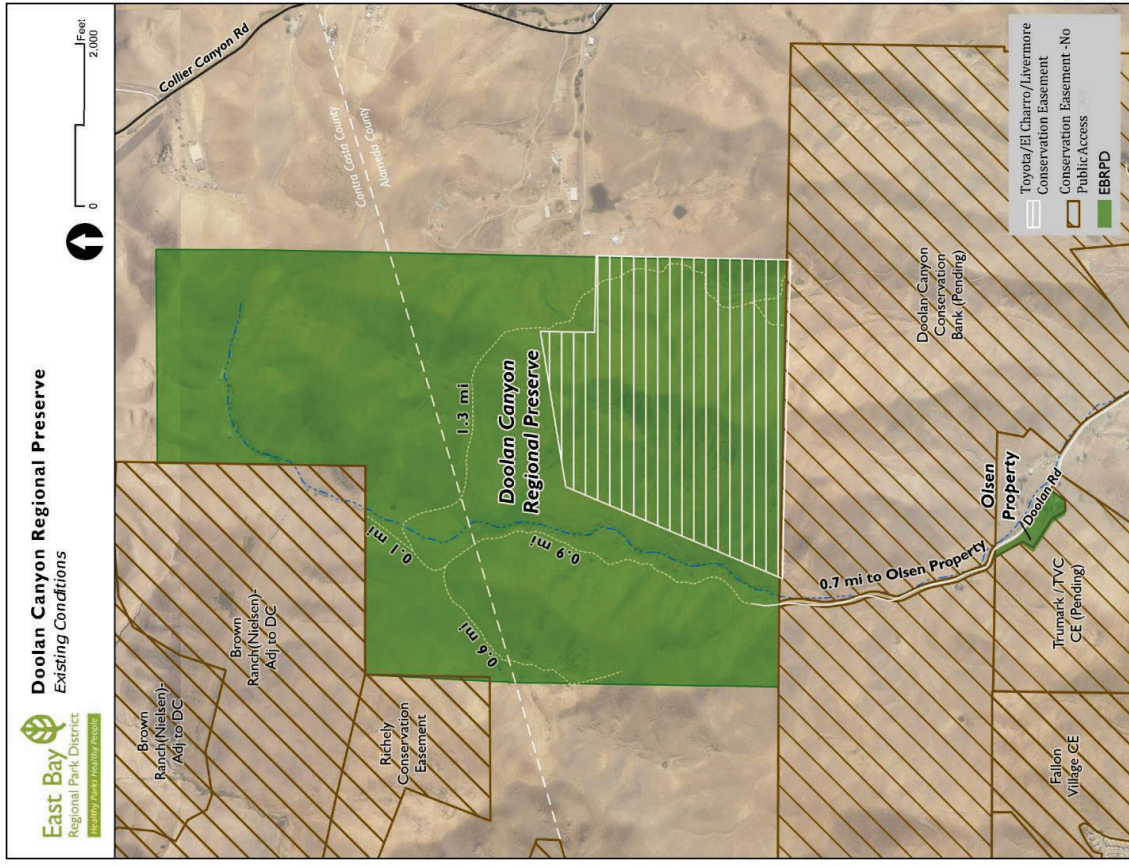
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REGIONAL CONTEXT: EBRPD Existing and Proposed Protected Lands and Trails

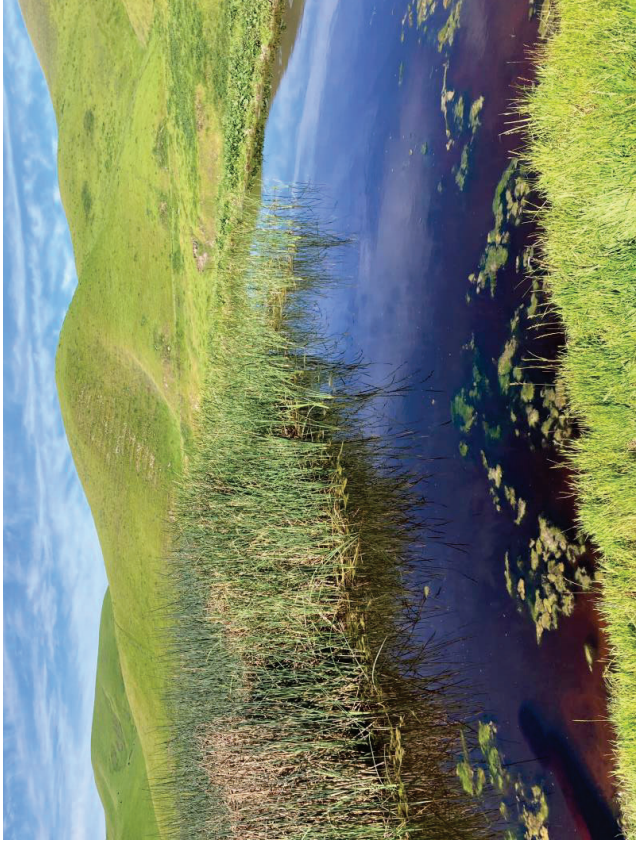


DOOLAN CANYON REGIONAL PRESERVE TIMELINE

- 2012: 640 Acre Schmitz Property Acquired in Partnership with City of Livermore
- 2018: 160 Acre Grove Property Expands Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve
- 2025: First Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve Public Tour
- 2026
 - Land Use Plan (LUP) Initiated per direction from EBRPD Board of Directors
 - Second Public Tour



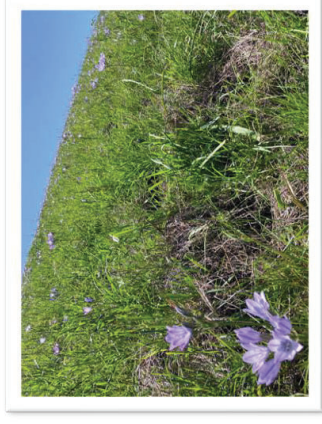
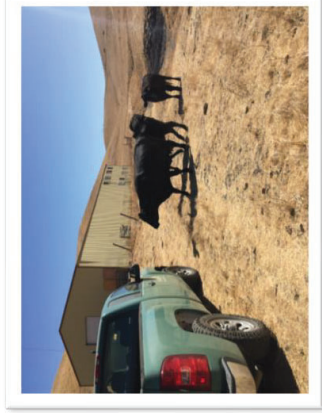
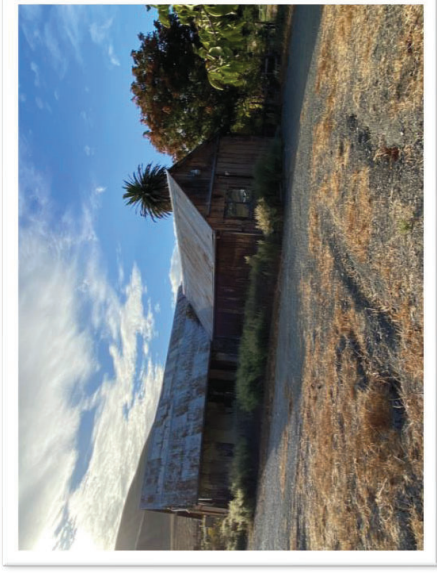
WHAT IS A LAND USE PLAN?

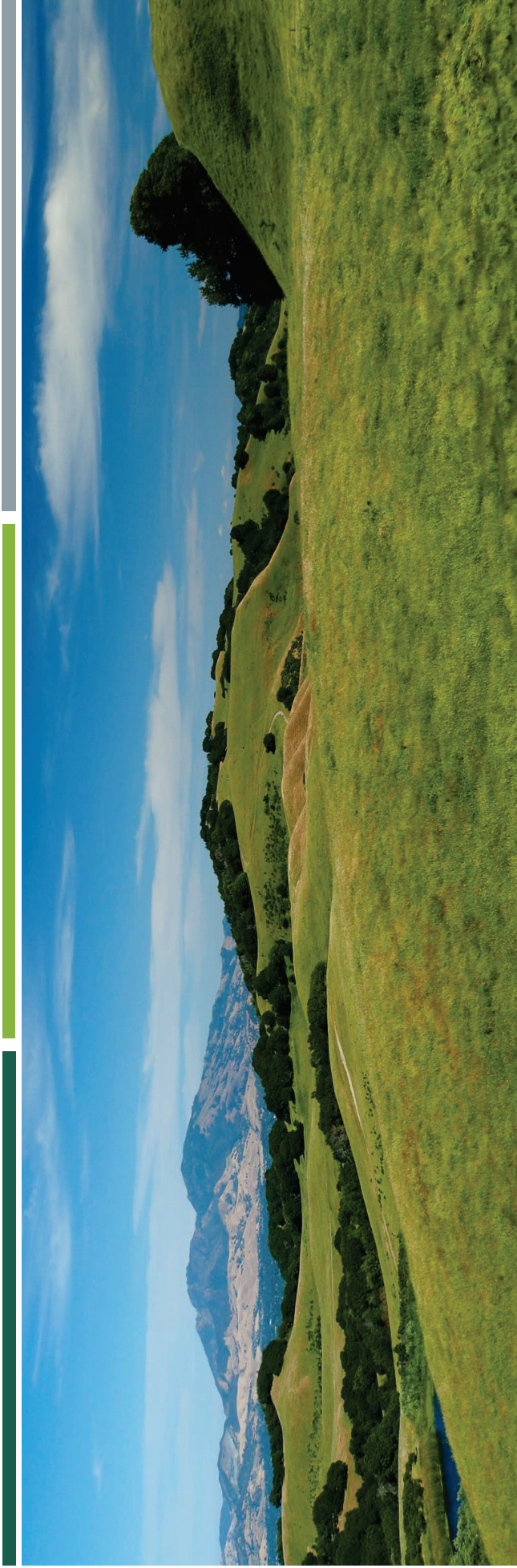


- LUPs are used to guide the development of EBRPD Parks
- LUPs Identify:
 - Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Recreation Opportunities and Constraints
 - Staging Area Locations
- Balance EBRPDs Dual Mission of Recreation and Conservation

NEXT STEPS

- 2027
 - Two Scheduled Public Tours (April 7 and May 8, 2027)
 - Biological and Cultural Resource Studies
 - Community Engagement
- 2027 - 2028
 - On-going Public Tours throughout Planning Process
 - Public Review Process
 - CEQA
 - EBRPD Board Approval and Adoption of CEQA and LUP
- 2028 – 2030
 - Design and Construction Documents
 - Resource and County Permits
 - Construction and Opening





THANK YOU