



Trail User Working Group - as of November 12, 2020

Organization	Contact	Bio
Conservation Groups		
Golden Gate Audubon Society	Pam Young	Pam Young, Executive Director of Golden Gate Audubon Society, is an aviculturist, birding guide, and environmental law specialist who worked for many years as a bird curator at zoos including the Toledo Zoo and Dallas Zoo. Her skills with birds include rescue and rehabilitation, reproduction in captivity for re-population programs, and falconry. As a member of several working groups, Pam participated in the recovery of the California Condor, proposals for breeding and reintroducing the Black-capped Vireo, field studies on Prairie Falcons, and behavioral studies of breeding Roseate Spoonbills. Among her consulting activities, Pam was a reviewer of the Wild Bird Conservation Act for the U.S. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and a member of the International Advisory Committee for the National Avian Research Centre in Abu Dhabi. She studied avian ecology as an undergraduate and earned a J.D. in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.
California Native Plant Society – East Bay Chapter	Jim Hanson	Jim Hanson is a resident of Richmond and a landscape architect who serves as chair of the Conservation Committee for the East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. He enjoys walking Park District trails and continues to prefer biking for local travel to friends and for errands. He follows and comments on trail policy for CNPS and is a member of the District's Environmental Roundtable. Jim participated with other trail users in trail policy discussions for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Watershed Master Plan. He is also a committed low-maintenance gardener.

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Equestrian Groups		
Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association	Gary Fitts	Gary Fitts, president of the Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association, has been running and hiking in the East Bay Parks since 1970, bicycling since 1990, and horseback riding since 2000. TWHA advocates cooperation between all these groups. Along with MHA and BARTC, TWHA holds an annual East Bay Hills Ride and Hike which has raised more than \$300,000 for multi-use trail projects over the last decade, asking only trail safety for everyone in return.
Metropolitan Horseman's Association	Amelia Marshall	Amelia Marshall joined the park district Volunteer Trail Safety Patrols in 1999. She served on the Volunteer Mounted Patrol through 2006, when her appaloosa mare Dolly had to retire. Since then, Amelia has served on the Hiking Patrol. She stepped down as chair in December 2019. Amelia has been on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association (MHA), based in Oakland, since 2003. She has been designated MHA club historian for life; she also attempts to fulfill the duties of facilities manager for the MHA Clubhouse and Sequoia Arena. She has volunteered annually for the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike, cosponsored MHA and Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association, for about 18 years. Amelia is the author of two books: "East Bay Hills: A Brief History" (The History Press, 2017) and "Oakland's Equestrian Heritage" (with Terry Tobey, Arcadia Publishing, 2008). She frequents Reinhardt Redwoods and Anthony Chabot Regional Parks and aspires to ride or hike in every park in the District.
Bicyclist Groups		
Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay	Scott Bartlebaugh	I'm Scott Bartlebaugh and I've been an EBRPD user since 1985. I enjoy trails for hiking, dog walking, wildlife viewing, solitude and cycling. As a member of the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay I am the lead trail steward for Crockett Hills Regional Park working with park supervision

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		to bring volunteers out to maintain trails. I'm a board member for the BTCEB and also volunteer locally for the Crockett Improvement Association, the Crockett Sanitary Commission, and John Swett Unified School District.
National Interscholastic Cycling Association	Austin McInerney	Since moving to Oakland in 1990, hardly a day has passed during which I have not been engaged with cycling in some way. Whether commuting, exploring, reading about, coaching, racing, recovering from, advocating for, or wrenching, bikes have and continue to play a central role in defining who I am. During the past 30-years, I have been fortunate to be part of varied efforts that have both helped expand opportunities for responsible trail users as well as introduce young people to the benefits and enjoyment of cycling. Drawing on my varied experiences including an eleven-year stint on the board of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, serving as the president of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) for seven years, coaching the Berkeley High School Mountain Bike Team, representing cyclists on the initial Joaquin Miller Park Working Group and, presently, volunteering as the Advocacy Director of the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay (BTCEB), I believe immensely in the power of cycling to transform the lives of individuals and the culture of entire communities.
Hiking communities		
Outdoor Afro	Joseph Mouzon	Joseph Mouzon is Chief Program Officer of Outdoor Afro.
Orinda Hiking Club	Ian Baird	Ian Baird is President of the Orinda Hiking Club (orindahiking.org), a position he has held for 22 years. The Club was organized in 1990 and has over 350 members. All are volunteers. The Club conducts nine hikes per month in the SF Bay Area and conducts hiking trips to other US states and overseas. Due to the virus, hiking trips to Italy, Crete and Norway were cancelled.

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<p>Representing Hiking Community at Large</p>	<p>Morris Older</p>	<p>Morris Older is a long-time East Bay trails advocate. For many years an equestrian, competing in trail trials and endurance riding, he kept horses at the Orinda Horsemen’s Association pasture, and edited the Tilden Wildcat Horsemen’s Newsletter. He is a Board officer for both the Bay Area Ridge Trail and Bay Area Barns and Trails, and in recent years has been an active hiker with numerous groups, and the chief organizer of the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Hike and Ride, which camps at 3 East Bay sites and has raised over \$300,000 for East Bay trails and volunteer trail work. He is a planner and project coordinator for Volunteers for Outdoor California and has organized numerous trail work projects in conjunction with V-O-Cal and EBRPD’s Ivan Dickson Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program. He served as Chair of the East Bay Area Trails Council from 2011-2015.</p>
<p>Representing Hiking Community at Large</p>	<p>Elena Miramar</p>	<p>Elena Miramar is founder, publisher and editor of Visión Hispana Newspaper and www.VisionHispanaUSA.com, one of the most recognized Hispanic media outlets in the East Bay. As a business person, she helps local businesses grow with strategic marketing and communications campaigns. As a writer and community advocate, Elena actively engages with community groups and government to address social, economic, and consumer issues. Through Visión Hispana and her community role, she promotes freedom of speech and an open exchange of ideas and opinions to support her ultimate goal of seeing Hispanic people achieve more for themselves and their families. Since launching Vision Hispana in 2003, Elena has promoted a healthy lifestyle through the publication, sharing much of her personal lifestyle interests, lessons, and mentors. She loves nature and physical activity outdoors, including long walks with her husband on the trails in East Bay parks. Elena believes in the power of nature to release stress, heal and to connect within and with others. Some of her favorite parks are Sunol Regional Wilderness, Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park, and Wildcat Canyon</p>

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		Regional Park. She is a member of the Park District's Multicultural Advisory Committee.
Land Trust Partners		
John Muir Land Trust	Linus Eukel	Linus Eukel is Executive Director of John Muir Land Trust. He has significant experience in the public and nonprofit sectors, including with John Muir Land Trust, where he works closely with the Board of Directors and staff to manage change and growth, strategic planning, individual contributed income development, board and donor cultivation, land acquisition, land use planning, stewardship and public education activities. He oversees assets of \$15 million and provides vision and leadership to ensure that JMLT achieves its ongoing mission. Mr. Eukel is a native of Walnut Creek, California and currently resides with his wife Stephanie and their daughter Olivia in the Town of Moraga. He serves on the Board of Directors of the California Council of Land Trusts, Board of Directors of the East Bay Leadership Council, and Board of Directors of the Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust. Linus was educated in the Walnut Creek public school system, is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley, and holds a Master's Degree from the University of New York.
Save Mount Diablo	Sean Burke	Sean Burke is Land Programs Manager for Save Mount Diablo.
Dog owners		
Valley Humane Society	Emily Scholz	Emily Scholz joins the Trails User Working Group as a representative of Valley Humane Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Pleasanton. Valley Humane rescues ~800 dogs and cats per year. As an advocate for healthy, happy dogs, Valley Humane values the local trail system and the dog-friendly EBRPD parks. Personally, Emily is a long-time user of the EBRPD system, completing the annual Trails Challenge

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		for the past 5 years. Emily has hiked many parks with her Cocker Spaniels, Lillie and Poppy. After her husband's passing in 2014, Emily, along with friends and family, has been working to raise money for the expansion of the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park and future Philip Scholz Trail in his memory.
Pt. Isabel Dog Owners Association	Mary Barnsdale	Mary Barnsdale is a longtime dog owner, frequent hiker, sometime cyclist, and failed equestrian. She spends considerable time on educating and communicating with dog walking advocates and outreach to other user groups. She is on the board of Point Isabel Dog Owners and a co-founder of Albany Landfill Dog Owners Group. Mary is interested in open space preservation, multiuse recreation, urban parks design and policies, and practical, collaborative solutions to problems in general.
Dog-owner community at large	Kathleen Roth	Kathleen Roth has had a lifelong love of hiking. She is an Emergency Physician and worked at Kaiser Oakland for 25 years, retiring in 2013. Her undergraduate degree and early work was in Biology and Agriculture. Since retiring, she been volunteering in native plant restoration, land stewardship, and integrated pest management, and continues to hike with her dog. Kathleen started a group that aims to preserve recreation with dogs on trails and promotes responsible behavior on the part of the owners.
Regional Perspectives		
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council	Simone Nageon de Lestang	Simone Nageon de Lestang works as a Trail Planner for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, a planned 550-mile regional multi-use trail encircling the San Francisco Bay. The Ridge Trail actively works to advocate for public and multi-use access on the trails dedicated along its route. Previously, Simone worked for the U.S. Forest Service National Scenic Trails program, as a field tech for numerous restoration ecology

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		projects, and managed a planning firm focused on hazard mitigation and infrastructure grants management.
Sierra Club	Norman LaForce	I have worked on trail issues since I first began campaigning for the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park in the late 1980's. I have advocated for various types of trails to respond to various user group needs. Trails are important as a component of any park system so people can enjoy nature and outdoors. Trail issues need to be addressed in a collaborative process based on sound information and a determination of the environmental impacts that may be associated with a trail alignment and its proposed use. The enjoyment of the natural environment is also an important component to be included in any evaluation of trails and their use.
Park Advisory Committee		
EBRPD Park Advisory Committee	Rick Rickard	I am an active bicyclist and former board member of Bike East Bay. I currently serve as Chair of the EBRPD Park Advisory Committee.
EBRPD Park Advisory Committee	Adele Ho	I have been on the EBRPD PAC since 2014, having been appointed by Director Dotson, and now by Director Echols. My professional background is as a Civil Engineer working in municipal Public Works, including creek restoration and urban trail projects. Although currently semi-retired, I have continued involvement in the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council, and am working on the following projects: a) with the nonprofit Urban Tilth on their North Richmond Farm project, b) two projects for Contra Costa County along the Iron Horse Trail Corridor through Walnut Creek, and c) a creek restoration and future trail project in Newark for Alameda County Flood Control District. I am an active runner, hiker, kayaker, bicyclist and dog walker in Wildcat Canyon and other parks throughout the District. I am also

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		one of the coaches for the El Cerrito High School mountain bike team. And, I am a native plant enthusiast, and the community coordinator for a six acre open space parcel in East Richmond Heights with multiple interests (native plants, dog walking, trails).
EBRPD Park Advisory Committee	Michael Gregory	30 years of mountain biking East Bay trails, primarily Anthony Chabot. President, 'Friends of the San Leandro Creek' – we advocate for active transportation in the San Leandro Creek Greenway, have a multi-use trail in development between Hegenberger & 105 th Streets in Oakland. Current member PAC representing Ellen Corbett.
Accessibility Users		
Trail User	Bob Coomber	Bob Coomber is an elected member of the Livermore City Council, preceded by 5 years of service on the LARPD Board of Directors. He was a member of the EBRPD's Parks Advisory Committee from 2008 – 2016. He is a Bay Area native (Piedmont) and a lifelong outdoorsman. Bob has used a wheelchair as his form of getting around since the early 1990's. Through years of trial and error, Bob found ways to enjoy his love of the outdoors in extreme fashion – he was the first person in a chair to summit the Bay Area's Mount Diablo, North Peak, Mission Peak and the entire Ohlone Wilderness Trail, a 30 + mile trail running between Livermore and Fremont. Bob travels the 68-mile round trip of the Iron Horse Regional Trail at least once a year since 2006 (Livermore to Concord and back).
Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP)	Bonnie Lewkowicz	Bonnie Lewkowicz has worked for more than 35 years advocating, educating and creating increased access to outdoor recreation for people with disabilities. She holds a B.A. in Recreation Therapy and began her career with Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) where she developed sports & recreation programs for people with physical disabilities. She then founded and directed Access Northern California

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		<p>(ANC), a nonprofit organization whose mission was to address the lack of outdoor opportunities for people with mobility disabilities. At ANC she authored several accessible trail resources including the book, <i>A Wheelchair Rider's Guide: San Francisco Bay and Nearby Coast</i>, and two websites; Access Northern California and WheelingCalsCoast. Personally she has visited and written about more than 100 trails/parks in California. Another aspect of her work is to bring awareness about inclusion of people with disabilities through Disability Awareness Trainings. Clients include, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Nature Bridge, East Bay and Sonoma Regional Parks, and the California Department of Forestry. Now some 35 years later, Bonnie is back at BORP focusing on equity in the outdoors. Her latest projects include working with the Land Trust Alliance towards ensuring a more diverse, equitable and inclusive land conservation movement and developing a trail App of accessible trails.</p>
<p>Multicultural Advisory</p>		
<p>Park Ambassadors/Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee</p>	<p>John Aaron Graves</p>	<p>My name is Dr. John Aaron Graves. I am an active trail user. I do well over 50 hikes every year. So far this year, I've completed 85 hikes...most of those were in the East Bay Regional Parks. In addition to hiking, I mountain bike (trail ride) and I participate in most of the trail races in the East Bay. I've completed the EBRPD's Trails Challenge multiple times. I've visited 70 of the 73 East Bay Regional Parks. I'm an Ambassador for the EBRPD and I was recently invited to join their Multicultural Advisory Committee. I participated in their last meeting.</p>
<p>Multicultural Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Luana Espana</p>	<p>Luana España is Vice-Chair of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Board of Directors and serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. She has circumnavigated the entire Ridge Trail and Tahoe Rim Trail. Luana has advocated for outdoor enthusiasts to explore the RT at "Hiking the Bay Area Ridge Trail" and "Ridge Trail Run & Refresh" REI events, Peninsula Open Space Trust's "Celebrating Women in the</p>

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		<p>Outdoors” panel, and Martha Runs the World Podcast. She gives back to the trail community through participating in the East Bay Regional Park District’s Multicultural Advisory Committee and Regional Parks Ambassadors Program, building trails with Volunteers for Outdoor California, and volunteering with Pacific Coast Trail Runs.</p>
<p>Additional Park Stakeholders</p>		
<p>Regional Parks Association</p>	<p>Mimi Wilson</p>	<p>I am Amelia Wilson, but call me Mimi so as not to confuse with Amelia Marshall. I am currently chair of Regional Parks Association, a 70-year Friends of EB Parks-type of organization, and occasional critic when our board feels the District is straying from good policy. RPA has serious concerns about trail designation and safety and so have been studying and voicing our worries the past couple years with the issue, and have issued a white paper. Having spent 25 years of my life working to protect the Gateway Valley and joyfully seeing those 1000+ acres come into Park ownership – McCosker and its creek restoration and the Western Hills – my interest in trails nearly out my back door is also quite personal.</p>
<p>Safe Trails, Environmental Protection (STEP)</p>	<p>Helen Burke</p>	<p>As a long-time East Bay resident, I have been a frequent hiker in nearby EBRPD parks. Recently I became involved in EBMUD’s update of their Watershed Management Plan (WMP) when I learned they were considering opening up four segments of narrow hiking trails to mountain bike use. I was very concerned about the safety of putting bikes on the same narrow trail with hikers and other pedestrians as well as the environmental impact. I formed an alliance called STEP (Safe Trails, Environmental Protection) of 7 environmental/outdoor groups to oppose mountain bikes on narrow hiking trails. STEP was instrumental in EBMUD reaching a compromise to allow bikes on watershed lands: bikes are allowed on two service roads but not on the four narrow trail segments. STEP has been monitoring LUPAs at various parks, and I serve</p>

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		on the Park District's Environmental Roundtable. I look forward to working with other interested user groups to resolve trail issues at EBRPD.
Regional Parks Foundation	Jess Brown	Jess Brown recently retired as Director, San Francisco Division, Local Customer Experience, Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Jess was responsible for working with local division leaders to deliver PG&E's strategic and operational priorities, plans and objectives to improve operational performance and ensure a coordinated customer experience within San Francisco Division. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA both from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a registered Professional Mechanical Engineer in California. He is President of the Regional Parks Foundation supporting the East Bay Regional Park District and enjoys open water swimming, road cycling and trail running. He is married and has two adult sons.
Youth organizations		
CivicCorps	Gabriela Mosco Martinez	As an Environmental Studies major at CSUEB, I have a strong love for natural harmonious environments. I am currently a Conservation Intern at Civicorps and I worked at Coyote Hills Regional Park for two years as an Interpretive Student Aide. Being an Aide helped nourish my curiosity and build my knowledge in understanding how people and place are interconnected through ethics, economics and the environment. By understanding how we can balance the three E's, it is my hope to facilitate and communicate the need for planting, outreach to diverse communities and to be the voice for future generations.
Civicorps	Antoine Chambers	Antoine Chambers is currently a Crew Leader at Civicorps, a local Conservation Corps. At Civicorps, he completes projects with Alameda County Flood Control, Caltrans, EBMUD, and East Bay Regional Parks,

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		<p>doing land maintenance and fuel reduction. He loves learning about trail work and maintenance and how everything works together. With his experience working on trails, he has learned that it is important to engage with the community and talk to all types of people.</p>
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