

## EBRPD- CHECKLIST FOR ANALYSING PROPOSED CHANGES IN A TRAIL'S USES

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District Staff will use this checklist: to: (1). Determine the feasibility and appropriateness of proposed changes in allowed uses for an existing trail. (2). Determine the appropriateness of amendments to Ordinance #38 for regulating uses on an existing trail. The addition of new trails will be considered during the development of a park's Land Use/CEQA document and not through this checklist process.

### Proposed Trail Use Change

Trail Name: _____, Park: _____, Location: _____ Date: _____ Describe proposed trail use Change: _____ _____ Who has proposed the use Change? Name: _____, Organization _____ Address: _____, Phone: _____
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(Score each question with a 1 to 5 suitability rating or a 0 for no change. Total the score for each category)	Suitability 1-Less to More-5 0 for no change	Describe opportunities for improved trail use and the suitability of the proposed change as it applies to this question
<b>CIRCULATION</b>		
1. Would the proposed change effect trail use circulation?		
2. Would the proposed change provide a loop connection for an existing group of unauthorized trail users to a multi-use trail, or connection to an adjacent park?		
3. Would the proposed change provide the only alternative for achieving a desirable trail connection goal for a specific user group?		
4. Would the proposed change allow trail access to areas that are not connected or to serve staging areas or other trail-heads?		
5. Would the proposed change improve circulation and/or relieve congestion on other high use trails?		
6. Would the proposed change require a closure of the trail on either a temporary or permanent basis?		
7. Would the proposed closure of trail effect existing circulation?		
8. Describe any other circulation Impacts of proposed changes not covered above?		
<b>Total</b>		The maximum number of points in this category is 40. Average is 24

(Score each question with a 1 to 5 suitability rating or a 0 for no change. Total the score for each category)	Suitability 1-Less to More-5 0 for no change	Describe opportunities for improved trail use and the suitability of the proposed change as it applies to this question

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<b>NATURAL RESOURCES AND VALUES</b>		
9. Describe how the proposed trail-use change impacts or improves natural resources near the trail or generally in the park?		
10. Would the proposed change introduce a new use that would impact or disturb sensitive listed native plants, animals, or their habitat or eliminate a use that currently impacts sensitive listed native plants, animals, or their habitat?		
11. Would the proposed change introduce a new use that would impact or disturb sensitive archaeological or historic resources or eliminate a use that currently impacts or disturbs sensitive archaeological or historic resources?		
12. Would the proposed change cause unacceptable breakdown of trail shoulders, or any form of irreparable trail damage or eliminate a use that is currently causing unacceptable breakdown of trail shoulders, or any form of irreparable trail damage?		
13. Would the proposed change cause trail tread rutting, impairment of trail drainage, or cause significant erosion or eliminate a use that is currently causing trail tread rutting, impairment of trail drainage, or cause significant erosion?		
14. Would the proposed change result in geological instability, landslides or other similar serious safety impacts or eliminate the requirement for trail maintenance that contributes to geological instability?		
15. Would the proposed change trigger regulatory review or permit requirements with a requirement for mitigation?		

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16. Describe any other resource impacts or benefits of the proposed trail use change that is not covered above		
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<b>TRAIL USER SAFETY</b>		
17. Would the proposed trail use change create any additional safety concerns not covered below? If yes please describe.		
18. Would the proposed change effect steepness of trail? (1 = 15% or greater, relatively flat = 5)		
19. Would the proposed change effect steepness of downhill outslopes/drop-off? (1 = 15% or greater, relatively flat = 5)		
20. Would the proposed change effect visibility/line of sight for all users?		
21. Would the proposed change effect locations for turn outs and pull outs?		
22. Would the proposed change effect emergency responder access?		

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23. Would the proposed change expose trail users to additional major road crossings		
24. Would the proposed change cause undesired, off trail use adjacent to the trail?		
Total		The maximum number of points in this category is 40. Average is 24

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<b>COMPATIBILITY OF USES</b>		
25. Would the proposed change provide adequate trail width to allow two different user types to pass each other?		
26. Would the proposed changed use conflict with facilities such as a stable, interpretive facility, nature study area, other? If yes please describe potential conflicts		
27. Would the proposed changed use be located in a high use area that can't handle more use?		
28. Would the proposed changed use be in an area that already experiences trail user conflict.		
29. Describe any other compatibility issues related to the proposed change in trail use		
Total		The maximum number of points in this category is 25. Average is 15
<b>TRAIL MAINTENANCE</b>		
30. Describe any changes in maintenance related to the proposed change that is not covered below		

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31. Would the proposed change require additional brush clearing or vegetation management?		
32. Would the proposed change require additional drainage improvements or annual drainage maintenance?		
33. Would the proposed change require additional trail stabilization or trail surface maintenance?		
34. Would the proposed change require that additional retaining walls or structures be constructed and maintained?		
Total		The maximum number of points in this category is 25. Average is 15

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<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>		
35. Describe any construction that would be required on the trail to accommodate the proposed trail use change		
36. What would the proposed changes require in construction costs? (1 =\$25,000 or greater & 5 =\$1000 or less)		
37. Would the proposed trail use change require that the District complete a construction project in the next year or two that is not on its current work plan?		
38. Would the proposed trail use change be handled by someone other than the District? If yes please describe		
Total		The maximum number of points in this category is 20. Average is 12
<b>PLANNING</b>		
39. Would the proposed trail use change require additional land tenure, a new maintenance/operating agreement? If yes please describe.		
40. Would the proposed trail use change occur in an area that has a history of litigation or create any unusual legal exposure for the District? If yes please describe.		
41. Would CEQA review be required (as determined by CEQA Planner in Planning/Stewardship Dept.)?		
Total		The maximum number of points in this category is 15. Average is 9

## DISTRICT STAFF EVALUATION SUMMARY

### Proposed Trail Use Change

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Describe proposed trail use Change: _____
Who has proposed the use Change? Name: _____, Organization _____ Address: _____, Phone: _____

<b>Category:</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Note any unresolved major issues for each category</b>
<b>Circulation</b>		
<b>Resources</b>		
<b>Safety</b>		
<b>Compatibility</b>		
<b>Maintenance</b>		
<b>Construction</b>		
<b>Planning</b>		
<b>Total</b>		

Construction Cost \_\_\_\_\_, Annual Park Costs \_\_\_\_\_, Annual Maint. Costs \_\_\_\_\_, Annual Public Safety Costs \_\_\_\_\_,

### Recommendation of the Multi-disciplinary Checklist Team: (by circled letter)

- A. We recommend that the proposed change in trail use not be approved.
- B. We recommend that Planning complete a CEQA Initial Study before a final decision is made.
- C. We recommend that the Park's Land Use Plan be updated to accommodate this change in use.
- D. We recommend that the trail use change be approved as an amendment to Ordinance #38.
- E. We recommend further study of the proposed change in use to address specific issues or constraints.
- F. We recommend that the proposed change in use be put on hold for the following reasons:

Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_