

California Native Plant Society

East Bay Chapter Conservation Committee - PO Box 5597, Elmwood Station, Berkeley, CA 94705



The Conservation Committee of the East Bay Chapter of CNPS is dedicated to preserving the flora of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The committee is comprised of botanists, ecologists, advocates, educators, and native plant enthusiasts communicating science-based information for the protection of the plants, animals, and landscapes of the East Bay. A condensed list of regional and local projects are listed to the right and on the opposite side.



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Regional projects: January 2005 — October 2006

Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse CNPS has been working with the City of Concord and catalyzing a group of environmentally-minded constituents to communicate sustainable redevelopment ideas including the dedication of a large, contiguous open space; smart growth; wildlife corridor protection; and watershed protection.

East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) CNPS has commented and participated through the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and HCP itself. CNPS will consult on implementation of the plan to ensure that lands purchased for open space include native plants and high habitat value, particularly vernal pools and wetlands.

Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals Project CNPS facilitated a meeting with the Bay Area Open Space Council to develop a standardized, scientifically-rigorous prioritization protocol that includes individual plants and communities.

Alameda County Riparian Corridors Moratorium CNPS supports the promulgated Specific Plan for riparian areas voted into law by Alameda Co. in 1976 and has been monitoring incidents of non-compliance with this law that have destroyed many watercourses.



Much of the land seen in this photo is protected from ridgeline to valley, through the work of a coalition of conservation groups including CNPS.

Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion CNPS is working with the Contra Costa Water District on alternatives to inundating and converting 2000 acres of habitat.

Urban Limit Line (ULL) Expansion for Antioch, Brentwood, Concord, Livermore, and Pittsburg CNPS supports smart growth and infill over expansion of the ULL. Additionally, EBCNPS helped stop the illegal development of homes on the ridgeline between Pittsburg and Concord in the summer of 2006.

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Livermore Tarplant (*Deinandra bacigalupii*) is known from only three locations in the world.



Coast Live Oak forest historically covered much more of the East Bay landscape and now only a fraction of the stands

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Localized projects: January 2005 — October 2006

North Livermore Irrigated Agriculture CNPS has submitted letters critical of development in this area, arguing that irrigation will threaten the rare Alkali Sink community.

Crestmont Serpentine Development CNPS is working with the City of Oakland, which has issued questionable building permits with potential effects on federally-listed species.

Carnegie Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Expansion CNPS has participated in the scoping process and is advising/educating the California State Parks staff on the area's vegetation.

Serpentine Prairie CNPS has teamed with East Bay Regional Park District and local park users in helping to restore, maintain, and preserve this rare and sensitive plant community.

Apperson Ridge Quarry CNPS is opposing this mining project, which is proposed under an outdated Environmental Impact Report with limited current environmental information.

Pt. Molate Navy Depot Reuse CNPS is working with various groups to protect Pt. Molate's coastal prairie, shrubland, riparian, and coastal woodland communities, which are some of the best reference sites in the East Bay, and hosts populations of many rare plants. EBCNPS has also organized restoration and stewardship work days here.



Workday at Pt. Molate imperiled coastal prairie

Sibley Volcanic Preserve CNPS successfully participated in convincing the East Bay Regional Park District Board not to approve a plan to build a large group campsite high in the preserve, thereby preserving the integrity of the Caldecott Wildlife Corridor.

City of Oakley - East Cypress and Dutch Slough Housing Development CNPS has stood strongly against the City of Oakley's plans to develop sensitive wetland communities and build housing below sea level.

City of Richmond General Plan Update CNPS is working with the City of Richmond in order to protect the rich coastal and wetland habitats from destructive development plans.

Pleasanton's Bernal Community Park CNPS has worked with the City of Pleasanton to maintain a "naturalized" city park and recreation area sensitive to special status plants.

Please join us in advocating science-based planning and conservation in the East Bay.