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Carr Ranch Saved

Lamorinda residents had much to be thankful for when it was announced last week that the historic Carr Ranch had been saved.

East Bay Municipal Utility District and the John Muir Land Trust announced Nov. 22 a partnership that saves the 604 acres of pristine Lamorinda land for future use.

EBMUD's Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve \$4.5 million to purchase the land, formalizing a partnership between EBMUD and the JMLT to acquire the land from the Carr family, which has owned the land for over a century. Carr Ranch will be permanently preserved as watershed land, essential wildlife habitat and open space for public enjoyment.

"Carr Ranch is a beautiful area that EBMUD will carefully manage as we do our other protected watershed lands," said EBMUD spokesperson Andrea Pook. "This open space benefits the people in Lamorinda (and all our customers) who will be able to easily access this spectacular land."

JMLT will manage permanent public access to Carr Ranch for light recreation such as hiking, wildlife viewing, dog walking and equestrian activities. No biking will be allowed.

"We couldn't have hoped for an outcome that better serves the public's need for permanent protection and access to this spectacular natural landscape," said Linus Eukel, executive director of JMLT.

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