



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

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Meeting 11-30  
November 9, 2011

## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

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Authorization to Amend a Contract with Restoration Design Group, LLC (RDG) for an Additional \$16,000 to Provide Additional Graphic and Design Consulting Services for the Mount Umunhum Environmental Restoration and Public Access Project

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize a contract amendment with RDG for an additional \$16,000 to provide additional graphic and design services for the Mount Umunhum Restoration and Public Access Project (Mt. Um Project) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$56,000.

### **SUMMARY**

Staff contracted with RDG in October 2010, and the Board approved an amendment in November 2010, to provide conceptual designs and graphic illustrations to support the Mt. Um Project. RDG provided exemplary design and graphic services on an extremely accelerated schedule including the "Theme" graphics, vignettes, and Google Earth oblique concept plans for the public meetings held on September 30, November 17, and December 9, 2010 (Exhibit A). The Sierra Azul/Bear Creek Redwoods Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc Committee) supports staff's request to amend RDG's contract to provide focused drawings of the various radar tower options, similar to their previous drawings that proved to be integral to the success of the public meetings. The Ad Hoc Committee approved staff's recommendation to amend the contract at their meeting on October 24, 2011.

### **DISCUSSION**

The planning process has been underway to develop public access facilities at Mount Umunhum, which may include regional trail connections, new loop trails, benches, and interpretive signage, among other amenities. Throughout the process, it has become clear that the fate of the radar tower has produced the strongest and most widely dispersed opinions among the public, staff, and agencies. To guide the discussion and reach an ultimate decision on the fate of this feature, staff and the Board would greatly benefit from well-illustrated visuals that enable a clear and unified understanding of each option and configuration. RDG has proven that they not only have the capability of rendering these graphics, but also a genuine enthusiasm for the project, as evidenced by their work under the previous contract. By continuing to work with RDG, the

District also benefits from retaining a consistent look and feel for the Mount Umunhum graphics across all the public meetings and in the final site plan document, as well as a fiscal benefit by building on prior work completed by RDG. The District already has several graphics of the radar tower, drawn by RDG, from which to expand, included at the end of this report.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff negotiated a contract amendment with RDG not to exceed \$16,000, which would bring their total contract amount to \$56,000. Cost for this amendment is included in the Planning Department budget for this fiscal year and includes all work done by structural engineers and cost estimators under subcontract to RDG.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice was provided pursuant to the Brown Act. No additional notice is necessary.

**CEQA COMPLIANCE**

Retention of design consultants to prepare planning documents and displays does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board authorization, the General Manager will amend the contract with RDG for an additional \$16,000 for a contract amount not to exceed \$56,000. Staff will work closely with RDG to design and prepare graphic materials for review by the Ad Hoc Committee in early 2012, and for subsequent presentation to the full Board.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Examples of previous design and graphic work by RDG

Prepared by:  
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Contact person:  
Same as above



RADAR TOWER FOUNDATION

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

VIEWPOINT

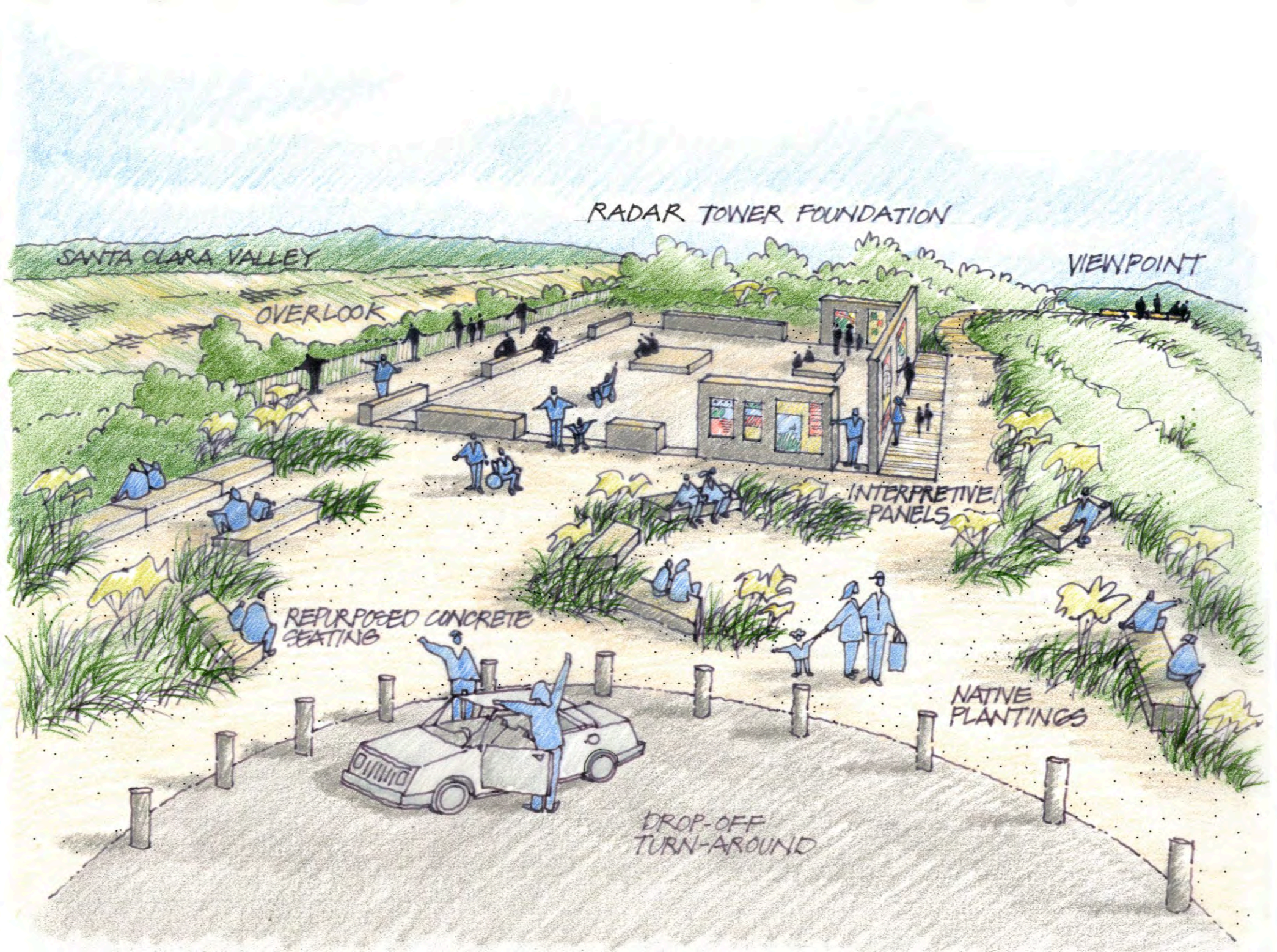
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INTERPRETIVE  
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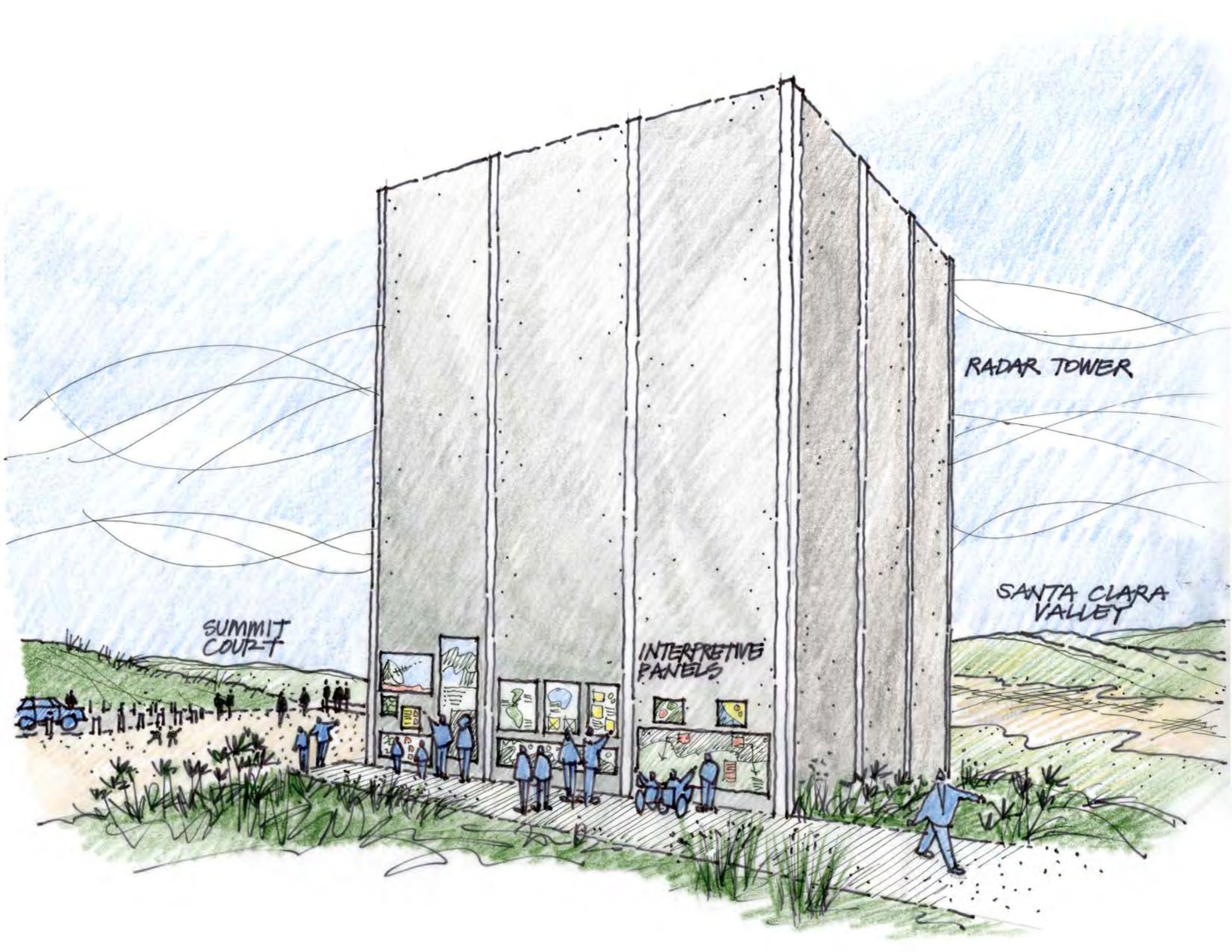
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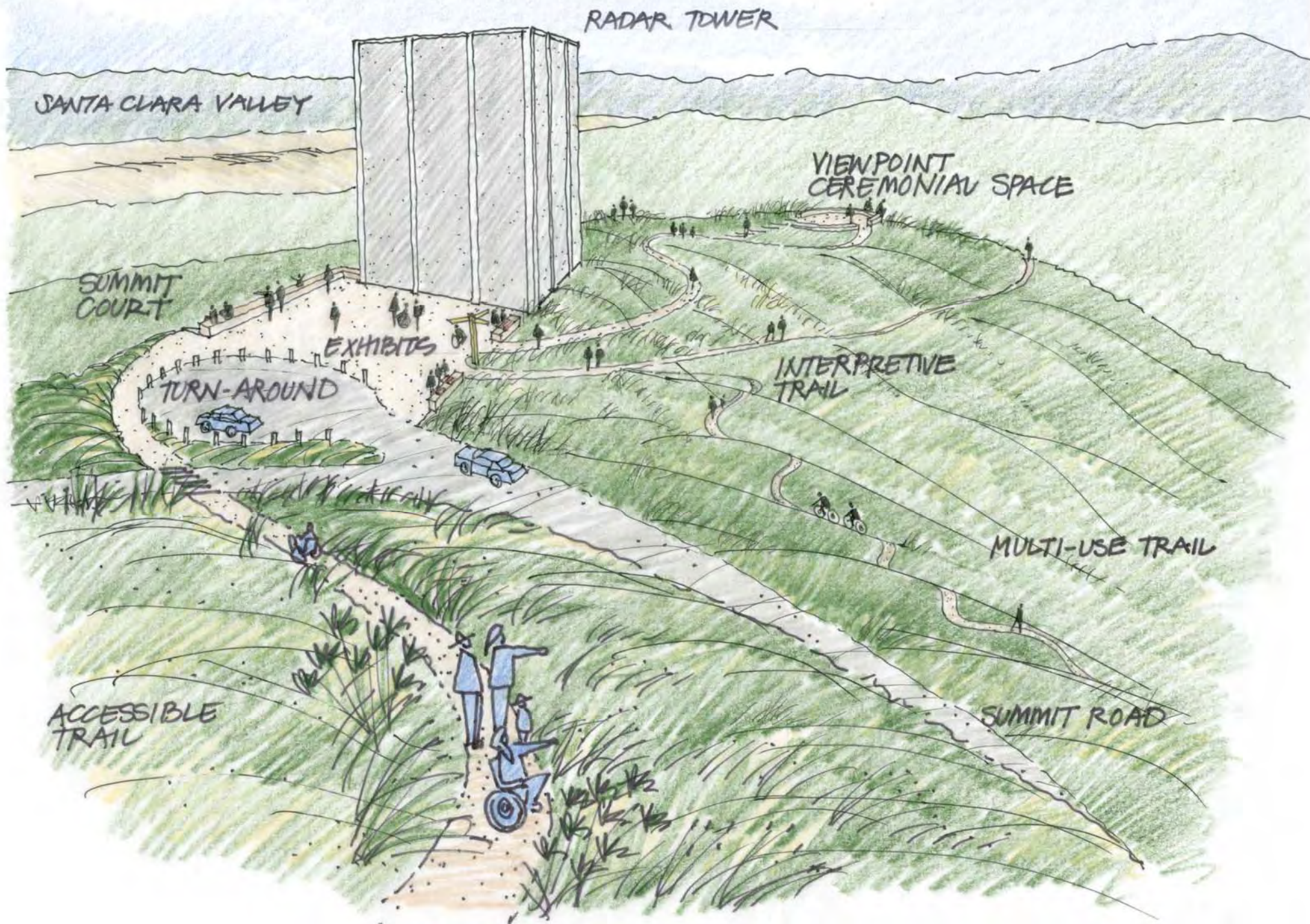
RADAR TOWER

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

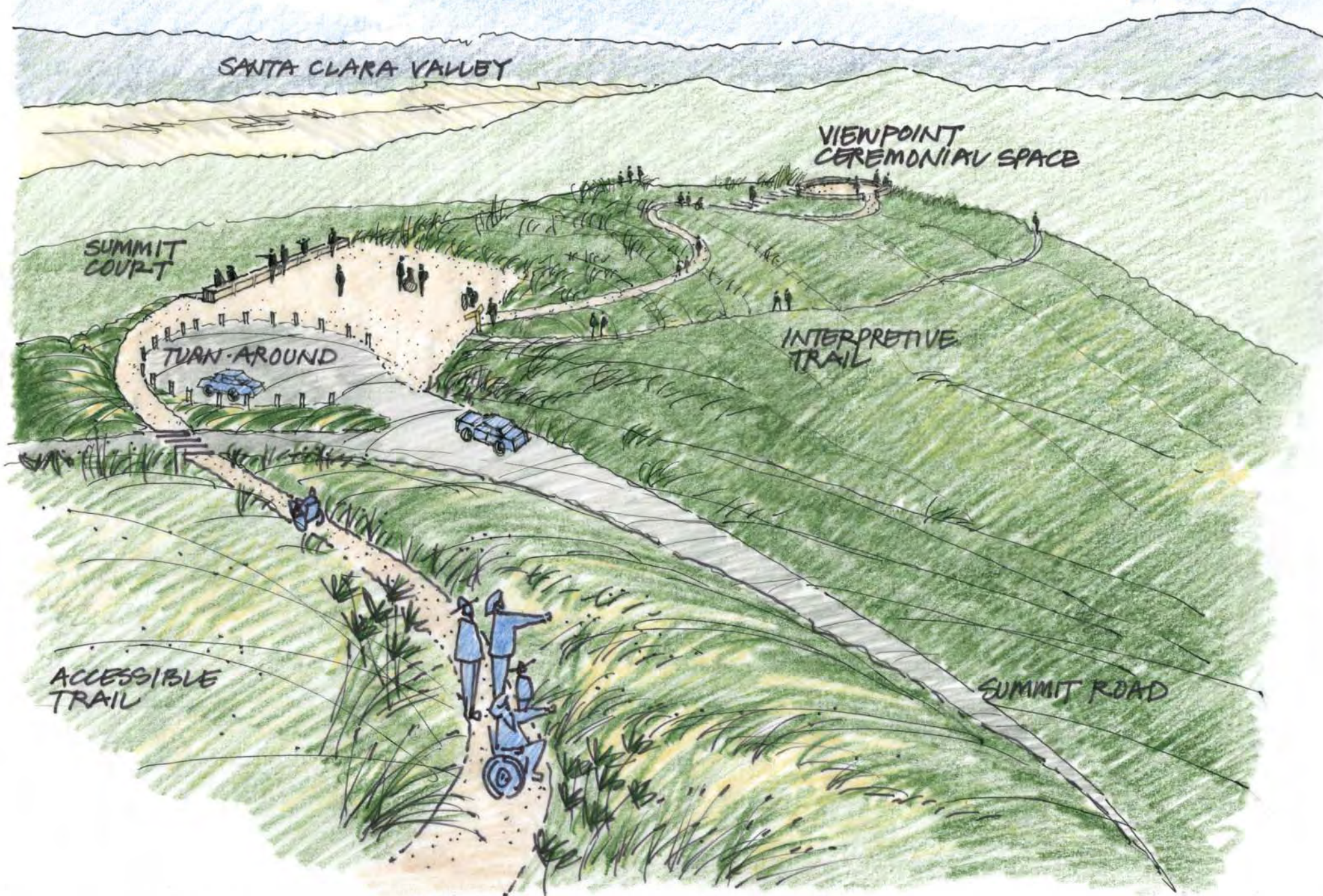
SUMMIT COURT

INTERPRETIVE PANELS









SANTA CLARA VALLEY

VIEWPOINT  
CEREMONIAL SPACE

SUMMIT  
COURT

TURN-AROUND

INTERPRETIVE  
TRAIL

ACCESSIBLE  
TRAIL

SUMMIT ROAD