



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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MROSD Web site translated into seven languages

Los Altos, California [September 22, 2009] – The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s Web site, www.openspace.org, is now translated into seven languages in an effort to inform the diverse Bay Area community of the public lands available to them.

According to U.S. Census data, 43 percent of Californians speak a language other than English at home, and overall, the Bay Area has about the same proportion as the state. The District’s Web site was translated into seven languages commonly spoken in the Bay Area: Chinese, Filipino, Hindi, Spanish, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese. The Google Translate tool was used, coupled with limited services by a translation agency to ensure accuracy.

The District is a public agency whose mission is to preserve land as open space, protect the natural environment and provide for ecologically-sensitive recreation and education. The District manages 26 open space preserves spanning the South Bay and Peninsula from Los Gatos to Half Moon Bay. Twenty-four of these preserves are free and open to the public every day.

Translating the Web site helps the District broaden its outreach and inform communities of the public open space lands available to them. More than just a scenic backdrop, the preserves contribute to the quality of life for all Bay Area residents by providing clean air and water and a healthy natural environment close to urban areas. Those who visit the preserves can enjoy the trails, visit an educational nature center and participate in free docent-led hikes and activities.

Created by voters more than 35 years ago, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has successfully protected and managed more than 57,000 acres of open space. The public enjoys the District’s diverse and beautiful preserves 365 days a year. The District is an independent, non-enterprise, California special district whose mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education. www.openspace.org.