



MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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TWO NEW RANGERS TO PATROL DISTRICT PRESERVES

-- Board Appoints Tracy Hammond and Peter Cook --

LOS ALTOS [August 25, 2005] - Raising the total number of District peace officers to 22, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Board of Directors last night voted unanimously to appoint Tracy Hammond and Peter Cook as the District's newest rangers.

"Ever since I was young I've wanted to be a ranger, so I'm looking forward to the experience. It is a whole new adventure!" said Tracy Hammond.

District peace officers patrol open space preserves to ensure public safety and help protect the District's resources. They respond to violations, safety hazards, wild land fires and emergency medical calls. Rangers also help maintain District trails and facilities and answer questions by the public.

John Maciel, the District's Operations Manager said: "Tracy and Peter are an excellent addition to the District's Ranger force and will help us protect and restore the area's natural environment."

Peter Cook is a graduate of the West Valley Park Management Program and has worked for the City of San Jose as a part-time Park Ranger and for the East Bay Regional Park District as a Park Aide. He has also worked for California State Parks and the Hayward Area Recreation District as a part time Ranger.

Tracy Hammond also graduated from the West Valley Parks Management Program and completed a resource management and visitor safety internship with the District. Hammond previously worked for the City of Palo Alto as an Open Space Technician and, as an avid runner and mountain biker, is already familiar with many District preserves.

Cook said: "I'm looking forward to going on patrol and helping people enjoy the preserves," and Hammond added: "This job has rewards that the business world can't provide."

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Created by voters more than 30 years ago, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has successfully protected and managed more than 50,000 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