



MT. UMUNHUM SITE PLANNING PUBLIC ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

THEME NARRATIVES

The purpose of this workshop is to hear what *you*, the public, would like see at Mt. Umunhum. Decisions have yet to be made. This workshop is the beginning of a public participation process to discuss the future of Mt. Umunhum.

The themes described below are conceptual only, and are meant to facilitate discussion. Now is your chance to let the Open Space District know what kind of general experience you would like to have at Mt. Umunhum. Your input will greatly assist the Open Space District in developing a final site plan for public access and environmental restoration at Mt. Umunhum, which will be financially sustainable and consistent with the Open Space District's mission:

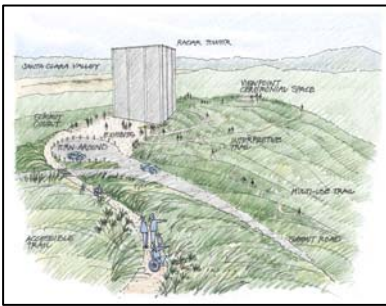
To acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity; protect and restore the natural environment; and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

THEME A: VIEWS



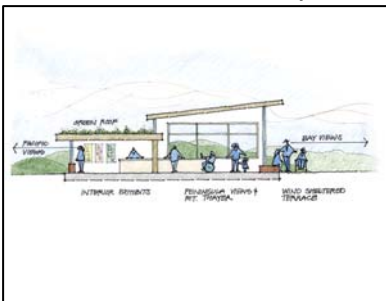
After a long, winding ascent to the peak, Mount Umunhum, restored to its natural condition, will reward visitors with incredible panoramic views of the Bay Area, the Santa Cruz Mountains, and the Pacific Ocean. Benches at vista points will encourage visitors to linger and absorb the natural beauty around them. A self-guided interpretive trail highlights recent and distant past uses of the site, and marks the former location of the radar tower. Hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians may choose to continue on to other parts of the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve via new, multi-use trail connections.

THEME B: VIEWS / DESTINATION



Facilities and programming will complement the natural amenities at the top of a restored Mount Umunhum to encourage a broader range of visitors to return again and again. Once just a landmark on the distant horizon, the massive radar tower engages visitors in the site's recent history. Picnic tables, shade structures, short loop trails and interpretive programs facilitate meaningful, memorable visitor experiences. Hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians can use the summit to recharge or perhaps remain overnight in the rustic backpack camp.

THEME C: VIEWS / DESTINATION / VISITOR CENTER



In addition to the trails and facilities described in Theme B, a visitor center at the peak of Mt. Umunhum will draw visitors from near and far to experience the mountain top, its views, and its rich history. Tours, guided hikes, and community education opportunities are offered through the visitor center. Additional parking and picnic facilities will accommodate the greater number of visitors.