

# Sierra Azul / Bear Creek Redwoods

## Open Space Preserves MASTER PLAN

FALL 2006

### OVERVIEW

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District would like your feedback on several alternative futures being developed for its two southernmost Preserves. Sierra Azul and Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves contain over 18,000 acres combined and offer a wide range of low-intensity recreational opportunities in remote and rugged settings, provide habitat for rare and sensitive species, and contain numerous cultural sites and historical landscapes.

### PLEASE JOIN US

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

At this workshop, the Master Plan project team will present preliminary alternative concepts for public review and feedback (see some topics below). This meeting will also serve as a public scoping session to provide you with an opportunity for input on what issues should be addressed as part of the environmental review for the Master Plan. The input collected at this next workshop will be used to refine the alternatives and craft the Draft Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

### NEXT STEPS

DECEMBER 2006 Plan Alternatives Public Workshop

SPRING 2007 Prepare Draft Preferred Plan

SUMMER 2007 1st Public Hearing on Draft Plan

FALL 2007 Final Plan & Environmental Review

FALL 2007/ WINTER 2008 2nd Public Hearing & Final Plan

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or comments, please email [masterplan@openspace.org](mailto:masterplan@openspace.org), visit the project Web site [www.openspace.org/masterplan](http://www.openspace.org/masterplan), or call Ana Ruiz, Project Planner, at (650) 691-1200. All information, including handouts and public feedback from previous workshops and project maps, can also be found on the project Web site.

## Master Plan Alternatives

The list below represents a few ideas that will be presented as plan alternatives at the December workshop.

Alternative 1 (No Action) – what would happen if there was no Master Plan

Alternative 2 – identifies key resource management projects, public access facilities, and opens new areas to use

Alternative 3 – similar to Alternative 2 with expanded opportunities for public access

#### REGIONAL AND INTERIOR TRAILS

- Kennedy-Limekiln to St. Joseph's Hill Preserve
- Rancho de Guadalupe to Almaden Quicksilver Co. Park
- Alma College to Summit Rd

#### MT. UMUNHUM

- District tours
- Expand roadside parking at Mt. Um Rd (near Bald Mtn.)
- Keep monolith if feasible, or proceed with demolition plan

#### PARKING AND STAGING AREAS

- Kennedy Road
- Hicks and Pheasant Roads
- Cothran/ Wrights Station Roads corridor
- North of Presentation Ctr

#### ALMA COLLEGE

- Retain shrines, brick walls & other minor visual remnants of the past
- Retain and restore chapel or return entire site to natural conditions

#### PUBLIC USE

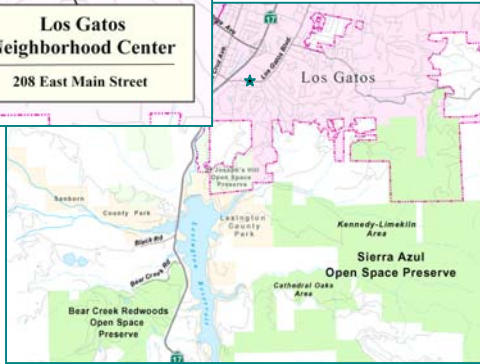
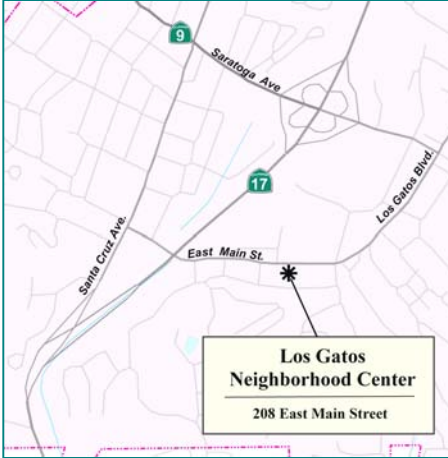
- Open west Bear Creek Redwoods
- Open Rancho de Guadalupe
- Off-Leash Dog Area
- Hang Gliding
- Backpack Camping

CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT ARE PART OF ALL ALTERNATIVES

(Alternatives will be presented on preserve maps at the workshop.)

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP

## Sierra Azul/Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves MASTER PLAN



You are invited to attend the upcoming workshop:

**Tuesday, December 5, 2006**  
**6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Los Gatos Neighborhood Center Main Hall  
208 East Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95033

(Across the street from the Saratoga/  
Los Gatos Recreation Department)

Participation is key to a great plan!

The mission of the MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 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.

Please contact us if you would like to be removed from the Master Plan mailing list.

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