



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

R-25-102
Meeting 25-20
July 23, 2025

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Award of Contract for Construction Services to Install Wildlife-friendly Livestock Fencing and Self-closing Pedestrian Gates within the Central Area of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve as part of the Phase II Trails Project to Prepare for the Fall 2025 Public Opening of New Trails

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Hammer Fence and Construction, Inc., to complete gate and fencing installation in preparation for public trail use, for a base amount not-to-exceed \$54,971.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$8,245 to be reserved for unanticipated issues for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$63,216.

DISCUSSION

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) is preparing to open the Phase II area of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (Preserve) to the public in the Fall of 2025. The trails in the Phase II effort are comprised of approximately 5.8 miles of existing and rehabilitated ranch roads and new trail construction. The trails traverse two grazing units in the Preserve, Harrington Creek Grazing Unit and Lone Madrone Grazing Unit. These grazing units are further subdivided into various pastures. Seven self-closing gates need to be installed to allow public use of the trails while ensuring the cattle remain in their designated pastures. Additionally, around 850 linear feet of wildlife-friendly livestock fencing needs to be installed to protect a segment of newly constructed trail and to tie in the new gates to existing fencing. The District has purchased the self-closing gates and will provide these gates to the contractor for installation.

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget for project MAA05-007 La Honda Creek Trail Connections contains:

- ☒ sufficient funds.
- ☐ insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of unspent funds from other project budgets to cover for this expenditure.
- ☐ insufficient funds; approval of this item requires a fiscal year budget augmentation.
- ☐ future fiscal year budgets will include additional funds to complete the contracted work.

Measure AA

- ☐ No, this contract is not part of a Measure AA project.
- ☒ Yes, this contract is part of a Measure AA project.

The following table outlines the Measure AA Portfolio # 05 La Honda Creek—Upper Area Recreation, Habitat Restoration and Conservation Grazing Projects allocation, costs-to-date, projected life-to-date project expenditures and projected portfolio balance remaining. Note that for Measure AA purposes, the Preserve is divided into upper (Portfolio #5) and lower areas (Portfolio #7), the central area described in this report is part of the Portfolio #5 La Honda Creek Upper Area.

MAA Portfolio #5 La Honda Creek – Upper Area Recreation, Habitat Restoration and Conservation Grazing Projects	
Portfolio Allocation:	\$11,733,000
Grant Income (through FY29):	\$1,000,000
Fund 40 Allocation:	\$655,000
Total Portfolio Allocation:	\$13,388,000
Projected Expenditures (Life of Project):	
05-001 La Honda Creek Land Conservation Opportunities	(\$1,756,093)
05-002 Upper La Honda Creek Grazing Infrastructure	(\$297,432)
05-004 La Honda Creek Sears Ranch Interim Parking	\$0
05-005 La Honda Creek Red Barn Parking Area and Easy Access Trail	(\$327,513)
05-006 La Honda Creek Sears Ranch Road Repair	\$0
05-007 La Honda Creek Trail Connections	(\$1,520,290)
05-008 La Honda Creek White Barn Structural Rehabilitation	(\$705,117)
05-009 La Honda Creek Redwood Cabin Removal and Site Restoration	(\$488,846)
05-010 La Honda Forest Health	(\$1,995,344)
05-011 Lone Madrone Ranch Fence Installation	(\$287,349)
05-012 Paulin Culvert/Bridge Improvements	(\$721,762)
05-013 La Honda Parking and Trailhead Access Implementation	(\$3,615,311)
05-014 Lone Madrone Corrals	(\$475,394)
05-015 Upper La Honda Creek Land Conservation (Eberhard)	(\$1,026,358)
Total Projected Expenditures:	(\$13,216,809)
Proposed Portfolio Amount Remaining:	\$171,191

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

A Request for Bids was issued on May 6, 2025 via BidNet and released to five builders' exchanges. Legal notices were posted in the San Mateo County Times, and a link to the solicitation was posted on the District website. Two mandatory pre-bid site walks were held on May 20, 2025 and June 2, 2025, with one contractor and four contractors in attendance, respectively.

The District publicly opened the following bids on July 2, 2025:

Contractor	Location	Base Bid	Percent Difference from Cost Estimate of \$70,000
Southwest Fence & Supply Co.	Paso Robles, CA	\$48,405	-30.85%
Hammer Fence & Construction, Inc.	Tracy, CA	\$54,971	-21.47%

District staff determined that Southwest Fence and Supply's bid was nonresponsive for failure to provide a properly executed bid bond and failure to use the correct bid form. Therefore, Hammer Fence and Construction, Inc., was determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

August 22, 2012 - The Board approved the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Master Plan, which identifies new proposed trails for public use, including the Phase II trails ([R-12-83, minutes](#)).

February 9, 2022 - The Board authorized a multi-year contract with AECOM Technical Services Inc., to support multiple projects, including the La Honda Phase II Trail Connections project ([R-22-15, minutes](#)).

April 27, 2022 - The General Manager authorized a multi-year professional services contract with Timothy C. Best CEG to provide professional services for design and construction oversight for the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Phase II Trails ([R-22-52, minutes](#)).

February 8, 2023 - The General Manager executed a contract amendment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for additional botanical services to complete the La Honda Creek Phase II Trail Connections project ([R-23-18, minutes](#)).

April 23, 2025 – The Board authorized a construction contract with Half Moon Bay Grading & Paving, Inc., to complete drainage upgrades for an Interior Loop Ranch Road in the Phase II Trails area ([R-25-53, minutes](#)).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The potential environmental impacts and related mitigation measures for the Project were evaluated in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Master Plan (SCH #2012072004), which was adopted by Board Resolution No. 12-31 on August 22, 2012. ([R-12-83](#), [minutes](#)).

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the General Manager will enter into a contract with Hammer Fence and Construction, Inc., to complete the gate and fencing installation. Final contract signature is subject to meeting all District requirements, such as having all required insurance and bonding in place. Work is estimated to commence in August 2025 and will be completed by October 2025.

Attachment(s)

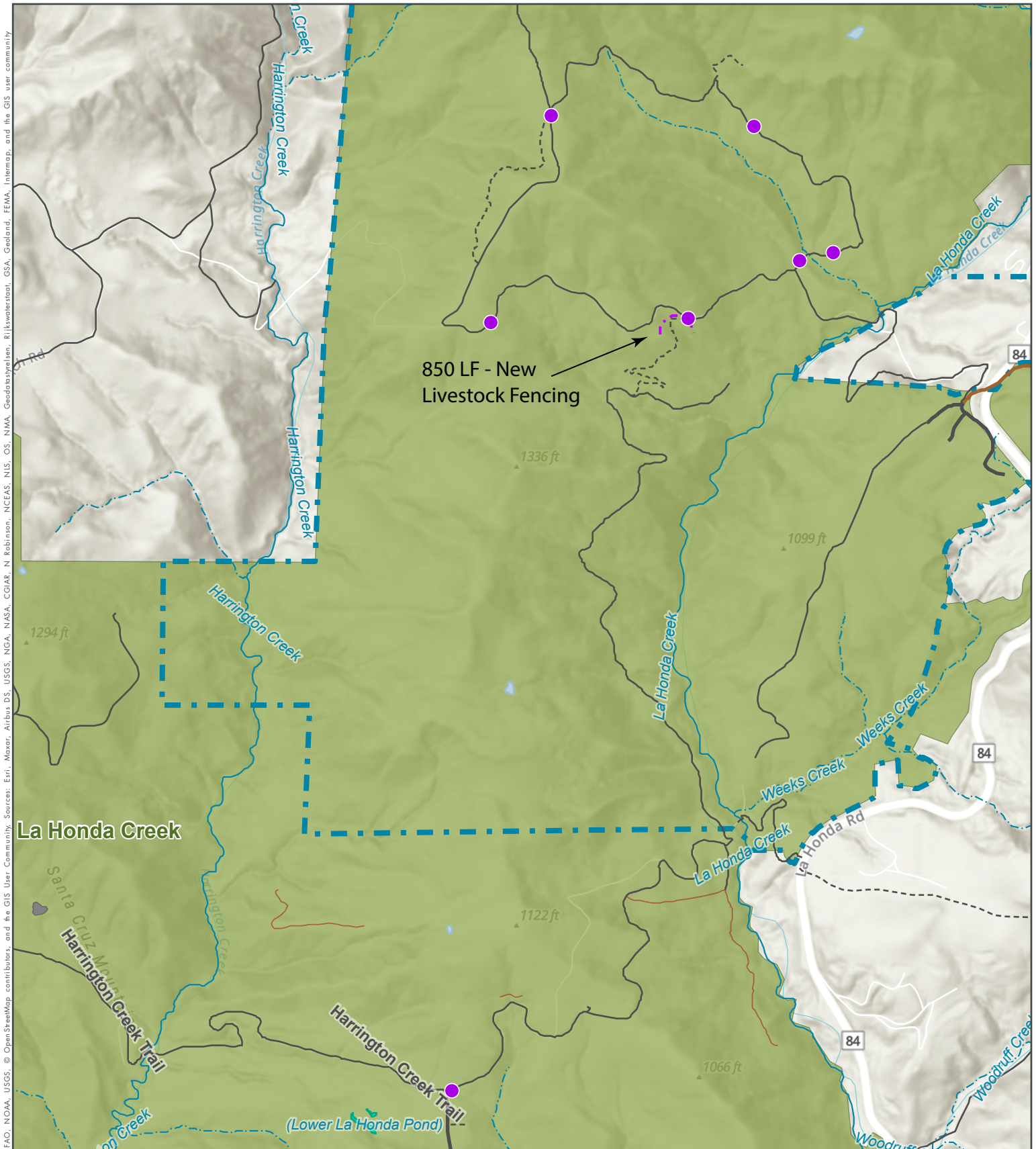
1. Location Map of Gates and Fencing

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Project Location Map

- Self-closing Gate
- - - New Wildlife-friendly Livestock Fencing

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