

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Midpen to mark the grand opening of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve with a ribbon cutting

Beginning December 1, hikers and equestrians will have free daily access to six miles of trail from a new parking lot at the end of Sears Ranch Road. The trail traverses forests, creeks and ranchlands with panoramic coastal views.

New interpretive signs connect visitors to nature and local history. The preserve will become Midpen's second area to allow cattle grazing alongside recreation as a way to continue Coastside ranching traditions and manage healthy grasslands.

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, along with partners, elected officials and the public, will celebrate the grand opening of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve with a ribbon cutting:

WHEN: Thursday, November 30 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

WHERE: 900 Sears Ranch Road

La Honda, CA 94020

The \$1.2 million project was funded by Measure AA, a bond passed by local voters in 2014. The first public access for this Coastside preserve is an exciting step toward achieving the community's long-term vision that aims to balance recreation, interpretation of its unique cultural and natural history, cattle ranching and environmental restoration.

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Created by voter initiative in 1972, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has successfully protected more than 63,000 acres of open space. The District is a California special district governed by an elected board of directors. The District's mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land and agricultural land of regional significance in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

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