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# Budget in Brief

**Fiscal Year Ending** June 30, 2026



Adopted June 11, 2025



# About Midpen

Midpen helps plants, animals and people thrive throughout the region by preserving a connected greenbelt of more than 70,000 acres and managing 27 open space preserves.

# Our 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.

# Our Coastside Mission

To acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and agricultural land of regional significance, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character, encourage viable agricultural use of land resources, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

#### Midpen At-A-Glance





Purisima Creek Open Space Preserve (Karl Gohl)















**Regional Map** 

Midpen Preserve

District Boundary

Fremont

880

Sphere of Influence

680

San Jose

Oakland

92

edwood

City

580

Palo Alto

Mountain View

Hayward

San

Francisco

# FY25 Major Accomplishments

This past year, we made significant strides in open space protection and environmental stewardship. We acquired several new open space properties, permanently safeguarding about 386 acres across multiple preserves.

Our commitment to wildland fire resiliency and forest health remains a top priority. With a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy, we acquired essential equipment for fuel reduction. Partnerships also support our work with the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council for the implementation of fuel treatments in Felton Station and El Sereno Preserves. Furthermore, we completed over seven acres of tree farm restoration in Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve, as part of a pilot project to restore degraded forest habitat and assess carbon storage.

Enhancing public access is another key achievement. We completed the Thimbleberry Trail in Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve and opened a total of 4 new miles of trail in the northeastern area to equestrians and hikers. We've also made a substantial investment in District-wide ADA improvements, significantly enhancing accessibility for everyone. This includes improving trails and adding new ADA parking stalls at several District preserves.

Continued sustaining the District's **conservation** grazing program in La Honda Creek, Purisima Creek Redwoods, Tunitas Creek and Skyline Ridge Preserves. This vital land management tool helps maintain diverse grassland habitats, improving grazing distribution, protecting creek flows, and reducing wildland fire fuel loads.

# Capital Improvement and Action Plan

#### **FY26 Budget and Action Plan Priorities**

Land Acquisition: Acquire Salamander Camp (70 acres) from Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST).

Public Access: Improve public access at multiple preserves, including a new trailhead at Bear Creek Redwoods, a new trail connecting the northern and southern area of La Honda Creek, and advance trail and parking improvements at Purisima Creek Redwoods, with a pedestrian crossing at Highway 35.

Natural Resource Protection & Restoration: Advance wildlife passage projects at Alma Bridge Road and Highway 17. Implement the Pescadero Watershed Sediment Reduction Project and pursue the first phase of the Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Study Area Restoration Project to protect sensitive species.

Agricultural Infrastructure: Improve water systems, fencing and corrals on coastside preserves to support conservation grazing.

FY26 Adopted Budget: CIAP Funding Source Summary

(in millions)	Total CIAP: \$24.7M
\$ 2.9	Fund 10 – General Fund Operating
\$ 0.9	Fund 20—Hawthorns Fund
\$ 8.8	Fund 30—Measure AA Capital
\$ 12.1	Fund 40—General Fund Capital

#### FY26 Adopted Budget: CIAP Program Summary

(in millions)	Total CIAP: \$24.7M	
\$ 0.6	Land Acquisition and Preservation	
<b>\$</b> 8.1	Natural Resource Protection and Restoration	
<b>\$</b> 8.2	Public Access, Education and Outreach	
<b>\$</b> 7.8	Assets and Organizational Support	

# FY26 Strategic Plan Goals

values of open space and agricultural lands

Connect people to open space and agricultural lands,

Strengthen organizational capacity and long-term financial sustainability to fulfill the mission



May

Committee

Review



87%

\$ 82.0

\$ 3.7

\$ 57

\$ 8.4

\$ (5.4)

\$94.4

d Funding	Measure AA Projects
	FUNDED BY Working closely with the
49/	MEASURE AA public. Midpen created

Working closely with the public, Midpen created a 2014 OPEN SPACE BOND community-supported Vision

Plan with 25 priority project areas to guide our work. Midpen has been implementing these projects since 2014 thanks to local voters passing Measure AA, a \$300 million general obligation bond to fund them.

#### Total MAA Bond Funds Spent Life-To-Date\*



Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve (Mike Asao)

Budget Process Fiscal Year July 1-June 30 December Jan./Apr. Strategic Action Plan Plan

May-June June Board Budget Review Adopted

Property Tax Revenues

Bond Reimbursements

Other Funding Sources

Grants

Total

Other Income