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Budget in Brief

Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2027



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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.

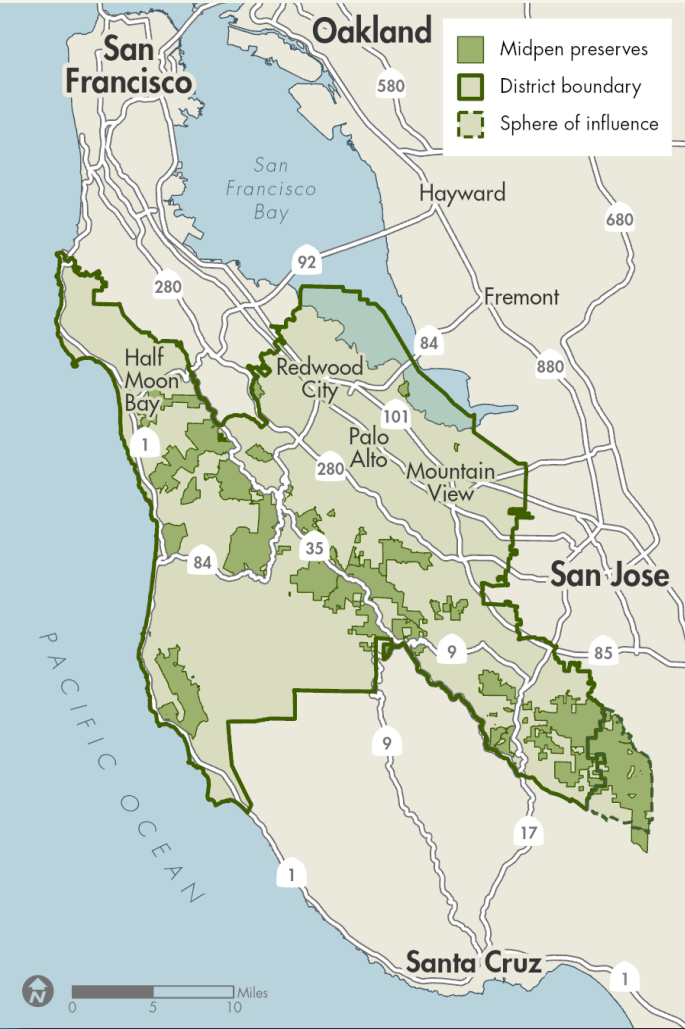
Our Mission

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.

Regional Map



Midpen At-A-Glance

-  Founded in 1972
-  Over 70,000 Acres Preserved
-  Over 265 Miles of Trails
-  27 Preserves
-  221 FTEs
-  Over 2.4 Million Visitors Per Year
-  \$106 Million Budget
-  Over 750,000 Residents



Purisima Creek Open Space Preserve (Karine Tokatlian)

FY26 Major Accomplishments

This past year, we made important strides in **open space protection** and **environmental stewardship**. We acquired several new open space properties, permanently safeguarding an additional **238 acres** across multiple preserves.

We advanced **environmental stewardship** and **restoration** projects, including augmenting and reintroducing San Francisco garter snakes at known population sites to increase genetic health, conducting studies to protect the federally threatened Western Snowy Plover at the Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Study Area and improving San Gregorio Creek fish habitats through in-water large, woody installations to support native steelhead trout and coho salmon.

Wildland fire resiliency and **forest health** remain top priorities. Through our Wildland Fire Resiliency

Program, we have expanded existing treatment areas, completed a pile burn of 30 units of excess vegetation and advanced prescribed fire plans to promote healthy, resilient, fire-adapted ecosystems.

Fencing and corral upgrades in Cloverdale Ranch, La Honda Creek, Purisima Creek Redwoods and Skyline Ridge Preserves ensure the continuity of Midpen’s **conservation grazing program**. This vital land management tool helps maintain diverse grassland habitats, improve grazing distribution, protect creek flows and reduce wildland fire fuel loads.

We have made a substantial investment in enhancing public access District-wide, including implementing **ADA improvements** at several preserves, a new **pedestrian entrance gate** at Ravenswood Preserve, and **six miles of new trail connections** at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Los Trancos Open Space Preserve (Frances Freyburg)

Capital Improvement and Action Plan

FY27 Budget and Action Plan Priorities

Plans for the Highway 17 Wildlife and Trail Crossings are advancing, which will both **connect over 50 miles of trail** for people via a bridge overcrossing and link over 30,000 acres of protected public lands, through a new, safe **undercrossing for wildlife**.

Efforts in Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve will focus on the incremental **removal of fish barriers** and **creek restoration**, while habitat restoration for sensitive species and **agricultural water supply improvements** at Johnston Ranch are slated for on-the-ground construction.

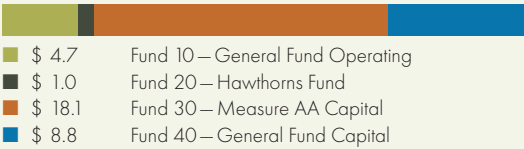
The Los Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative project will continue to increase **wildland fire resiliency** by clearing understory growth, removing dead trees and controlling invasive species. District staff also maintain existing treatment areas to protect the **healthy functioning of our sensitive natural habitats**, while enhancing the protection of the surrounding communities.

A **new parking area at Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve** will be constructed this year, expanding parking capacity by

adding 44 additional parking spaces and six equestrian trailer/bus spaces.

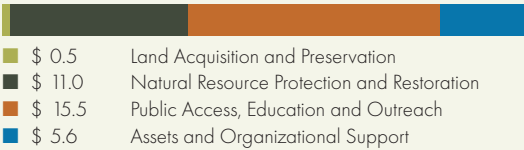
FY27 Adopted Budget: CIAP Funding Source Summary

(in millions) Total CIAP: \$32.6M



FY27 Adopted Budget: CIAP Program Summary

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* Due to the dynamic nature of land purchases, budget adjustments are made at the time of purchase.

FY27 Strategic Plan Goals

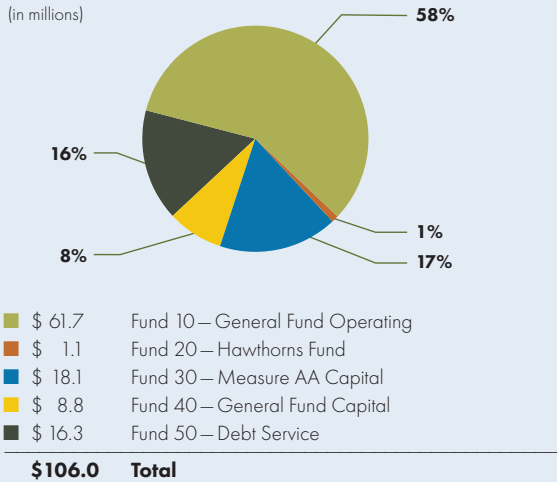
Promote, establish, and implement a regional environmental protection vision with partners

Protect the positive environmental and biodiversity values of open space and agricultural lands

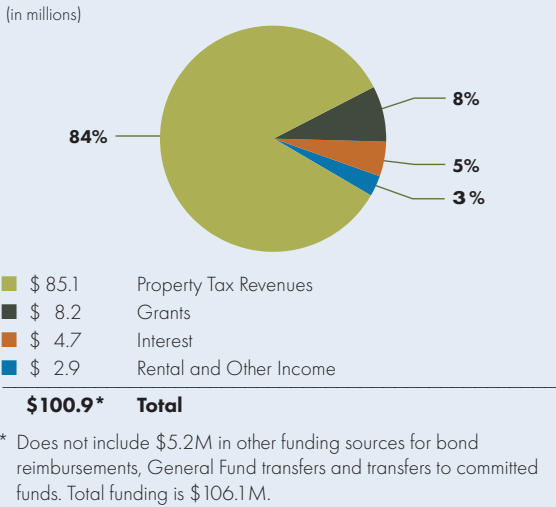
Connect people to open space and agricultural lands, and a regional environmental protection vision

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

Expenses



Revenues

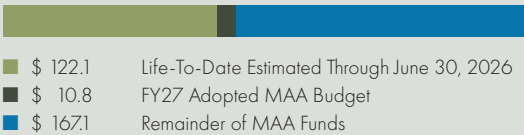


Measure AA Projects

FUNDED BY MEASURE AA Working closely with the public, Midpen created a 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 *

(in millions) Total Amount of Bonds: \$300M



*Net of grant income

Budget Process

Fiscal Year July 1-June 30



Cloverdale Ranch Open Space Preserve (Jared Hart)