



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

R-25-53
Meeting 25-12
April 23, 2025

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Award of Contract for Construction Services to Complete Drainage Upgrades for an Interior Loop Ranch Road within Central La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve that is part of the new Phase II Trails to be opened to the public in October 2025

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Half Moon Bay Grading and Paving Inc., to complete drainage upgrades along an existing ranch road that is being prepared for public trail use, for a base amount not to exceed \$392,897.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$58,935 reserved for unanticipated scope of work.
3. Authorize an allowance in the amount of \$26,200 for the delivery of 500 tons of lime-treated aggregate base rock, which in-house trail crews will use to stabilize a new segment of trail within proximity of the ranch road upgrades, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract to \$478,032.

DISCUSSION

Central La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve contains a 2.4-mile interior loop ranch road that is currently used for patrol and ranching purposes. The road preexists Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) ownership of the property and is used by PG&E to access their transmission towers. Approximately 1.2 miles of the existing loop ranch road near the Red Barn Site is being incorporated into the Phase II Trails that will be made open for public trail use starting in late October 2025. Necessary upgrades to prepare this segment for public trail use include drainage improvements and road shaping to reduce the potential for sedimentation into La Honda Creek and its tributaries, as well as road rocking to stabilize it from future erosion.

The addition of a contract allowance in the amount of \$26,200 is recommended to purchase and receive aggregate base rock that will be installed by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) trail crew on a section of adjacent, newly constructed four-foot-wide trail near the ranch road upgrades. This new trail segment has been identified by the trail crew as an area needing additional armoring to improve durability and usability. The added base rock will help stabilize the trail surface, reduce erosion, and increase the lifespan of the trail in this potentially high-use area. It is more cost effective to include this purchase as part of the contract than to purchase the rock separately.

District staff issued a Request for Bids on January 15, 2025 and received six (6) bids on March 26, 2025 with Half Moon Bay Grading and Paving Inc., identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Work is scheduled to be completed by end of September 2025 in time for the La Honda Open Space Preserve Phase II October opening.

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget 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.

Measure AA Portfolio #5	
Portfolio Allocation:	\$11,733,000
Grant Income (through FY28):	1,000,000
Total Portfolio Allocation:	\$12,733,000
05-001 La Honda Creek Land Conservation Opportunities	(1,756,093)
05-002 Upper La Honda Creek Grazing Infrastructure	(297,432)
05-005 La Honda Creek Red Barn Parking Area and Easy Access Trail	(327,513)
05-007 La Honda Creek Phase 2 Trail Connection	(1,471,703)
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 Restoration Forestry Demonstration Project	(1,015,939)
05-011 Lone Madrone Ranch Fence Installation	(287,349)
05-012 Paulin Culvert/Bridge Improvements	(728,892)
05-013 La Honda Parking and Trailhead Access – Implementation	(3,612,356)
05-014 Lone Madrone Corrals	(114,578)
05-015 Upper La Honda Creek Land Conservation (Eberhard)	(1,026,358)
Total Projected Expenditures (life of project):	(\$11,832,176)
Portfolio Balance Remaining (proposed):	\$900,824

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

A Request for Bids was issued on January 15, 2025 via BidNet and released to five builders' exchanges. Legal notices were posted in the San Jose Mercury News and 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 February 11 and February 26, with 15 contractors and 9 contractors in attendance respectively.

The District publicly opened the following bids on March 26, 2025:

Contractor	Location	Proposed Fee	Percent Different from Cost Estimate of \$400,000
Half Moon Bay Grading and Paving Inc.	Half Moon Bay	\$392,897	-1.77%
D-Line Constructors	Oakland	\$481,900.00	20.47%
Old La Honda General Engineering	La Honda	\$518,090	29.52%
Brannon Corp.	Morgan Hill	\$682,280	70.57%
Granite Rock	San Jose	\$840,150	110.03%

*One bidder was deemed nonresponsive

Following the bid opening, Half Moon Bay Grading and Paving, Inc., was announced as the apparent low bidder. Upon review of the bid proposals and confirmation of the contractors' qualifications, in accordance with state law and current Board purchasing policy, the General Manager recommends awarding the contract to Half Moon Bay Grading and Paving Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

August 22, 2012 - The Board approved the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Master Plan, which identified portions of the ranch road loop as #8 Interior Loop Trail and as a moderate to high priority erosion site. The repair treatments of this project site include road and trail resurfacing, installation and maintenance of additional drainage structures and stream crossing restorations ([R-12-83](#), [minutes](#)).

[08-20-2012 La Honda Creek Open Space Master Plan](#)

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 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., providing additional botanical services necessary to complete the La Honda Creek Phase II Trail Connections project ([R-23-18](#), [minutes](#)).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The potential environmental effects for the proposed Project were evaluated in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Master Plan (SCH #2012072004) 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 Half Moon Bay Grading and Paving Inc. to complete the drainage upgrade work. 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 June 2025 and will be completed by September 2025.

Attachment(s)

1. Project Location Map

Responsible Department Head:

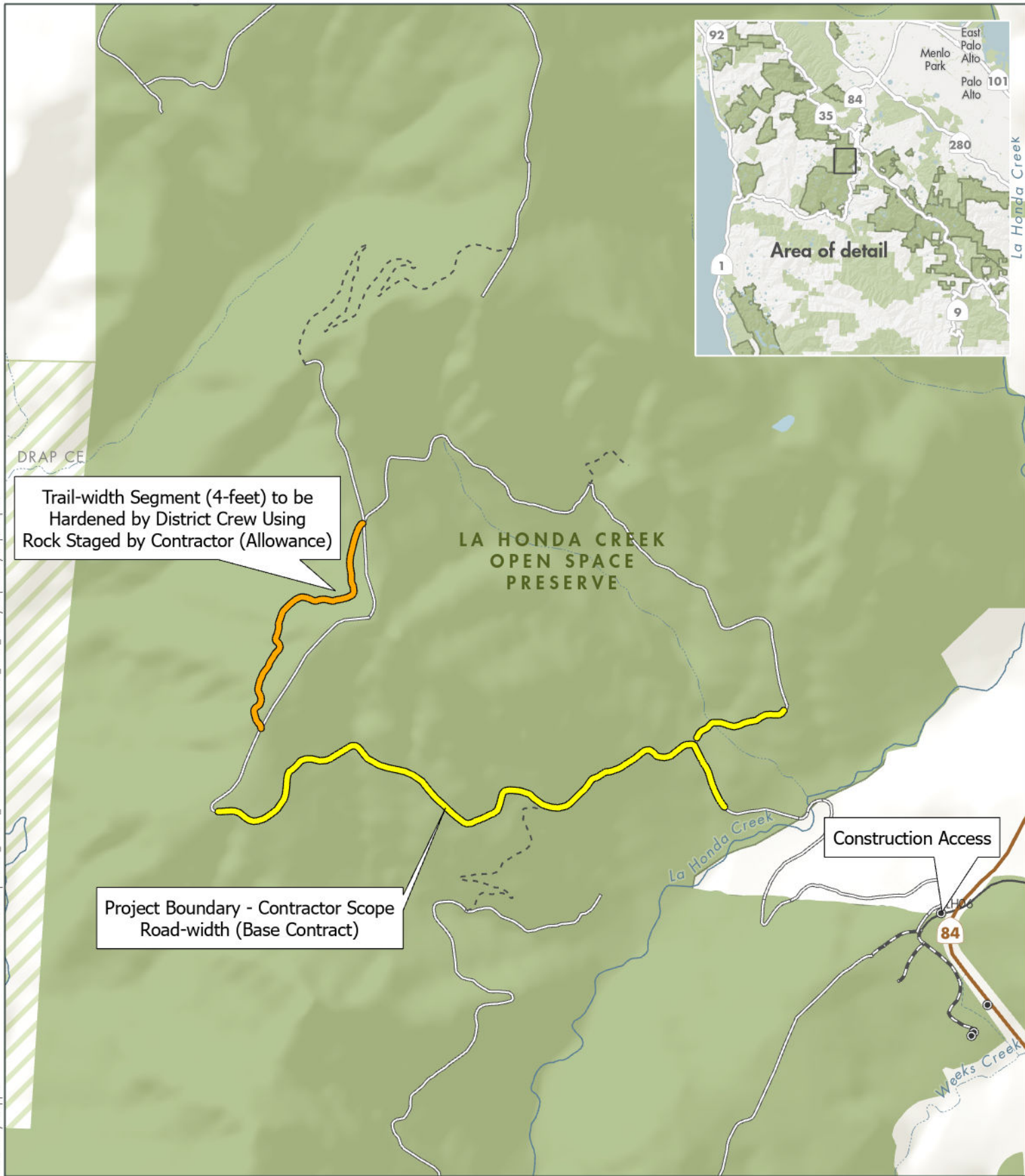
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Attachment 1: Interior Loop Ranch Road Drainage Upgrade Location Map

- Midpen preserves
- Other protected lands
- Private property
- Interior Loop Ranch Road Drainage Upgrade Project Extent
- Trail Segment to be Hardened by District Crew

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While the District strives to use the best available digital data, these data do not represent a legal survey and are merely a graphic illustration of geographic features.