



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

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Meeting 25-30
November 12, 2025

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Contract Amendment with Irish Excavation for the Prospect Road Culvert Replacement Project at Fremont Older Open Space Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment in the amount of \$20,200 with Irish Excavation of Morgan Hill, California for installing additional riprap and erosion control measures, and off-hauling concrete and debris to complete the Prospect Road Culvert Replacement Project (Project), bringing the existing contract to a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$275,755.

DISCUSSION

Large flow events in Prospect Creek during the winter storms of 2022/2023 caused significant damage to an existing perched culvert running underneath Prospect Road within Fremont Older Open Space Preserve (Preserve) (Attachment 1). Prospect Road is an approximately 10-foot-wide traffic-rated, multi-use asphalt road that is utilized by Preserve users and provides access to private inholdings within and adjacent to the Preserve. Significant erosion occurred at the outlet of the 55-foot long, 4-foot-wide corrugated metal culvert, triggering a slope failure and washing out a 10-foot section of the culvert and portions of the creek bank.

On May 28, 2025, the Board of Directors (Board) approved a contract with Irish Excavation to complete repairs to the slide and damaged culvert. The base contract includes replacement of the damaged portion of the culvert, a new headwall/footing, repairs to the asphalt road above the culvert, and embankment stabilization. After the contractor mobilized and further examined the condition of the damaged culvert, it was determined that a **full** culvert replacement was necessary. Staff authorized a contract change order to cover the unforeseen work, exhausting the Board-approved contingency fund. As the project progressed, the original quantity of riprap (rocks for slope stabilization) was deemed insufficient to meet the design criteria. Additionally, full culvert replacement necessitated additional earth work and erosion control measures beyond the original contract scope of work. Furthermore, during excavation for the culvert headwall foundation, several truckloads worth of large concrete pieces and some metal scraps were unearthed requiring unanticipated off-hauling and disposal of the materials.

The recommended contract amendment covers the costs of the additional riprap and earth work/erosion control and the unanticipated debris off hauling and disposal.

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget for project **35034 Prospect Road Culvert Replacement** contains:

- ☒ sufficient funds.
- ☐ insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of unspent funds from other 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.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

Irish Excavation was selected through a Request for Bids (RFB) process. On April 30, 2025, a RFB was issued via BidNet, released to four builders' exchanges, and sent directly to qualified contractors. 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 tours were held on May 9 and May 13, 2025, with 10 contractor representatives in attendance.

The District received and publicly opened the following bids on May 28, 2025:

Consultant	Location	Total Bid	Percent Difference from Cost Estimate of \$260,000
Irish Excavation	Morgan Hill	\$222,222	-15.67%
Galeb Paving, Inc.	Saratoga	\$420,875	47.26%
D-Line Constructors, Inc.	Oakland	\$363,947	33.32%
Central Pacific Engineering	San Mateo	\$253,467	2.55%

Following the bid opening, Irish Excavation 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 recommended awarding the contract to Irish Excavation as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in May 2025.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

December 13, 2023 Board Meeting: Award of Contract for Design and Engineering Services for the Prospect Road Culvert Replacement Project at Fremont Older Open Space Preserve ([R-23-148](#), [meeting minutes](#))

July 9, 2025 Board Meeting: Award of Contract to Irish Excavation for Construction Services for the Prospect Road Culvert Replacement Project in Fremont Older Open Space Preserve ([R-25-92](#), [meeting minutes](#))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The potential environmental impacts for the Project were evaluated in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program (OSMRP) prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which was certified by the Board on September 22, 2021 ([R-21-126](#)).

NEXT STEPS

If approved, a contract amendment and change order for construction services will be executed with Irish Excavation.

Attachment

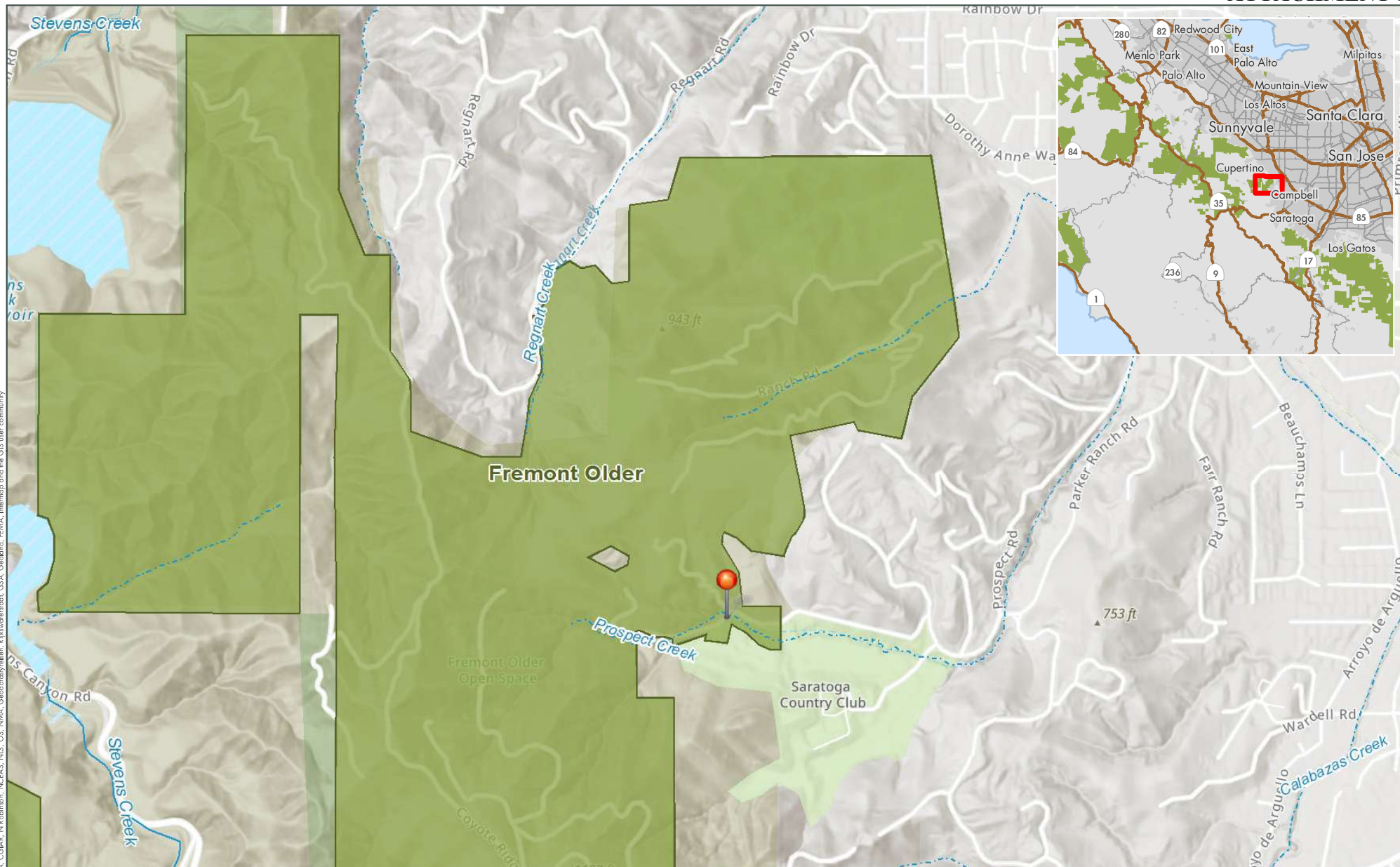
1. Project Site Map and Enlargement

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Prospect Road Culvert Replacement



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Prospect Road Culvert Replacement

Gate	Building	--- Trail
●	■	■ Preserve Boundary
Culvert	Trail (classes)	
⊗	— Paved Road	
	— Unpaved All-Season Road	

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