



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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AGENDA ITEM 8

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Consideration of the proposed Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve - Comprehensive Use and Management Plan, which includes New Public Access and Habitat Restoration Projects, as the project description to initiate CEQA Environmental Review

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Confirm the proposed Comprehensive Use and Management Plan (Plan, CUMP) components for Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, with any final amendments approved by the Board, as the project description to initiate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CUMP incorporates the feedback received from the Planning and Natural Resources Committee.

SUMMARY

Comprehensive Use and Management Plans (Plan, CUMP) are detailed plans addressing all aspects of use and management for Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) preserves. CUMPs guide the long-term land management, operations and public access actions and activities in balance with the goals of protecting and enhancing the natural resources and sustaining existing agricultural uses on the San Mateo County Coastside. A new CUMP for Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (Purisima, Preserve) has been under development with management prescriptions for the land's natural resources; historic, cultural, and tribal resources; aesthetic resources; public use and access; and operations and maintenance activities. The new CUMP also incorporates multiple planned Measure AA-funded public access projects and habitat restoration projects, including the Purisima-to-the-Sea (Verde Road) Parking Area, Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail, Highway 35 Multi-use Crossing and North Ridge Parking Expansion, Purisima Multimodal Access Implementation, and Irish Ridge Restoration, while consolidating and documenting ongoing use and management activities at Purisima. The purpose of this meeting is to confirm the Plan elements and the draft implementation action table as the project description to initiate CEQA review. At the meeting, staff will also review the feedback received from the Planning and Natural Resources (PNR) Committee and public, and how this feedback shaped the final draft Plan.

BACKGROUND

Purisima is located on the western slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains overlooking Half Moon Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Purisima has become a popular recreational destination among residents of San Mateo County, neighboring areas, and the broader San Francisco Bay Area region who are drawn to its lush redwood forests and cascading perennial creek. Currently, 2,838

acres of the 5,412-acre Preserve are open to the public, with over 20 miles of hiking, bicycling and/or equestrian trails and four trailhead entrances.

The Preserve was first established in 1982 (previously named the Whittemore Gulch Redwoods Open Space Preserve), and preliminary use and management plans (PUMPs) were developed as part of each new land acquisition to designate initial public access, natural resource management, operations, and maintenance requirements. The PUMPs were amended as needed over the years, with a CUMP last completed for Purisima in 1989.

The 1989 CUMP identifies a range of public access, natural resource protection, and safety/security recommendations that govern the Preserve's current use and management. The 1989 CUMP led to the development of formal parking areas at the North Ridge (previously known as Whittemore Gulch) and Purisima Creek trailheads, 15 miles of trails and converted ranch roads, establishment of a ranger residence at the North Ridge trailhead, and watershed enhancements through creek restoration and bridge improvements along Purisima Creek.

Since 1989, the Preserve has more than doubled in size, growing by approximately 2,893 acres. Although the subsequent acquisitions have individual PUMPs or other interim use and management plans, these property additions have not yet been incorporated into a new CUMP. Moreover, the District is in the planning phase for multiple new, Measure AA-funded public access and restoration projects at the Preserve. For these reasons, it is timely for the District to prepare a new CUMP that consolidates all existing Preserve programs and operations and incorporates the planned public access and restoration projects. The new CUMP will bring the Preserve up to date and serve to streamline the planning and environmental review process for planned projects.

DISCUSSION

Comprehensive Use and Management Plan Structure

The Plan includes an implementation action table for the Preserve that encompasses the following (refer to Attachment 1):

- New projects, including new public access and restoration projects;
- Ongoing operations, such as recurring patrol and maintenance work; and
- Programmatic activities, including actions consistent with the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program, Integrated Pest Management Program, Conservation Grazing Program, and Water Quality Monitoring Plan.

The implementation action table organizes the recommended actions into the following five main Plan elements, followed by their focus areas:

1. Natural Resources Management
Focus areas: Vegetation, wildlife, watershed resources and aquatic habitat, conservation grazing, wildfire resiliency, habitat integrity, sensitive area management, and climate resiliency
2. Historic, Cultural, and Tribal Cultural Resources Management
Focus areas: Tribal resources and historic/cultural resources

3. Aesthetic Resources

Focus areas: Viewshed and scenic corridor

4. Public Access

Focus areas: Public use, trails, parking and trailheads, multimodal access, visitor-serving amenities, signage, interpretation and education, and conservation management unit

5. Operations and Maintenance

Focus areas: Road and trail maintenance, safety and security, utilities and infrastructure, environmental hazards, legal agreements, and partnerships

Each recommended action includes the following descriptive and background information:

- Purpose – an explanation for the purpose of the action
- Actions – a narrative description of the scope of work to be completed
- Phasing – timeframe for implementation with three discreet phases identified plus “ongoing”
- Priority – level of importance in fulfilling the CUMP goals
- Action type – descriptor of the type of action, project, or program
- Potential partners – list of potential partners for implementation
- Costs – approximate implementation cost based on 2025 dollars or dollars in the year construction is anticipated for large public access improvements – *to be included with the full plan draft for public review*

Comprehensive Use and Management Plan Goals

The new CUMP includes the following proposed goals for the Preserve:

Goal 1: Natural Resources

- Protect and manage natural resources, habitats, native and sensitive species, and open space connectivity.
- Restore ecologically damaged and disturbed areas.
- Protect waterways and associated natural lands to maintain water quality, watershed function, and healthy aquatic habitats.
- Continue conservation grazing to maintain and enhance native grassland communities and support wildland fire resilience.

Goal 2: Public Access

- Enhance and expand ecologically sensitive, low intensity trail use.
- Provide access opportunities for people with diverse physical abilities.
- Establish and support regional trails, including: Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail, Bay to Sea Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, and California Coastal Trail.
- Improve access to the Preserve through new and expanded parking and trailheads, and adaptive use of visitor demand/multimodal strategies.
- Enrich the visitor experience through environmental education and interpretive opportunities.
- Highlight unique attributes of the Preserve while respecting natural and cultural resources, exhibiting a sense of place, and utilizing sustainable practices.

Goal 3: Cultural Resources

- Protect and interpret the agricultural and coastal community culture and history.
- Protect and interpret significant tribal, cultural, historical and archaeological resources.

Goal 4: Operations and Maintenance

- Reduce the risk of high-intensity wildfires.
- Reduce and control erosion and sedimentation.
- Address environmental hazards to ecosystem health and visitor safety.
- Maintain facilities in working and safe conditions, protective of the natural environment and visitor/neighbor experience.

Comprehensive Use and Management Plan Overview

The CUMP incorporates the following ongoing Preserve uses and programs, as well as multiple planned public access and restorations projects that have been in discussions with robust public engagement since 2020 (refer to Attachment 3 for a Summary of these projects).

Ongoing Preserve Uses and Programs

- Over 23 miles of trails, including hiking, biking, and equestrian use (not including dog or e-bike access) and over 2,800 acres open to public access;
- Four public access points to the open areas of the Preserve, including the North Ridge, Purisima Creek, Redwood, and Graptown Gulch trailheads;
- Three parking areas providing approximately 64 parking spaces (across North Ridge, Purisima Creek, and Redwood Roadside parking areas);
- Four Rangeland Management Plans (Bluebrush Canyon, Elkus Ranch Uplands and Lobitos Ridge, South Cowell Addendum to Elkus Ranch Uplands and Lobitos Ridge, and October Farm) and three active grazing units (Bluebrush Canyon, Lobitos, and October Farm Grazing Units);
- Wildlife programs supporting native species populations and habitats, including marbled murrelet, grassland birds, bats, frogs, invertebrates, and badgers;
- Vegetation management for wildfire resiliency and enhancement of native plant species;
- Water quality monitoring, stream restoration, and fisheries habitat assessment;
- Treatments for integrated pest management;
- Regular patrol and trail maintenance in open areas of the Preserve;
- Three employee residences that support patrol and maintenance operations, including after-hours emergency response; and
- Guided docent and volunteer activities for members of the public.

Newly Planned Public Access and Restoration Projects

- Expanding the trail network by approximately 7 miles, bringing the new total to 30 miles;
- Opening over 2,200 additional acres of the Preserve to public access via on-trail use;
- Adding two new regional trail connections, including connecting the California Coastal Trail to the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail and connecting the SFPUC Ridge Trail Extension to the North Ridge trailhead, which will contribute to the Bay to Sea and Bay Area Ridge Trail regional trail corridors;
- Expanding parking at the North Ridge parking area by approximately 27 standard vehicle spaces and two designated equestrian spaces;

- Adding a new coastside parking area on Verde Road to provide 107 standard parking spaces and five designated equestrian spaces;
- Restoring approximately 42 acres of forest;
- Expanding access to the Purisima Creek trailhead through a pilot shuttle program at the Verde Road parking area; and
- Providing real-time parking information on-line for visitors to the North Ridge and Verde Road parking areas.

Committee and Public Feedback

At the August 26, 2025 PNR Committee meeting, members of the Committee and the public provided feedback on the implementation action table as well as the overall Plan components and process. Attachment 7: *Planning and Natural Resources Committee and Public Feedback*, summarizes key feedback, questions and clarifications, and identifies how feedback is being incorporated into the CUMP. Feedback that has triggered updates to the implementation action table from the PNR meeting is reflected in Attachment 1: *Implementation Action Table* in track change format (red text with new additions underlined and removed text with a strike-through). Staff have made additional updates throughout the implementation table as well to reframe some of the purposes for clarity, elaborate on the scope of the actions, highlight other relevant Board-adopted goals and policies related to specific actions, improve grammar, and ensure that the actions are balanced with natural resource protection. These additional edits are also shown in the table using track change format with blue text.

In addition, the project webpage has been updated to include frequently asked questions with staff responses to facilitate information sharing on the proposed CUMP. These questions and responses have also been attached with this board report (see Attachment 8).

FISCAL IMPACT

No direct fiscal impact will result from the recommended action. Sufficient funds are included in the fiscal year 2026-27 budget under Project MAA#03-012 - Purisima Preserve Comprehensive Use and Management Plan for the development and finalization of the CUMP and CEQA environmental review. The associated site plans and implementation costs for the planned Measure-AA projects listed in the CUMP are accounted for separately under discrete project budgets and in the three-year Capital Improvement and Action Plan.

PRIOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE REVIEW

February 9, 2022 Board Meeting: Award of Contract with Vollmar Natural Land Consulting for the Preparation of **Habitat Restoration Plans for the Irish Ridge Area** of Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve ([R-22-17](#), [meeting minutes](#)).

May 24, 2023 Board Meeting: **Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail and Parking Area** Feasibility Study, Preferred Trail Alignment and Parking Area Conceptual Design ([R-23-52](#), [meeting minutes](#)).

November 8, 2023 Board Meeting: **Highway 35 Multi-use Trail Crossing and Parking** Feasibility Study, Trail Crossing and Parking Area Expansion Conceptual Design ([R-23-137](#), [meeting minutes](#)).

January 10, 2024 Board Meeting: Award of Contract with Ascent Environmental to Provide Planning and CEQA Services for the **Purisima Comprehensive Use and Management Plan** ([R-24-07](#), [meeting minutes](#)).

December 11, 2024 Board Meeting: Acceptance of Recommended **Shuttle and Parking Management Concepts at Purisima** with Any Final Modifications ([R-24-155](#), [meeting minutes](#)).

August 26, 2025 Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting: Overview of the Proposed Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve - **Comprehensive Use and Management Plan**, Including New Public Access and Restoration Projects ([R-25-110](#))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. In addition, post cards were sent to Preserve neighbors, including areas within the Coastal Service Area. Public email notices were sent to interested parties of the Preserve, Coastsides Protection Area, regional trails, hiking, biking, equestrian, ADA, and agricultural land use.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This meeting is for the Board to confirm the proposed CUMP for Purisima, with any final amendments, as the project description to initiate CEQA environmental review.

Note: Certain restoration projects identified in the CUMP may serve as mitigation for other CUMP projects. Also, CEQA compliance for certain prior Board-approved programmatic actions listed in the CUMP has already been completed (e.g., Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Plan (OSMRP), Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, Wildland Fire Resiliency Program, Rangeland Management Plans (RMPs) and Coastsides Service Plan EIR).

NEXT STEPS

Pending Board action, staff and the consultant team will use the CUMP elements as the basis for the CEQA project description and initiate CEQA review. The table below provides a tentative project schedule.

Task	Tentative Dates
Release of the complete CUMP* and CEQA review documents for public review and comment	Spring 2026
Board considers CEQA certification and approval of the CUMP	Summer 2026

*Note, the complete CUMP will include a summary overview and additional narrative to further describe the various Plan elements that are presented in this report and its attachments.

Attachment(s)

1. Purisima Comprehensive Plan Implementation Action Table
2. New Projects Location Map
3. Summary of New Public Access and Restorations Projects at Purisima
4. In-Progress Purisima Multimodal High Priority TDM Implementation Map
5. Existing/In-Progress Purisima Operations Map

6. Existing/In-Progress Purisima Vegetation Management & Natural Resources Map
7. Planning and Natural Resources Committee and Public Feedback
8. CUMP Frequently Asked Questions

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Guide to changes shown in the implementation table:

Red additions/deletions Indicate changes made to address Committee and public comments from the 8/26/25 PNR meeting
Blue additions/deletions Indicate additional changes made by staff following the 8/26/25 PNR meeting

1. Natural Resources Management

Focus Areas	Ref.	Purpose and Actions	Phasing	Priority	Action Type	Potential Partners*
Natural Resources Management						
Vegetation	NR-1	Purpose: Protect ecosystem function by promoting native plant species. Actions: Identify, monitor and consider enhancement or reintroduction of special status native plant species. Work with neighbors and partners on coordinated land management actions to promote landscape level ecosystem benefits.	Ongoing	High	PRG	CalFire, RCD, CDFW
	NR-2	Purpose: Manage grasslands consistent with the District's Grazing Management Policy to support both biological resources and agricultural heritage of the area. Actions: Manage and conserve grassland habitat with adequate amounts of residual dry matter at the start of each growing season and a diverse range of vegetation heights and species composition and complexity. Control encroachment of problematic invasive vegetation.	Ongoing	High	PRG	Grazing tenants
	NR-3	Purpose: Enhance and protect pollinator habitat. Actions: Develop a pollinator habitat enhancement plan. Conduct seed collection and seed amplification of pollinator host and nectaring plants	Ongoing and I	Medium	NR	

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Natural Resources Management						
		appropriate for the local ecology. Identify, prioritize and implement plan actions in appropriate areas.				
	NR-4	Purpose: Restore native forest ecosystems in areas with disturbance from past land use. Actions: Implement the Irish Ridge Restoration Plan, manage invasive species per the Integrated Pest Management Program, and implement vegetation management according to the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program.	Ongoing and I	High	NR, PRG	
Wildlife	NR-5	Purpose: Protect wildlife by reducing barriers to movement and dispersal. Actions: Use wildlife-friendly fencing and infrastructure when replacing existing or installing new infrastructure, establish and maintain safe wildlife crossings, including wildlife compatible culverts and regular maintenance to allow passage, and install signage to increase public awareness. Conduct habitat assessments to refine objectives and prioritize barrier removals. Reference best available data sources when planning project areas to select most appropriate tool to inform the identification and protection of wildlife corridors (e.g., District American badger studies and linkage analysis, regional wildlife connectivity data, vehicular mortality hotspots).	Ongoing and II	High	NR, PRG	
	NR-6	Purpose: Protect ecosystem function by promoting native wildlife populations. Actions: Consider designation of conservation management units, consider recreational access type and timing mindful of sensitive	Ongoing and I	High	NR, PRG	CDFW, RCD

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Natural Resources Management						
		wildlife species. restore or enhance degraded habitats for native wildlife, support species reintroduction and/or projects that enhance the genetic diversity and health of wildlife species. Continue efforts of the District's wildlife programs for birds, bats, amphibians, invertebrates and mammals such as by conducting marbled murrelet monitoring, grassland bird and habitat management, bat species research, frog monitoring and early detection rapid response, invertebrate monitoring and grassland management, badger management, and maintaining wildlife habitat connectivity. Explore and implement shared benefits of wildlife conservation with Conservation Grazing management actions and landscape regimes.				
	NR-7	Purpose: Enhance habitats for rare and special status species. Actions: Protect, monitor, and conduct adaptive management actions to sustain viable habitat for special status species, including for the San Francisco dusky footed woodrat, mountain lion, marbled murrelet, California giant salamander, California red-legged frog, golden eagle, American badger, steelhead trout, grasshopper sparrow, ferruginous hawk, long eared myotis, and Bryant's Savannah sparrow. Conduct monitoring studies to identify priority habitat and conservation management areas for special status wildlife.	Ongoing and I	High	NR, PRG	CDFW
Watershed Resources and Aquatic Habitat	NR-8	Purpose: Enhance the quality of riparian habitat along Purisima, Whittemore Gulch, and Lobitos Creeks to promote healthy water quality and anadromy, sequester additional carbon, and protect riparian ecosystem function. Actions: Where feasible, enhance and/or expand the width and extent of the vegetated riparian corridor along major creeks within the Preserve. Monitor Lobitos Creek to assess conditions for water quality	II and III	Medium	NR	CDFW, RCD

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Purisima Comprehensive Use & Management Plan
Draft Implementation Action Table – 10/22/25

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Natural Resources Management						
		and anadromy and identify restoration and habitat enhancement opportunities.				
	NR-9	Purpose: Protect and monitor water quality to support long-term preservation, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources within Purisima. Actions: Provide appropriate setbacks/buffers to water resources during public access planning in accordance with the Coastal Service Plan guidelines and mitigation-the District's Resource Management Policies . Restrict direct human and livestock access to Lobitos Creek to minimize sedimentation and other impacts to the creek. Fence riparian areas, as needed, to exclude cattle. Continue to implement the Water Quality Monitoring Program priorities for the Preserve, including regular monitoring of creeks, ponds, springs, and wells to guide adaptive management efforts and any appropriate response actions.	Ongoing and I	High	NR, PRG, CSP	
	NR-10	Purpose: Prevent erosion impacts to riparian habitats and water resources. Actions: Monitor stream bank stability at Purisima and Lobitos Creeks, particularly in areas near trails and cattle access and implement stabilization actions and/or restrict access as needed.	II	Medium	NR, PRG	
Conservation Grazing	NR-11	Purpose: Continue conservation grazing as a land management tool to preserve grasslands, reduce fire fuels, and support local agriculture. Actions: Manage grazing in accordance with the Board-approved Rangeland Management Plan (RMP) and Agricultural Policy. Update the RMP as needed. Continue existing monitoring program and evaluate introducing new monitoring frameworks (e.g. Audubon Conservation Grazing, Pt. Blue Rangeland Monitoring Network) as needed.	Ongoing	High	PRG	Grazing tenant, NRCS, UCCE, San Mateo County Farm Bureau .

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Natural Resources Management						
						Agricultural Advisory Committee
	NR-12	Purpose: Update conservation grazing infrastructure to support existing and future operations. Actions: Install and replace grazing infrastructure (e.g. new and/or repairs to pasture fences, new gates, stock water systems) to achieve grazing management objectives set forth in the RMP; explore emerging infrastructure technologies that improve general range management (e.g. stock water monitoring systems, electric fence, virtual fence).	I and II	High	NR, PRG	Grazing tenant, RCD
	NR-13	Purpose: Consider expanding conservation grazing operations to further support natural resource management goals . Actions: Evaluate potential to expand conservation grazing in the western areas of the Preserve to address fuel reduction, control invasive plants, control brush encroachment, and conserve native plant and animal diversity.	II	Low Medium	PRG	Grazing tenant, San Mateo County Farm Bureau, Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Natural Resources Management						
Wildfire Resiliency	NR-14	Purpose: Reduce wildland fire risk and improve ease of accessibility by emergency personnel in the Preserve. Actions: Implement the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program’s vegetation management plan, which includes ecosystem resiliency/healthy forest initiatives, enhanced fire management (i.e., fuel breaks and legally required defensible spaces around critical infrastructure), targeted removal of eucalyptus, and updating fire response resource maps. Conduct outreach to neighbors to promote the District’s defensible space permits and encourage ecologically sensitive vegetation management related to wildfire resiliency and natural resource enhancement consistent with the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Wildland Fire Resiliency programs. Close trail access points within the coastal service area during red flag days and post notice of closures on the District’s website.	Ongoing	High	PRG, POL	
Habitat Integrity	NR-15	Purpose: Preserve habitat integrity when siting new preserve infrastructure to support ecosystem resilience and health. Actions: Properly design and site new preserve infrastructure (i.e., trails, parking areas, fencing, corrals, etc.) to avoid habitat segmentation, and maintain wildlife movement, and reduce the need for compensatory mitigation. Focus on siting new physical elements in the outer edges of preserves and close to areas of existing development where possible as recommended in the District’s Parking Area and Trailhead/Staging Area Design guidelines. Identify and implement proper buffers to critical habitats and wetlands, both within and near the Preserve.	Ongoing and I	High	NR, POL, CSP	
Sensitive Area Management	NR-16	Purpose: Protect highly sensitive areas of conservation priority.	Ongoing and I	High	NR, POL	

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Natural Resources Management						
		Actions: Identify and designate highly sensitive natural resource areas and/or highly disturbed areas that require extensive restoration effort as areas restricted to on-trail use only and/or as Conservation Management Units (CMUs).				
Climate Resiliency	NR-17	Purpose: Reduce and manage greenhouse gas emissions where possible. Actions: Promote resilience of long-term vegetation carbon sequestration by implementing the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program actions. Support rangeland carbon sequestration and storage by implementing actions under the Bluebrush Carbon Farming Plan. Protect soil carbon storage by managing erosion. Promote old-growth structure in redwood forest through active forest management practices for long-term carbon sequestration and storage potential. Reduce visitor greenhouse gas emissions by promoting use of multimodal and green travel alternatives and the associated support infrastructure.	I	High	NR, PRG	
	NR-18	Purpose: Promote habitat resilience to the effects of extreme weather conditions and climate change. Actions: Implement priorities under the Wildland fire Resiliency Program and Integrated Pest Management Program, <u>including Early Detection and Rapid Response protocols for new invasive species</u> . Maintain and enhance habitat corridors to support species <u>redistribution or migration needs as climate changes</u> . <u>Remove barriers to species as they may need to adapt to changing conditions and consider nature-based solutions</u> . Consider best-available models of future climate conditions when designing restoration or mitigation projects. Identify and protect a mosaic of habitat refugia with consideration given to changing temperatures and moisture levels.	Ongoing	High	PRG	

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		<u>Implement Early Detection and Rapid Response policies to prioritize native and imperiled species during shifting climate conditions and cascading effects. Balance shade and water needs of people, livestock, and wildlife. Make water available for livestock, while sufficiently preserving natural sources of water resources for wildlife and riparian habitat health, consistent with District policies.</u>				
	NR-19	Purpose: Inform the public about the effects of climate change and the District's resilience efforts in the preserve. Actions: Provide interpretive opportunities regarding climate change impacts to the preserve and the San Mateo Coast, and the District's resiliency work. Anticipate increased coast side visitation during heatwaves and alert the public ahead of these conditions about heat risks and safety measures via the District website and/or social media. Provide clear messaging when weather conditions (e.g. storm damage, red flag days on the coastside) lead to trail closures.	Ongoing	High	PRG	

2. Historic, Cultural, and Tribal Cultural Resources

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Historic, Cultural, Tribal Cultural Resources						
Tribal Cultural Resources	CR-1	Purpose: Engage with Native American tribes to plan for and address tribal cultural resources within the Preserve. Action: Begin tribal consultations as early as possible in the project planning process, as appropriate. Conduct cultural resource studies and	Ongoing and I	High	CIP	

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Historic, Cultural, Tribal Cultural Resources						
		analyses where appropriate and needed, including areas with proposed ground disturbance.				
	CR-2	Purpose: Appropriately address Tribal Cultural Resources that could be affected by a proposed project. Action: In areas where there are known tribal cultural resources, implement avoidance measures to the greatest extent possible. When avoidance is not possible, work with the tribe(s) on implementing cultural resource protection measures and monitoring for known Tribal Cultural Resources. In the event that previously undiscovered Tribal Cultural Resources are discovered, work with the appropriate tribes to develop and implement recommendations for the protection and treatment of the cultural resources in accordance with tribal cultural values, District's Resource Management Policies, and Coastal Service Plan protocols.	Ongoing	High	CIP, POL	
	CR-3	Purpose: Incorporate tribal knowledge and history into the visitor experience. Action: Engage tribes in development of ongoing education opportunities regarding archeology, anthropology, and Native American cultural history. Develop interpretation signage that includes Indigenous voices.	Ongoing	Medium	PRG	
	CR-4	Purpose: Support tribal relationships and access to their ancestral homelands. Action: Consider formalizing access for tribal members to practice traditional lifeways, such as cultural burns/prescribed fires, ethnobotanical collection, and land stewardship actions that connect tribal members to their ancestral homeland and/or support ecosystem land management goals.	Ongoing	Medium	PRG	

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Historic, Cultural, Tribal Cultural Resources						
Historic and Cultural Resources	CR-5	Purpose: Appropriately address significant cultural and historical resources that could be affected by a proposed project. Action: Conduct records searches and surveys with qualified archaeologists and consult the District's historic and cultural resource inventories to identify significant resources prior to project implementation, in accordance with the District's Resource Management Policies for cultural resources. For projects that may trigger environmental (CEQA) review and may negatively impact historic resources, hire a qualified architectural historian to verify historic significance eligibility and inform treatment. Provide a qualified historic/cultural resource monitor when ground-disturbing work is occurring within areas of concern to protect resources from damage.	Ongoing and I	High	CIP, POL	
	CR-6	Purpose: Ensure financial and operational sustainability in the management of Manage historic and cultural resources consistent with the Basic Policy and Resource Management Policies. Action: With guidance from qualified architectural and cultural historians and informed by cost projections, identify financially and operationally sustainable options consistent with the Basic Policy and Resource Management Policies for the long-term management of cultural and historical resources, such as interpretation and documentation.	Ongoing	Medium	PRG, CIP, POL	

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3. Aesthetic Resources

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Aesthetic Resources						
Viewshed	AR-1	Purpose: Protect important Preserve viewsheds, including views and elements that depict the rural character of San Mateo County. Action: Site proposed infrastructure and amenities in accordance with the District's Coastal Service Plan, Resource Management Policies, and the Parking and Staging Area Design Guidelines. Where feasible, use materials complementary of the Preserve's natural landscape and the rural character of San Mateo County. Design new parking areas in a way that utilizes existing topography to screen them from view and site them naturalistically in the landscape to limit the need for earthwork and retaining walls. Include locally appropriate native seeding plantings to provide additional screening only when necessary.	Ongoing and I	High	POL	
	AR-2	Purpose: Showcase the Preserve's natural beauty, unique characteristics and landscape features for public enjoyment. Action: Site proposed amenities, including benches, overlooks and interpretive signage, in accordance with the District's Resource Management Policies and Parking and Staging Area Design Guidelines to highlight key vistas, including coastal views.	Ongoing and I	High	POL	
Scenic Corridor	AR-3	Purpose: Protect designated State and County Scenic Corridors. Action: Site proposed infrastructure and amenities to minimize effects on the Highway 1 and Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35) Scenic Corridors in alignment with the County of San Mateo, and Coastal Service Plan, and Resource Management policies. Retain existing	Ongoing and I	High	POL	SMC

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Aesthetic Resources						
		berms and native trees where possible that provide screening of new public access facilities.				

4. Public Access

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Public Access						
Public Use	PA-1	Purpose: Locate trails and designate trail uses (hiking, mountain biking, equestrian uses, dog use) appropriately based on site suitability to remain protective of the natural resources, agricultural uses, and public safety. Action: Consider natural and cultural resource sensitivities, trail features, including slope and line of sight, the presence of agricultural uses, and other elements when determining the allowable uses for each trail (which do not include e-bikes unless as an ADA other powered mobility device) to protect natural and cultural resources, reduce the potential for conflicts, and maintain visitor safety. Designate public access as on-trail use only within conservation grazing areas, restoration areas, and other sensitive areas within the preserve. Designate the Purisima Uplands area as a closed area until site remediation work is completed and designated trails are established. Evaluate appropriate trail segments for options to incorporate dog access, such as the Purisima-to-the-Sea trail loop, that avoids impacts to sensitive natural and cultural resources and grazing operations, and that meet the 1995 Board-adopted dog access site suitability criteria. Consider seasonal closures or	Ongoing and I	High	POL, EVAL	Grazing tenant

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Public Access						
		changes to recreational access based on new information about impacts to sensitive resources.				
	PA-2	Purpose: Remain consistent with the Board-adopted Trail Use Policies for regional trails. Action: Designate the regional Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail as multi-use (hiking, biking and equestrian use, not including e-bikes unless as an ADA other powered mobility device); includes redesignating existing segments that are hiking-only as multi-use.	Ongoing, I	High	POL, CIP	Bay Area Ridge Trail, POST
Trails	PA-3	Purpose: Site and design trails to be protective of the natural and cultural resources, minimize impacts to surrounding uses, and for long-term durability. Action: Consider topography, vegetation, native habitats, habitat connectivity, species sensitivities, cultural resources, and other natural features when planning laying out new trail alignments. Evaluate the suitability of existing roads and trails for public use to minimize new cuts on the landscape. Design and construct trails in accordance with the District's Trail Use Policy, Coastal Service Plan policies and guidelines, and Details and Specifications Guidelines. Site and design trails to avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive habitats, rare plants, wildlife corridors, and cultural resources wherever feasible. Build for long-term durability by building trails to an average grade of eight percent, where practicable, for long-term durability, feasible, and incorporate sustainable trail design features to reduce erosion and encourage proper drainage that directs runoff is directed to vegetated areas away from creeks. Avoid siting trails near private property boundaries, cattle grazing infrastructure and sensitive resource areas habitats when ever possible practicable.	II and III	Medium	EVAL, POL	

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		<u>Consider seasonal closures or changes to recreational access based on new information about impacts to sensitive resources.</u>				
	PA-4	Purpose: Provide a variety of trail opportunities to offer a diversity of trail experiences. Action: Consider trail loop opportunities of varying distances, including shorter loops (e.g. 1-4 miles) from main trailheads. Consider new internal trail connections to improve trail connectivity within the preserve (e.g. a western North Ridge Trail connector to lower Whitemore Trail) <u>while considering impacts to wildlife movement and habitat fragmentation.</u>	II and III	Medium	EVAL	
	PA-5	Purpose: Explore opportunities for local and regional trail connections to the Preserve. Action: Coordinate with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to implement the Highway 35 trail crossing on Highway 35 and a spur trail from the North Ridge parking area to connect existing segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail within Purisima to the new SFPUC Ridge Trail Extension. Implement the Purisima-to-the-Sea regional trail within the preserve and coordinate with POST, San Mateo County Parks, Coastal Conservancy and Caltrans to connect the Purisima-to-the-Sea trail to the California Coastal Trail at the Cowell-Purisima trailhead via an existing trail easement on POST property. <u>Collaborate with agencies and partners implementing the regional trails that connect to Purisima (i.e. Bay to Sea, Bay Area Ridge, and California Coastal trails) about how to disseminate information and updates to the public about the regional trails, including trail maps, amenities, and operating hours.</u>	Ongoing and I	High	CIP, POL	SFPUC, POST, SMC Parks, Coastal Conservancy, Caltrans, Adjacent landowners
	PA-6	Purpose: Expand Easy Access trail opportunities.	Ongoing	High	EVAL	

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Public Access						
		Action: Explore opportunities to extend the existing 0.3-mile Easy Access Redwood Trail. Evaluate new locations for Easy Access trails that connect to ADA facilities and other amenities (e.g. restrooms, benches, vista points).				
	PA-7	Purpose: Ensure new trails remain consistent with Board-approved policies, including the Coastal Service Plan for trails within the Coastside Protection Area, and the Trail Use Policies. Action: Follow the applicable Board-approved Resource Management Policies and trail design and specification guidelines when identifying new trail alignments and designing/constructing new trails.	Ongoing and I	High	POL, CSP	
Parking and Trailheads	PA-8	Purpose: Develop safe driveways connecting public roadways to Preserve parking areas. Action: Develop new driveways in accordance with the Board approved Parking/Staging Areas and Trailhead design guidelines, including confirming adequate lines of sight. Implement no parking areas along public roadway frontages near driveway entrances, as appropriate, to maintain lines of sight and orderly site circulation.	I	High	CIP, POL	
	PA-9	Purpose: Design and develop new parking areas that are functional, safe, and reflect a sense of place appropriate for the parking/trailhead location. Action: Develop the new Verde parking area and North Ridge parking area expansion in alignment with the Board-approved Coastal Service Plan and Parking/Staging Areas and Trailhead design guidelines, including proper siting/design of new parking areas and selection of	I	High	CIP, CSP, POL	SCC, SFPUC, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, POST, SMC

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		construction materials that are durable and reflect the open space character of the surrounding area. Coordinate with the County of San Mateo to designate no-parking zones on roadways adjacent to parking areas, where necessary, to reduce congestion and improve visitor safety and emergency access near Preserve parking areas and trailheads.				
Multimodal Access	PA-10	Purpose: Improve parking management at the Purisima Creek Road trailhead. Action: Implement a three-year pilot shuttle program that provides a point-to-point shuttle service between the new Verde Road Parking Area and Purisima Creek Road Trailhead consistent with the Purisima Multimodal Implementation Project Report. Close roadside and trailhead parking at the Purisima Creek Road Trailhead when the shuttle is in service.	I and III	High	CIP/PRG	
	PA-11	Purpose: Consider additional transportation demand management (TDM) strategies, as needed, for the lower area of the Preserve. Action: After evaluating the level of success of the pilot shuttle program for the Purisima Creek Road Trailhead, consider either expanding the shuttle program with stops in Half Moon Bay and/or Pescadero, or pursuing other TDM strategies to further manage parking and visitation. Seek partnerships and funding sources for implementation and long-term operation.	III	Low	PRG	SamTrans, SMC, HMB, CSP,
	PA-12	Purpose: Provide visitors with real-time parking availability information at the North Ridge and Verde Road parking areas as an effective parking management tool.	Ongoing and I	High	CIP/PRG	

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Public Access						
		Action: Establish an online real-time parking information system, using sensors to track available parking spaces at the North Ridge and Verde parking areas, providing information online to assist the public in scheduling their visit and better distribute parking use.				
	PA-13	Purpose: Take incremental actions to further manage parking, as needed, at the North Ridge and/or Verde Road parking area. Action: When parking demand meets established capacity thresholds, consider the following: - Designating parking spaces for carpool, vanpool or high-occupancy vehicles as an incremental, additional step to better manage parking use and encourage carpooling to the Preserve; and/or - Establishing a reservation parking system.	II, III	Medium for Carpool Space Low for Reservation System	PRG	
	PA-14	Purpose: Pursue additional strategies to reduce parking congestion at specific sites. Action: Advertise other District trailheads and nearby preserves for visitors to find alternative destinations when specific parking areas are at capacity.	I	Medium	PRG	
Site Amenities	PA-15	Purpose: Explore new interior trail amenities that support long distance travel within the preserve (i.e., travel between Skyline Boulevard and Verde Road). Action: Inventory the various rest stop amenities, including restrooms and rest areas that currently exist within the preserve. Identify potential suitable interior sites for new amenities to support long distance travel within the preserve. Ensure existing and new amenities are wildlife friendly.	I	Medium	CIP	

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Public Access						
	PA-16	Purpose: Explore new interior trail amenities that support long distance, regional trail use. Action: Inventory the various rest stop amenities, including restrooms, rest areas with bench(es), potable water, hitching post, and/or a backpack camps that currently exist along the regional Bay to Sea Trail corridor. Conduct a feasibility study to identify critical gaps where similar amenities can be offered within the preserve to support this regional trail use. <u>In addition, coordinate with regional partners to explore how trail amenities would be implemented to support the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail and overall Bay to Sea Trail corridor.</u>	II and III	Low	EVAL	Bay Area Ridge Trail, POST, SCMSN, SMC, NPS, Parks Conservancy, CSP, GGNRA, Sierra Club
	PA-17	Purpose: Provide visitor serving amenities at new parking areas and trailheads. Action: Incorporate visitor serving amenities in accordance with the Board approved Parking/Staging Areas and Trailhead design guidelines, including proper signage. Provide a vault toilet at the future Verde Road parking area.	I	High	CIP	
	PA-18	Purpose: Provide amenities at trailheads that promote multimodal travel to the preserve. Action: Include bicycle racks, a bicycle repair station, <u>bicycle wheel brush</u>, hitching posts, and/or water troughs, as would be suitable, at preserve trailheads. <u>Include notices or educational material to the public about pathogen or weed transfer.</u>	I	High	CIP	
Signage	PA-19	Purpose: Install proper signage at new trails, parking areas and other public access features per District standards.	I	High	CIP	

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Public Access						
		Action: Develop a signage plan in alignment with the District’s Sign Manual to provide trail directional signs, relevant regulation signs, and appropriate resource management signs. Install standard District signboards at the future Verde Road trailhead, including a partner signboard that recognizes the support from partners and Measure AA public funding support.				
Interpretation and Education	PA-20	Purpose: Incorporate interpretive signage at the Preserve, as appropriate, to highlight important resources and site history, including the land’s agricultural heritage. Action: Identify appropriate locations for new interpretive signage at trailheads or on trails where mid-trail facilities may be located and at the Verde Road trailhead/parking area. Potential interpretive topics include themes that highlight the local <u>ecology natural resources</u>, <u>sensitive species</u>, agricultural heritage, tribal cultural resources, climate change impacts and sustainability measures, <u>historic oil refinery and logging operations in Purisima Canyon</u>, and land management practices that protect biodiversity and support the preservation of local agriculture on the San Mateo County coast. Include <u>Spanish</u> language translations on interpretive signage on the coastside <u>based on changing demographics and census-related data when the number of residents with limited English proficiency (LEP) reach San Mateo County/Santa Clara County thresholds</u>.	I	Medium	PRG, CIP	San Mateo County Historical Society , Half Moon Bay History Association , Coastside Land Trust
	PA-21	Purpose: Enrich the visitor experience through outdoor guided activities that highlight the importance of open space, conservation, and agricultural preservation.	Ongoing	Medium	PRG	Save the Redwoods League

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Public Access						
		Action: Provide docent naturalist guided activities to the public. When effective and as capacity allows, generate digital media content (e.g., StoryMaps, OuterSpatial, podcasts, mobile apps, audio tours, etc.) to enhance storytelling. Provide language translations for online resources.				
	PA-22	Purpose: Expand reach of educational and interpretation programs to new and underserved communities. Action: Explore opportunities and interest in offering cultural and/or natural resource docent-led programming for local schools. Incorporate Spanish language translations and other language translations to signage and educational programs, as needed, to expand reach to non-English speaking communities on the coastside.	Ongoing	Medium	PRG	Parks Conservancy , GGNRA , SMC , Parks, POST , CSP
Conservation Management Unit (CMU)	PA-23	Purpose: Manage public access in CMUs to be consistent with site specific management goals. Action: Designate CMUs at the Preserve, when needed, for sensitive areas requiring limited or no public access, restricted infrastructure or facilities planning , and/or special management considerations.	Ongoing and I	High	POL	

5. Operations and Maintenance

Focus Areas	Ref.	Purpose and Actions	Phasing	Priority	Action Type	Potential Partners*
Operations and Maintenance						
Road and Trail Maintenance	OM-1	Purpose: Provide and maintain adequate emergency access to the Preserve	Ongoing	High	M	

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Operations and Maintenance						
		Action: Maintain existing operational roadways consistent with the District's best management practices.				
	OM-2	Purpose: Reduce erosion and sedimentation originating from legacy roads. Action: Properly decommission unnecessary internal roadways. Implement erosion control measures and drainage improvements, including maintenance of existing culverts, as needed for the remaining roads. Avoid conducting maintenance work in wet conditions to reduce impacts from erosion.	Ongoing	Medium	POL, CSP	
	OM-3	Purpose: Maintain trails to promote an enjoyable trail experience. Action: Maintain vegetation along trails in compliance with the District's Wildland Fire Resiliency Program and Integrated Pest Management program. Maintain trail surfaces and associated drainage infrastructure in compliance with the Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program. Identify trail segments that require additional hardening, particularly for new trail segments in grazing areas, and install and replace aggregate material as needed to maintain trail function. Evaluate and implement minor trail reroutes to avoid problematic trail conditions or trail failures.	Ongoing	High	PRG, M	
Safety and Security	OM-4	Purpose: Ensure compliance with District rules and regulations for public safety and resource protection. Action: Provide signage and education to promote compliance with District regulations. As needed, conduct enforcement actions to address violations for the protection and safety of the resources and public.	Ongoing and I	High	PRG, CSP, CIP	

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	OM-5	Purpose: Ensure security of Preserve lands. Action: Conduct ongoing patrol to monitor safe, appropriate, and permissible public uses. Patrol closed areas for unauthorized access. Utilize gates, wildlife-friendly fencing, and signage on District property where appropriate to maintain site security and meet public safety objectives in alignment with the District's Good Neighbor Policy.	Ongoing	High	PRG, POL	
	OM-6	Purpose: Manage Preserve lands to minimize wildland fire risk Action: Maintain vegetation along roads and trails, where appropriate . Educate visitors about regulations to maximize compliance, conduct regular patrols, and conduct maintenance activities according to best managements practices for fire safety. Implement actions specified for the Preserve in the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program.	Ongoing	High	PRG, POL, CSP, M	
	OM-7	Purpose: Minimize impacts to private properties and avoid public/private use conflicts and trespassing. Action: In areas where trail routes are adjacent to private property, wildlife-friendly fencing shall be employed as necessary to deter users from leaving the trail and private property signs will be installed to inform visitors of private property rights. Consider wildlife-appropriate directional fencing to guide wildlife away from unsafe or unwanted property areas . Specific fence, gate, and crossing designs will be determined in consultations with adjacent affected property owner(s) at the Use and Management Plan stage. In the coastside protection area, trails should be sited 300 feet from any occupied dwellings on neighboring properties, where feasible, with a minimum 50-foot setback if greater separation from dwellings is not feasible. Consider impacts from District business operations in the vicinity of private properties	Ongoing and I	High	POL, CSP	

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		such as noise, maintenance activities, and siting of new trails and facilities in accordance with the District's Good Neighbor Policy and Coastal Service Plan .				
Utilities and Infrastructure	OM-8	Purpose: Remove obsolete infrastructure. Action: Identify and document utilities and infrastructure and remove unnecessary facilities and infrastructure, such as obsolete water systems and fencing. Remove the old county park restroom near the Redwood Trailhead, approved for demolition by the Board in 2000.	II	Medium	M, CIP	
	OM-9	Purpose: Maintain reliable domestic and agricultural water sources essential to implement management objectives. Action: Inventory and maintain existing water infrastructure. Measure domestic and agricultural consumptive water use and evaluate opportunities to use municipal water supply where feasible. Evaluate opportunities to expand and/or replace existing water infrastructure to support conservation grazing operations while maintaining water requirements of wildlife. Ensure all water infrastructure is wildlife friendly and does not create entrapment risk (e.g. escape ramps, secured closures).	Ongoing, II	Medium	M, EVAL, CIP	Grazing tenants
	OM-10	Purpose: Promote resilience of infrastructure to impacts of extreme weather conditions and climate change. Actions: Assess roads, trails, crossings, and water conveyance infrastructure for vulnerability to impacts from severe storms, fire, and extreme heat. Upgrade or decommission infrastructure as appropriate.	III	Medium	PRG	

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		Design new infrastructure and repairs in consideration of more severe weather conditions than historic levels.				
Environmental Hazards	OM-11	Purpose: Address environmental hazards	I	High	M, NR, AGT	CalGEM
	OM-11-1	Action: Remove barbed wire, nails, debris, and other materials that no longer have a functional purpose or that pose public safety hazards and do not contain significant cultural or historic value . Support the long-term stewardship of the property and meet public safety objectives in alignment with the District's Good Neighbor Policy.				
	OM-11-2	Action: Identify and contain hazardous areas. Remove and remediate hazards where appropriate in alignment with natural and historic resource management objectives and procedures. Designate Purisima Uplands as a closed area until the site has been remediated. Following remediation, re-evaluate the area for potential public access in consideration of long-term natural and cultural resource protection.				
Legal Agreements	OM-12	Purpose: Ensure conditions of easements and other agreements are met.	Ongoing	High	AGT	POST, SCC, adjacent landowners
	OM-12-1	Action: Where required, develop public access in alignment with stipulations set forth by the conservation and trail easements held by the Peninsula Open Space Trust and California Coastal Conservancy.				
	OM-12-2	Action: Comply with access easements with applicable neighbors.				
	OM-12-3	Action: Comply with the Purisima Creek Water Adjudication.				
Partnerships	OM-13	Purpose: Seek and maintain partnerships to support management of the Preserve in alignment with the District's mission and policies				

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	OM-13-1	Action: Explore potential partnerships for implementation and long-term use and/or management of trail crossings and connectors to Cowell Purisima Coastal Trail.	Ongoing,	High	AGT	POST, SMC, CSP
	OM-13-2	Action: Partner with tribes, non-profits, governmental entities, and/or other interested communities in regional resource and land management efforts pertaining to the preserve in accordance with the District's Good Neighbor Policy.	Ongoing, I	Medium	AGT	SMC, HMB, POST, Tribes
	OM-13-3	Action: Explore local and regional partnership opportunities that encourage multimodal access to the preserve as well as connections to the California Coastal Trail, Bay to Sea Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail, etc. Support the implementation of San Mateo County's planned bike routes and planned Connect the Coastside projects.	Ongoing	Medium	AGT	SMC, Caltrans, RCD, CSP, SamTrans, POST
	OM-14	Purpose: Seek funding partnerships to leverage and magnify District resources. Action: Explore grant and external funding opportunities to support public access improvements, resource management actions, and long-term use and management of the preserve.	Ongoing	Medium	AGT	SFPUC, SCC

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Purisima Comprehensive Use & Management Plan
Draft Implementation Action Table – 10/22/25

List of Acronyms

<u>ADA</u>	<u>Americans with Disabilities Act</u>
CalFire	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CalGEM	California Geologic Energy Management Division
CalTrans	California Department of Transportation
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CSP	California State Parks
<u>GGNRA</u>	<u>Golden Gate National Recreation Area</u>
HMB	City of Half Moon Bay
<u>NPS</u>	<u>National Parks Service</u>
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
POST	Peninsula Open Space Trust
RCD	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
SamTrans	San Mateo County Transit District
SCC	County of Santa Clara
<u>SCMSN</u>	<u>Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network</u>
SFPUC	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
SMC	County of San Mateo
UCCE	University of California Cooperative Extension

Action Types

CIP - Capital improvement project
EVAL – Evaluation/Assessments
AGT – Partner/Legal Agreement
POL – Policy/Plan Compliance

PRG – Programming project

M – Maintenance project

NR – Natural resources/restoration project

CSP – Coastal Service Plan

Phasing

I – Short-term (1-3 years)

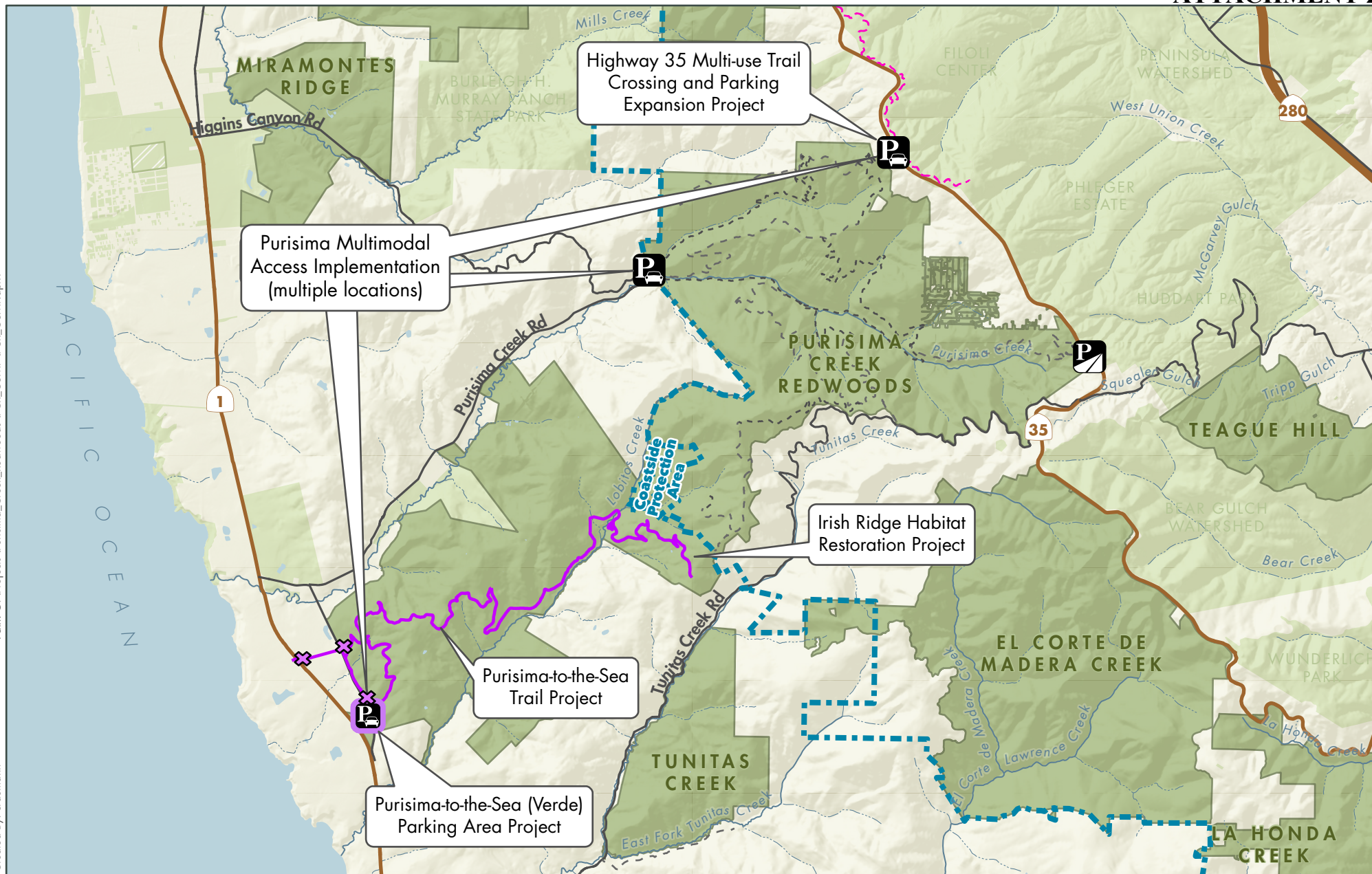
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New Project Locations - Purisma Comprehensive Use and Management Plan

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|  Midpen preserves |  Existing parking area |  Future Purisma-to-the-Sea Trail |
|  Other protected lands |  Proposed parking area |  Future road crossing locations |
|  Closed areas |  Existing trails |  Future Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension |

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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.

Summary of New Public Access and Restoration Projects

The Comprehensive Use and Management Plan (Plan, CUMP) builds off extensive resource analysis, technical studies, and public input conducted as part of the individual planning processes for new public access and restorations projects between 2020 and 2024. Over 50 public and stakeholder engagement activities were conducted related to one or more of these projects, including District Board and Committee meetings, tabling at community events, regional partner meetings, site tours with coastal community residents, and meetings with neighborhood associations. A summary of these projects and their previous planning processes are included below:

- **Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail and Parking Project**

The planned Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail will be a 15-mile east-west link as part of the regional trail network that connects the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the California Coastal Trail and is also anticipated to be a significant segment of the more extensive Bay to Sea Trail. The project's feasibility study recommendations, which identifies the proposed trail alignment and concept designs for a new trailhead and parking area off Verde Road, was accepted by the Board in May 2023. The project also includes interior Preserve connector trails and trail crossings across Verde Road and Highway 1. Design development to support the CEQA analysis was initiated in fall 2023.

- **Hwy 35 Multi-use Crossing and Parking Expansion Project**

The planned multi-use trail crossing on Highway 35 will provide an important regional trail connection between existing segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail from the North Ridge trailhead to a new extension of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on the adjacent San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) watershed lands. Additionally, the project includes onsite parking expansion and reconfiguration of the North Ridge parking area to better address current and future parking demand at this location. The Board accepted the feasibility study recommendations in November 2023, including selection of a conceptual parking design and multi-use trail crossing location. Design development to support the CEQA analysis was initiated in spring 2024 that includes the North Ridge parking expansion, highway crossing, and a spur trail connection on SFPUC watershed lands. SFPUC has partnered with the District to help implement the CEQA, permitting, and construction phases of this project in support of this important regional trail connection.

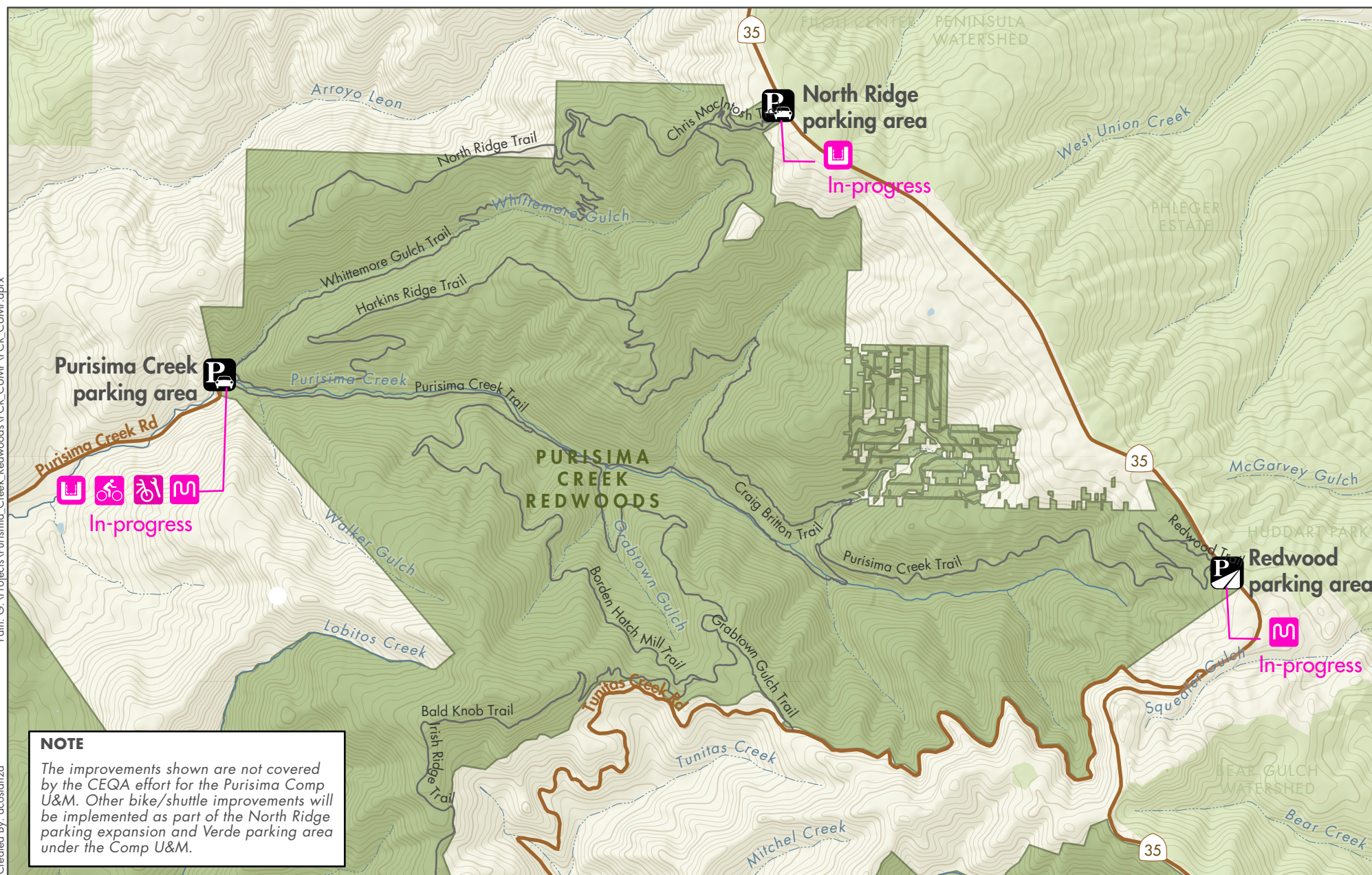
- **Purisima Multimodal Implementation Project**

The 2022 Purisima Multimodal Access and Transportation Demand Study (Study) identified several high priority transportation demand management (TDM) strategies directly related to and being incorporated into the design of the new Purisima-to-the-Sea parking area and the expanded North Ridge parking area. On December 11, 2024, the Board accepted the recommended shuttle and parking management concepts at Purisima, which includes a pilot shuttle program with service between the new Verde parking area and existing Purisima Creek trailhead as well as dynamic real-time parking information for both the Verde Road and North Ridge parking areas.

- **Irish Ridge Restoration Plan**

The project aims to restore a site dominated by non-native, invasive plants that are reducing habitat quality, invading adjacent natural areas, and contributing excessive woody debris that increase the risk of wildland fire. The project aims to remove the invasive plants and selectively thin the unnaturally high-density forested areas. The habitat restoration plan was completed in 2023 and will serve as mitigation for one or more of the new District projects within the Preserve, such as the adjacent Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail project.

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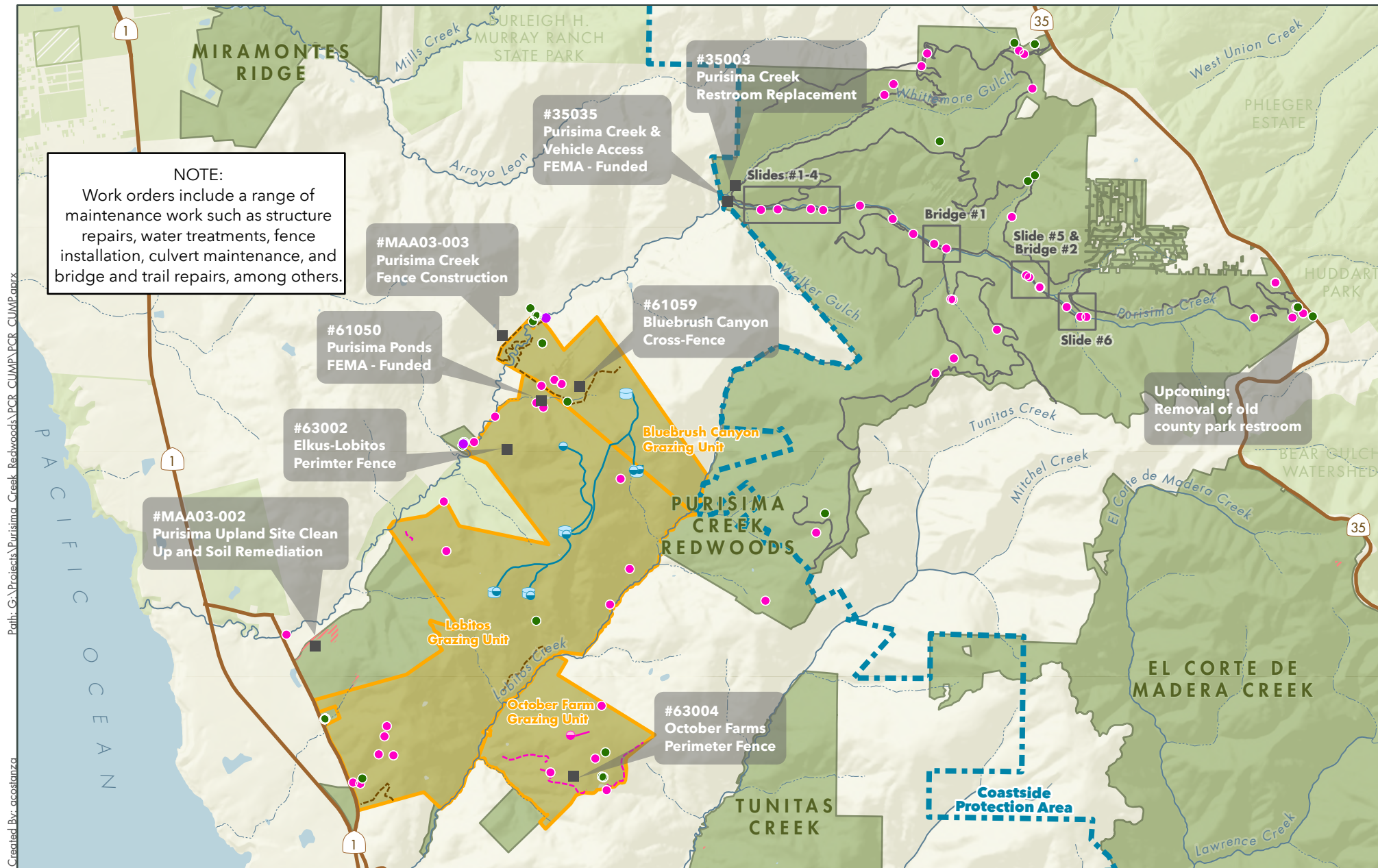
In-Progress Purisima Multimodal High Priority TDM Implementation

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|  Midpen preserves | In-progress Improvements |  Bicycle Tire Cleaning Station |  Bicycle Rack |
|  Other protected lands | |  Bicycle Repair Station |  Boot Brush |
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Existing/In-Progress Purisima Creek Redwoods Operations

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| Midpen preserves | Project locations |
| Other protected lands | Refuse area clean up sites |
| Private property | Rangeland Management Plan area (Grazing lease) |

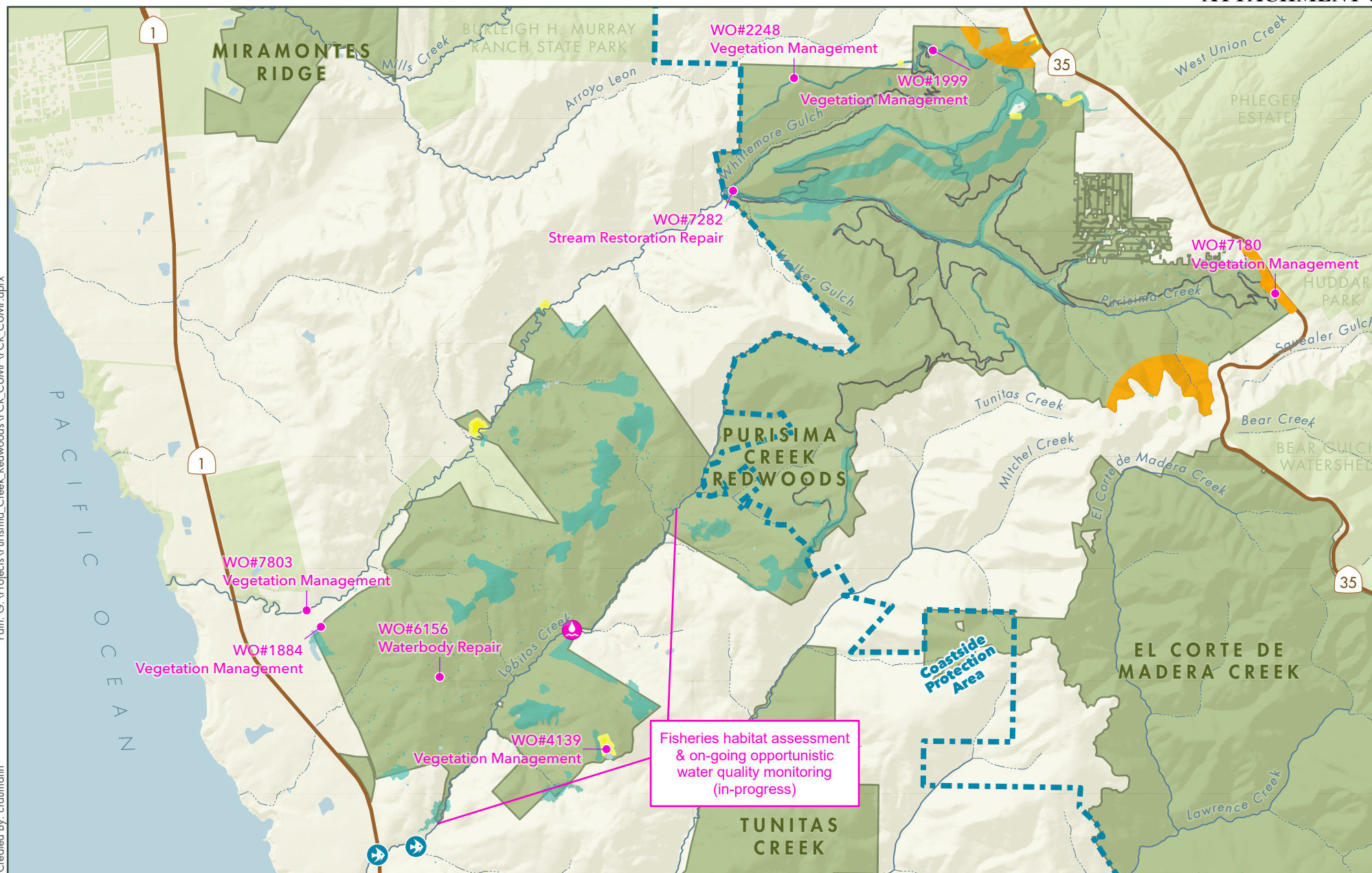
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| | Work order (completed, closed) |
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| | Grazing water infrastructure (existing/in-progress) |
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| | Fence (in-progress) |

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Existing/In-progress Purisima Creek Redwoods Veg. Management & Natural Resources

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| Midpen preserves | Veg. Management areas (present) | Stream restoration site (in-progress) |
| Other protected lands | Future work associated with Wildland Fire Resiliency Program | Lobitos Creek fisheries habitat improvements |
| Work order (in-progress, open) | Integrated Pest Management (IPM) areas | |
| Project locations | | |

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Planning and Natural Resources Committee and Public Feedback

The tables below organize the feedback received by the PNR Committee (Table 1) and general public (Table 2). Included in each table is an explanation of how the feedback is reflected in the CUMP. Feedback has been summarized for clarity and is listed in no particular order.

Table 1. PNR Committee Feedback and CUMP Updates

	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
1	Request to modify a Plan goal under Natural Resources to acknowledge role of conservation grazing in wildland fire resilience.	N/A	Revised goal: “Continue conservation grazing to maintain and enhance native grassland communities <u>and to support wildland fire resilience.</u> ”
2	Question about how Preserve neighbors have been previously engaged on projects related to the CUMP and how feedback has been received.	As part of the feasibility study for each new public access project, separate, robust public engagement processes were conducted to receive public and Board feedback. More than 50 public engagement events were held both virtually and in person from 2020-2025 and feedback has been incorporated into the Board-affirmed conceptual designs.	The full draft Plan document will summarize the engagement process and feedback received on each public access project as well as how the feedback was used to develop the conceptual designs previously affirmed by the Board.
3	Request for additional maps to show other existing conditions at the Preserve, such as trail uses, adjudicated creeks, and wildlife corridors to highlight existing uses and potential conflicts.	N/A	The full draft Plan will discuss existing conditions, including wildlife corridors, trail uses, and other elements of the Preserve’s public access features and natural resources. Existing conditions will also be incorporated into maps in the full draft Plan where applicable.
4	Request to clarify how phasing and priorities were established throughout the table.	Each action is assigned a phase (I, II, III) and priority (high/medium/low). Phasing for each action is assigned based on project timelines, staff availability, partner coordination and project sequencing. Actions are prioritized based on Board, public, and staff feedback, as well as whether other ongoing or previous projects have separately addressed the purpose of a particular action.	The full draft Plan will include an explanation of how priorities, phasing, and other implementation factors were developed for each action.

Planning and Natural Resources Committee and Public Feedback

	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
5	Request to give higher priority to an action related to expanding conservation grazing (i.e., taking actions to expand grassland acreage to increase grazing range).	N/A	The implementation action table has been updated to increase the priority of this action from low to medium (see NR-13 in the implementation action table).
6	Question about how members of the public can stay informed and remain engaged on this project.	The public can visit the project webpage (www.openspace.org/PCR-Plan) for project updates including project status, next steps, and upcoming meetings and to sign up for the Purisima interested parties list to receive email notifications. Following the October 22, 2025 Board meeting, there will be opportunities for the public and Board to review the full draft CUMP and CEQA documents and submit public comments.	N/A
7	Question about how Preserve visitors will get information about regional trails (including segments not on District preserves) and a request to include maps that show how external regional trails will connect to the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail.	The District will continue to coordinate with our partners to provide and promote clear information to the public about regional trail alignments and facilities. This regional partner coordination will be an ongoing effort with the goal of providing timely updates prior to the public opening of new regional trails/connections.	The implementation action table has been updated to include coordination efforts with other agencies (see PA-5). The full draft Plan will also include a map showing how known, external regional trails are connecting/will connect to the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail.
8	Question about how regional trail facilities (such as backpack camps) should be discussed for the Preserve as well as District-wide and a request to include the Sierra Club as another partner.	The District participates in monthly meetings with a group of other agencies (Peninsula Trails Team) to discuss regional interests and opportunities for regional collaboration. There is interest from this group in evaluating the need for overnight accommodations and potential locations of regional trail amenities and facilities across the San Mateo County coast.	The implementation action table has been updated to broaden the language of the recommended action so that evaluating regional trail amenities and facilities at Purisima could be accomplished as part of a District-wide or regional effort. The Sierra Club was also added as potential partner for this action (see PA-16).

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	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
9	Request to clarify that new and redesigned trails will ensure good design and safety in line with the District's trail design standards and that they will be located appropriately with respect to natural resources and grazing operations.	N/A	The implementation action table has been updated to reference the District's trail design standards (see PA-3) and to emphasize the District's priorities for protecting natural resources and supporting conservation grazing operations when considering new trails (updated throughout the implementation table).
10	Request to clarify that the term multi-use does not include e-bikes	N/A	The implementation table has been updated to clarify that multi-use designations at Purisima do not include e-bikes unless as an ADA other powered mobility device (OPMD) (see PA-1, PA-2). The full draft Plan will also discuss that general e-bike use is not permitted at the Preserve.
11	Question about the process of evaluating various options for dog use at Purisima, including loop trails and seasonal access	Any implementation actions that reference future evaluations will require that staff present the results of those studies and proposed recommendations to the Board at a future time for consideration and approval.	The implementation action table has been updated to include a future evaluation for dog access and viable options for consideration at Purisima that meet the 1995 Board-adopted dog access site suitability criteria (see PA-1).
12	Question about how to ensure the complexity and time-consuming nature of new projects do not delay the implementation of interrelated projects.	Interrelated new public access and restoration projects will be submitted under one Coastal Development Permit application to the County for a holistic review per their request. However, staff will continue to consider all options to streamline implementation of these projects throughout their various phases of work, including revisiting this approach with the County should delays emerge.	The full draft Plan will discuss the next steps for the new public access and restoration projects to clarify the anticipated timing for implementation.

Planning and Natural Resources Committee and Public Feedback

	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
13	Request to confirm whether shuttle questions from the public have been addressed regarding their use and the parking along the Purisima Creek trailhead, as well as a question about whether the new trail off Verde Road, shuttle, and parking area will be open at the same time.	Staff confirmed during the Committee meeting that parking at and along the roadside off the Purisima Creek Road trailhead will only be closed when the shuttle is operating. The pilot shuttle program is expected to be initiated when the Verde parking area is open to the public. The plan is to open the new trails off Verde Road, shuttle, and the parking area at the same time. However, should any of these three components be delayed during permitting or construction, staff will consider options for expediting the remaining public access improvements if deemed feasible and appropriate.	The full draft Plan will discuss subsequent phasing and options for expediting, when possible, the opening of projects/programs to the public.
14	Request to include grazing tenants as potential partners for actions related to conservation grazing as well as identify additional potential partners on actions related to expanding reach of educational programs and enriching the visitor experience.	N/A	The implementation action table has been updated to include grazing tenants as potential partners for actions related to conservation grazing (see NR-2, NR-11, NR-12, NR-13, PA-1, OM-9) and additional potential partners have been added to actions related to educational programs and opportunities to expand the reach to new visitors (see PA-21, PA-22).

Table 2. Public Feedback and CUMP Updates

	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
1	Concerns expressed about safety of roadside parking along Skyline Blvd (Hwy 35) and questions about whether the North Ridge parking expansion project would address this issue.	While the North Ridge parking expansion project will add more parking within the expanded lot and remove most of the roadside parking along Hwy 35 adjacent to the lot, the District does not anticipate that this will completely meet demand for parking during peak visitation. Additional	The full draft Plan will discuss how the Hwy 35 project will help address parking demand and improve circulation (expanded parking, TDMs, enforcement of no parking zones).

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	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
		transportation demand management strategies (TDMs), such as real-time parking information, are also proposed at the North Ridge parking area to help visitors plan ahead and avoid congestion during peak visitation times. The expanded and reconfigured parking area will improve circulation and provide safer parking options by relocating a majority of parking onsite. The District will also enforce nearby areas that are designated as “no parking” zones.	
2	Concerns expressed related to the Hwy 35 multi-use crossing from the SFPUC Ridge Trail Extension to the North Ridge parking area due to vehicles exceeding the speed limits on Hwy 35.	The Hwy 35 feasibility study and subsequent design phases conducted two traffic studies that confirmed a safe pedestrian crossing location. The crossing improvements are designed based on existing site conditions, including observed speeds, to meet Caltrans required standards. For more information about the Hwy 35 feasibility study, including technical studies, public engagement and conceptual designs, please visit the project website, https://www.openspace.org/pcr-bart .	N/A
3	Questions about who ultimately decides the crossing designs on Hwy 35 and Hwy 1. Suggestions to both include and not include flashing beacons, as well as suggestions for over and under crossings.	Caltrans approvals are required to implement the Hwy 35 and Hwy 1 crossings. During the permit application process, Caltrans will determine the requirements and revisions to the crossing design to receive final approval, including any requirements for flashing beacons. For more information on both the Hwy 35 and Purisima-to-the-Sea feasibility studies, please visit the project websites at https://www.openspace.org/pcr-bart and https://www.openspace.org/what-we-do/projects/purisima-sea-trail	N/A

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	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
4	Concerns about implementing backpack camps at Purisima due to wildfire risk.	A recommended action in the CUMP includes evaluating regional trail amenities and facilities (including backpack camps) and future studies will provide more information on what may be feasible. The public will have additional opportunities to provide input on this and other regional trail amenities and facilities prior to any decisions being made about implementation.	N/A
5	Request for clearer information about the CUMP process, opportunities for community input, and a glossary for acronyms.	The project process and detailed timeline with information on opportunities for public input are included in the October 22, 2025 board report and presentation as well as on the project webpage. The implementation action table has a list of acronyms included on the last page of the attachment.	The full draft Plan will document the planning and public engagement process as well as include a list of acronyms for ease of review.
6	Request for more details about the shuttle service, parking lot closures, and maps. General support for the shuttle program as long as schedule, parking closures, and other information are communicated well.	The implementation table actions related to the pilot shuttle program reflect the recommendations from the implementation report accepted by the Board on December 11, 2024. A link to the Board report and shuttle program details is available on the CUMP webpage (www.openspace.org/PCR-Plan).	The full draft Plan will summarize the 2024 shuttle recommendations that will be evaluated under CEQA as well as management actions necessary to support a shuttle service.
7	Question about the type of CEQA document anticipated for this project.	At this time, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is anticipated as the District strives to design projects that avoid significant environmental impacts. However, please note that the Initial Study will need to be completed to confirm what document type is ultimately required. The District will provide appropriate opportunities for public review as required under CEQA.	N/A

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	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
8	Request to include coordination with the San Mateo County Farm Bureau and Agriculture Advisory Committee as potential partners to ensure agricultural stakeholders are engaged.	N/A	The implementation action table has been updated to include both organizations as potential partners, where appropriate, throughout the table (see NR-11 and NR-13).
9	Suggestions for various trail design features related to the Irish Ridge trail to refit for multi-use and avoid widening the trail. Suggestion to locate the Purisima-to-the-Sea connection to Irish Ridge trail so that hikers do not have to backtrack from the private Irish Ridge road.	The connection from Purisima-to-the-Sea trail to Irish Ridge will avoid the private portion of Irish Ridge Road.	The implementation action table has been updated to highlight sustainable trail design and to broaden the language to explore multiple trail design options (see PA-3).
10	Request to include bike racks at the new Verde parking area.	Bike racks and other bike amenities are included in the new parking area designs and will be incorporated at other trailheads at the Preserve as recommended by the Purisima Multimodal Access Study (2021).	The full draft Plan will discuss multimodal (including bike) features at each of the parking areas/trailheads.
11	Request to consider dog access on trails accessible from Verde Road.	N/A	The implementation action table has been updated to include a future evaluation for dog access and viable options for consideration at Purisima that meet the 1995 Board-adopted dog access site suitability criteria (see PA-1).
12	Support for new Verde parking lot and shuttle pilot program.	N/A	N/A
13	Request to show new Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail alignment more clearly.	N/A	Maps showing this alignment have been updated to make it more visible and will be updated in the full draft Plan as well.

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	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
14	Request to preserve local agricultural and oil refinery history by incorporating information into interpretive signage and partnering with organizations on these efforts.	N/A	The implementation action table has been updated to specifically mention agriculture and oil refinery history within the area as possible interpretive topics. San Mateo County Historical Society, Half Moon Bay History Association, and the Coastside Land Trust have been added as potential partners on this action (see PA-20).
15	Request to reconsider demolishing the old oil refinery in the Purisima Uplands area in favor of preservation for educational use.	The site cleanup work that is being proposed by in the Purisima Uplands area is a separate project and already evaluated under a separate CEQA process. This site cleanup involves structure and debris removal and soil remediation within an abandoned oil pumping and processing facility to protect natural resource values. Another separate effort is being undertaken by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), the California state agency responsible for abandoned idle wells to decommission an oil well in accordance with the state standards for safety and long-term management.	The full draft Plan will include background information on this work and each agency's role in the cleanup and decommissioning projects.
16	Comment that a CUMP is needed for this Preserve due to many changes in local land ownership and increase in visitor traffic.	N/A	N/A
17	Questions regarding how/if the District is working with Caltrans, sheriff, and emergency services to address speeding on Skyline Boulevard as well as parking enforcement and violations.	The District will continue to coordinate with law enforcement and Caltrans regarding safety concerns along Skyline Boulevard. These agencies have been made aware of concern with speeding and parking violations along Skyline Boulevard. District rangers currently enforce	N/A

Planning and Natural Resources Committee and Public Feedback

	Comments/Questions	Staff Clarifications	How feedback is reflected in the CUMP
		parking regulations in and around preserve parking areas.	
18	Request to consider extending public bus transit route 117 to Verde road to help visitors avoid using Highway 1.	The District will continue to work with partners to identify opportunities to promote and expand multimodal access to Preserves.	See implementation action OM-13-3.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Purisima CUMP

(included on the project webpage)

1. How have neighbors and the larger community previously been engaged for these new public access projects?

Response: *Each new public access project, including Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail, Verde Road Parking, Hwy 35 Multiuse Crossing and Parking Expansion, and Purisima Multimodal Access Implementation, had a separate, robust public engagement process as part of the feasibility study to receive public and Board feedback. More than fifty public engagement events were held both virtually and in person from 2020-2025 and feedback has been incorporated into the Board-affirmed conceptual designs. Links to the completed feasibility studies are provided at the top of this webpage and the results from those studies will also be discussed in the full draft CUMP.*

2. How can the public stay up to date and engaged on this project?

Response: *The public can visit this project webpage (www.openspace.org/PCR-Plan) for project updates, including project status, next steps, and upcoming meetings, and to sign up for the Purisima interested parties list to receive email notifications. There will be opportunities for public review and comment on the full draft CUMP and CEQA document, anticipated in Spring 2026.*

3. How would prospective trail users get information about regional trails and what website/resources are available?

Response: *Midpen will continue to coordinate with our partners to provide and promote clear information to the public about external regional trail alignments and facilities. This regional partner coordination will be an ongoing effort with the goal of providing timely updates prior to the public opening of these new regional trails/connections. Information on the regional [SFPUC Ridge Trail Extension](#), [Bay to Sea Trail](#), and the [California Coastal Trail](#) is currently available through each organizations' websites and on this project website.*

4. Are new trail uses being considered at Purisima?

Response: *The Plan includes priorities to evaluate potential dog access at the Preserve as well as potential opportunities for additional loop trails. Additional evaluations to study dog access and new loop trails at the Preserve would require staff to present the results of those studies and proposed recommendations to the Board for their consideration and approval regarding specific implementation. The evaluation for dog access will incorporate the 1995 Board-adopted Dog Access Site Suitability Criteria. The Plan also includes redesignating a portion of the Irish Ridge Trail from hiking only to multi-use to connect to the future Purisima-to-the-Sea trail. The Plan does not include e-bike use at the Preserve unless it is used as an ADA other powered mobility device.*

5. Will new and redesigned trails ensure good design and public safety?

Response: *Yes, trails will be designed and constructed in accordance with Midpen's Trail Use Policy, Coastal Service Plan policies and guidelines, and Trail Details and Specifications Guidelines.*

6. Will the new trail, shuttle, and Verde parking area all be open at the same time?

Response: *The pilot shuttle program is expected to be initiated when the Verde parking area is open to the public. However, should one of these elements (trail, parking area, or shuttle) be delayed during permitting or construction, staff will consider other options to open some components earlier than others to expedite the new public access improvements to the Preserve on the coastside.*

7. Where can I find more information about the shuttle program?

Response: *The pilot shuttle program was presented in the Purisima Multimodal implementation report accepted by the Board on December 11, 2024. A link to the Board report and shuttle program details is available at the top of the CUMP webpage (www.openspace.org/PCR-Plan). The pilot program will be developed using recommendations from this report as well as expertise from a future shuttle operator/vendor. Midpen will also utilize adaptive management strategies to address any potential challenges during implementation.*

8. How is phasing and priority determined for the Plan's implementation actions?

Response: Each action is assigned a phase (I, II, III) and priority (high/medium/low). Phasing for each action has been assigned based on project timelines, staff availability, partner coordination and necessary project sequencing. Actions are prioritized based on Board and public priorities, staff input, as well as whether other ongoing or previous projects have separately addressed the purpose of a particular action.

9. How will the North Ridge parking expansion project address parking demand and safety issues?

Response: The North Ridge parking expansion project will add more parking within the expanded lot and remove most of the roadside parking along Hwy 35 adjacent to the lot. The expanded and reconfigured parking area will improve circulation and provide safer parking options by relocating a majority of parking onsite. Midpen does not anticipate that this will completely meet demand for parking during peak visitation. Additional transportation demand management strategies (TDMs), such as real-time parking information, are also proposed at the North Ridge parking area to help visitors plan ahead and avoid congestion during peak visitation times. Midpen will continue to coordinate with responsible agencies to ensure enforcement of areas near preserve parking areas that are designated as “no parking” zones.

10. What multimodal features will be included at Purisima parking areas and trailheads?

Response: The following multimodal amenities will be implemented at the parking areas/trailheads as part of either an ongoing effort or one of the new parking area projects:

- **Purisima Creek:** Bicycle tire cleaning station, bicycle repair station, bike rack, and boot brush
- **North Ridge:** Real-time parking information (online only), bicycle tire cleaning station, bicycle repair station, bike rack, and boot brush
- **Verde:** Pilot shuttle program service, real-time parking information (online only), bicycle tire cleaning station, bicycle repair station, bike rack, and boot brush
- **Redwood:** Bike rack

11. How were the highway/roadway crossings developed and who ultimately determines the appropriate crossing designs?

Response: *The Hwy 35 and Purisima-to-the-Sea feasibility studies and subsequent design phases included traffic studies that determined appropriate pedestrian crossing locations on the highways and Verde road. The crossing improvements were designed based on existing site conditions, including observed speeds, to meet Caltrans required standards. Caltrans approvals are required for Midpen to implement the Hwy 35 and Hwy 1 crossings. During the permit application process, Caltrans will determine the necessary requirements and revisions to the crossing design to receive final approval. For more information about the feasibility studies, including technical studies, public engagement and conceptual designs, visit the project websites linked at the top of this project webpage.*

12. How has Midpen been trying to address speeding and parking enforcement along Hwy 35?

Response: *Midpen will continue to coordinate with law enforcement and Caltrans regarding vehicle speed and parking concerns along Skyline Boulevard. These agencies are aware of these concerns along Skyline Boulevard. Midpen rangers currently enforce parking regulations in and around Midpen parking areas.*

13. What feedback has been provided for this project so far?

Response: *In addition to the questions on this FAQ list, public feedback has also included the following:*

- *Concerns about speeding on nearby roadways and pedestrian safety on highway crossings.*

Response: *Midpen will continue to coordinate with law enforcement and Caltrans regarding safety concerns along Skyline Boulevard.*

- *Concerns about addressing parking demand and issues with shoulder parking along Hwy 35 (Skyline Boulevard);*

Response: *While the North Ridge parking expansion project will add more parking within the expanded lot and remove most of the roadside parking along Hwy 35 adjacent to the lot, Midpen does not anticipate that this will*

completely meet demand for parking during peak visitation. Additional transportation demand management strategies (TDMs), such as real-time parking information, are also proposed at the North Ridge parking area to help visitors plan ahead and avoid congestion during peak visitation times. The expanded and reconfigured parking area will improve circulation and provide safer parking options by relocating a majority of parking onsite. Midpen will also enforce nearby areas that are designated as “no parking” zones.

- *Need for fire prevention and concerns about fire from a backpack camp.*

Response: *A recommended action in the CUMP includes evaluating regional trail amenities and facilities (including backpack camps) and future studies will provide more information on what may be feasible. The public will have additional opportunities to provide input on this and other regional trail amenities and facilities prior to any decisions being made about implementation.*

- *Interest in providing dog access and more loop trails at Purisima.*

Response: *A recommended action in the CUMP includes evaluating dog use and more loop trails at Purisima and future studies will provide more information on what may be feasible. The public will have additional opportunities to provide input on this and other regional trail amenities and facilities prior to any decisions being made about implementation.*

- *Concerns about public access impacts in areas with active grazing and/or sensitive natural resources.*

Response: *The actions included in the CUMP implementation action table have been developed to emphasize Midpen’s priorities for protecting natural resources and supporting conservation grazing operations when considering new and ongoing public access. The full draft CUMP will also include information about existing resources and goals for protecting natural resources and grazing operations.*

- *Interest in highlighting the local history of the Preserve.*

Response: *The CUMP implementation action table includes actions related to providing more interpretive elements at the Preserve, including topics such as local agriculture and oil refinery history. The table also identifies potential partners including San Mateo County Historical Society, Half Moon Bay History Association, and the Coastside Land Trust. The full draft CUMP will also discuss any known historic resources within the Preserve.*

- *Interest in the future pilot shuttle program and request for clear communication with the public when it opens.*

Response: *More information on the shuttle program and parking management strategies implementation can be found on the project [website](#).*

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