



Agricultural Policy Update



The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District staff is updating our **agricultural policy** through a public process to clarify and define Midpen's role in agriculture on the San Mateo County Coast in alignment with **Midpen's coastal mission**: To acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and **agricultural land of regional significance**, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve **rural character**, encourage **viable agricultural use of land resources**, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

Goals and Objectives

- **Consolidate** existing board-adopted agricultural policies in Midpen's Conservation Grazing Policy, Basic Policy, Resource Management Policies, Coastal Service Plan and other documents.
- **Evaluate** gaps and areas requiring clarification, such as Midpen's role in supporting farmworker housing.
- **Create** a decision-making tool for Midpen staff and board that is informed, consistent and effective.



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Midpen's Work & Partners on the San Mateo County Coast

Midpen's boundaries expanded to include the Coastside in 2004. Since then, Midpen has preserved more than 12,000 acres of **natural and agricultural lands** on the coast, and leases approximately 9,000 acres for **conservation grazing** and 40 acres for **row crops**. Midpen works in a close public-private **partnership with Peninsula Open Space Trust** and other local organizations to balance viable agricultural and open space conservation goals on the Coastside.

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