



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM 1

AGENDA ITEM

Vision Plan Board Workshop on the Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions from Phase 3, “Enriching the Conversation”

GENERAL MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Receive a brief report from the Vision Plan Community Advisory Committee.
2. Receive a presentation on the Vision Plan Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions developed during Phase 3, “Enriching the Conversation.”
3. Provide feedback on the recommended Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions, and identify which outcomes and actions to move forward as part of upcoming public meetings (Phase 4, “Deliberation”).
4. If necessary, continue discussions to October 9, 2013 to allow sufficient time to review the recommended Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions.

SUMMARY

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) initiated the Vision Plan Project in August 2012 to engage partners, stakeholders, and the public in a District-wide vision for land preservation, resource management, public recreation, and working lands (R-13-10 for a summary of the Vision Plan process and timeline). The Vision Plan Project includes a robust public engagement process that is informed by state-of-the-art technical planning and data analysis work (R-13-08, R-13-09, R-13-66, and R-13-70). Since July 2013, the Project Team has worked closely with a Community Advisory Committee to identify key themes, desired future outcomes, and potential projects and actions items for consideration by the District Board of Directors (Board). The next step in the Vision Plan process is for the Board, as part of the October 2 and 9 workshops to review and refine the recommended list of Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions, and agree on which Priority Actions to move forward into the next phase, when the District will solicit broad public input on the proposed list of projects and their priority level as part of upcoming public deliberation meetings.

DISCUSSION

The District’s Vision Plan Project was initiated in August 2012 when staff began scoping the project and the methodology to engage partners, stakeholders, and the public in a District-wide

vision for land preservation, resource management, public recreation, and working lands. The Vision Plan Project (Project) has made significant progress with the help of the Project consultant teams to engage the public, key partners, the Community Advisory Committee, and District staff to develop the Vision Plan, including the Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions.

The Vision Plan Team formed “Theme Teams” around the following five key themes, which were previously reviewed and confirmed by the Board, to allow for focused research, outreach, and discussions on key Vision Plan items:

- **Healthy Nature:** Taking care of the land, air, water, and soils so that plants and animals thrive, to provide natural life support services for people;
- **Viable Working Lands:** Protecting viable working lands that reflect our heritage, and provide food and jobs;
- **Outdoor Recreation and Healthy Living:** Providing accessible open space lands for recreation and outdoor exercise in a natural setting;
- **Natural, Cultural, and Scenic Landscapes:** Conserving the area’s scenery and rich history, and providing places for escape and quiet enjoyment;
- **Enriched Experiences:** Learning about and appreciating the local environment, as well as connecting people with nature and with each other.

Each Theme Team incorporated the input received from Project consultants, key partners, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and public to develop a list of Desired Outcomes for each theme (see Attachment 1). The Desired Outcomes also reflect overarching principles, or “Meta Criteria” (see Attachment 2).

The Theme Teams also incorporated the various input received, the results of the planning and analysis work, and their own institutional knowledge of District lands and the region to develop a draft list of Vision Plan Priority Actions. This list of potential projects and actions represent the work the District may desire to do in the future to achieve the desired outcomes of each Theme (see Attachment 3). Priority Actions are distributed throughout the District’s jurisdiction, which has been divided into sub-regions to facilitate discussions with the public as part of the “Deliberation” phase during upcoming public meetings (see Attachment 4).

To help rank the various Priority Actions, each action has been given a ‘score’ based on how well the Priority Action implements the Desired Outcomes (see Attachment 5). The higher the score, the greater number of desired outcomes are planned to be achieved by the action, consistent with the Meta Criteria. This scoring has allowed the Priority Actions to be grouped into three different Tiers, with Tier 1 Priority Actions best meeting the Desired Outcomes of the Vision Plan. These tiers are for the Board’s preliminary information only, since the upcoming public deliberation meetings will provide additional input on the relative importance of each Priority Action. Staff anticipates bringing the deliberation results to the Board in early 2014.

To help the Board prepare for the October 2 and 9 Board workshops, staff suggests that the Board focus on following two key questions as the Board reviews the Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions:

- What important desired outcomes/priority actions are missing?
- Are there any desired outcomes/priority actions that the Board would like to pull from the list and remove from further consideration?

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY2013-14 budget includes \$505,900 for the Vision Plan Project. Project expenditures remain on track.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Board waived Committee review of this project in lieu of full Board engagement. The full Board continues to remain apprised of ongoing Project progress and next steps.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice was provided pursuant to the Brown Act. Notice of this meeting was also sent to the Vision Plan CAC, key partners, and interested parties list for this project.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The Vision Plan Board workshop to review potential Priority Actions does not constitute a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NEXT STEPS

Following Board review of the Desired Outcomes and Priority Actions, staff will prepare for a series of Public Deliberation meetings in October and November to receive public input on the project priorities for each sub-region (See Attachment 6). Following the Public Deliberation meetings, the Board will hold a series of meetings in early 2014 to review the public input received, decide which Priority Actions to focus on, and adopt the final Vision Plan.

Attachments

1. Vision Plan Desired Outcomes
2. Vision Plan Meta Criteria
3. Vision Plan Priority Actions – Full Listing
4. Vision Plan Priority Actions Map
5. Vision Plan Priority Actions – Desired Outcomes Score
6. Public Deliberation Meeting List

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Enriched Experiences

(Interpretation, Education, Outreach, Volunteer Stewardship)

Learning about and appreciating the local environment, as well as connecting people with nature and with each other.

Desired Outcomes of Priority Actions:

Diversity

- Creatively reach more people, including those with decreased mobility, and increase the diversity of our visitors
- Expand youth programming and outreach through partnerships

Improved visitor experience

- Provide facilities/areas where families can engage safely with nature
- Emphasize a variety of natural learning environments
- Increase use of technology to introduce people to nature

Volunteer Stewardship

- Increase support for stewardship and open space conservation
- Increase technology use to promote open space stewardship
- Encourage hands-on stewardship and citizen science activities on District lands

Knowledge, understanding, and appreciation

- Remember and honor community heritage and past ways of life through activities, programming, and projects
- Interpret how natural and cultural resources relate to people's current lives
- Increase preserve-specific interpretation projects and programs that emphasize the protection of natural and cultural resources



Healthy Nature

(Plants, Animals, Air, Soils, and Water)

Taking care of the land, air, water, and soils so that plants and animals thrive and nature's benefits are provided to people.

Desired Outcomes of Priority Actions:

Stewardship

- Restore the natural environment, control invasive plants and animals, and limit the spread of pathogens
- Promote natural ecosystem processes
- Prevent or address erosion and pollution
- Protect watersheds and restore stream flow to improve habitat for fish and wildlife

Biodiversity

- Protect large contiguous areas of intact habitat that represent the Peninsula and South Bay's full mosaic of natural communities
- Conserve sensitive species and special natural communities.
- Increase adaptation to climate change and reduce carbon impacts

Connectivity

- Increase connectivity between protected areas to support natural wildlife movement patterns



Natural, Cultural, and Scenic Landscapes

Conserving the area's scenery and rich history, and providing places for escape and quiet enjoyment.

Desired Outcomes of Priority Actions:

Quiet Enjoyment of Nature

- Provide opportunities for people to experience, enjoy, and interpret the beauty and tranquility of natural open space
- Increase access to quiet places to enjoy vistas, encourage connections with nature, and take refuge from urban life

Sense of Place

- Maintain a sense of place by protecting and increasing access to locally significant, iconic natural or cultural features
- Preserve the scenic backdrop and designated scenic corridors, emphasizing the view from major roadways and parklands
- Preserve the character and scenic qualities of the coast and rural areas

Stewarding Many Cultures

- Protect immediately at-risk culturally significant resources and promote their responsible stewardship
- Promote partnerships that preserve and/or enhance cultural resources
- Increase interpretation of cultural resources



Outdoor Recreation and Healthy Living

Providing accessible open space lands for recreation and outdoor exercise in a natural setting.

Desired Outcomes of Priority Actions:

Expand Appropriate Access

- Provide new public access or improve access to inaccessible areas with trails and staging area improvements
- Increase access close to where more people live, and provide access that minimizes the use of cars
- Provide ecologically-sensitive access to exceptional natural features or vistas
- Provide regional, long distance trails that connect open space to communities

Ensure Compatibility

- Provide access compatible with resource protection and regulatory constraints
- Avoid concentration of use
- Reduce or eliminate safety hazards and promote safe use of the preserves
- Address ongoing management and maintenance

Expand Opportunity

- Increase diversity of visitors
- Accommodate a wide variety of visitors of all abilities, ages, ethnicities, and interests



Viability Working Lands

Protecting viable working lands that reflect our heritage, and provide food and jobs.

Desired Outcomes of Priority Actions:

Support Agriculture and Local Food Producers

- Preserve farms and rangelands by working cooperatively with partners and the agricultural community
- Prioritize agricultural lands at the urban edge and currently in agricultural use
- Promote large contiguous blocks of land in agricultural use
- Support the region's agricultural economy
- Protect the economic viability of District working lands

Model Ecologically Sound Practices

- Use rangeland management to improve grassland health, reduce wildfire fuel loads, and protect water quality
- Promote wise water use and other ecologically sensitive farming practices

Educate

- Foster awareness of, and support public education programs about, the importance of agriculture to the region's heritage and future.



META CRITERIA *for* PRIORITY ACTIONS

Are my priority actions.....?



Networked

Actions connect and link into a coherent system



Balanced

Spreading action evenly, widely, and fairly



Sustainable

Can keep doing action indefinitely

1 + 1 = 3

Multi-benefit

Favoring actions that are good for more than one thing



Place appropriate

Taking action in the right place, that fits the place



Leveraged

Collaborative actions, with small investment and high return

ATTACHMENT 3: PRIORITY ACTIONS

#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
Sierra Azul Subregion				
1	Tier 3 (Low)	Open Loma Prieta Area of Sierra Azul OSP and Create Multi-use Mount Umunhum-to-Sea Trail Connection	Securing public access to the Loma Prieta Road/trail corridor. Then, open the Loma Prieta Area of Sierra Azul OSP to public use, providing trail connections, interpretive hikes, and limited backpack-only camping and hang gliding opportunities. Enhance steelhead habitat within Soquel Creek watershed, protect rare plants and serpentine habitat, and restore historic stands of Knobcone Pine. Realign trails that currently follow creek corridors to allow for long term restoration of these habitat areas. Improve trail connectivity to Wrights Station Road. Realign the lower Rattlesnake Gulch trail, and designate parking along Loma Prieta Road. Develop a small permit-only backpacker campground. Develop self-guided and guided hikes that focus on serpentine soils, the variety of habitat, and the previous ranching landscape. Implement road maintenance to ensure clean water runoff. Secure trail corridor, work with neighbors, and improve trails to create a multi-use Mt Umunhum-to-the-Sea regional trail connection to the Forest of Nisene Marks and Soquel Demonstration Forest. Partner with the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to identify and develop regional trail connections to the east.	Sierra Azul
2	Tier 3 (CAC Tier 2)	Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve Additions	Expand boundaries of Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve in the Upper Los Gatos Creek and Twin Creek watersheds when opportunities arise to preserve redwood, hardwood forest, and native grassland ecosystems.	Sierra Azul
3	Tier 3	Regional Trail Connection between Mt. Thayer and Mt. Umunhum	Address contamination at Mt. Thayer by working with the federal government. Following clean-up provide a trail connection from lower Cathedral Oaks to Mt. Thayer, and then securing public regional trail access to connect Mt. Thayer to Mt. El Sombroso and Mt. Umunhum.	Sierra Azul
4	Tier 1 (High)	Mount Umunhum Access, Trail Improvements, and Interpretation	Provide public access on Mt. Umunhum Road to the top of Mt. Umunhum, develop a staging at the summit, and develop Bald Mountain staging area and trail to Mt Umunhum summit. Implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail regional trail connection to Mt. Umunhum (from Woods Trail).Develop observation areas and trails, and educate the public on the natural and cultural history of the summit area. Create Interpretive signboards, construct an interpretive trail that provides ADA access at the summit with an educational tour brochure, smartphone program for paperless educational tours, display small interpretive signs along trail on benches and boulders. Provide docent-led interpretive hikes to (and around) the summit, work with partners to develop a visitor center, and provide educational tours for school groups. Work with public and private partners to address the Radar Tower. Protect and manage serpentine grasslands and soils, Mt. Hamilton thistle, and rock outcroppings Minimize potential disturbance to raptor and bat habitat. Continue invasive plant control and monitoring efforts. Partner with the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to identify and develop regional trail connections to the east.	Sierra Azul

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
Sierra Azul Subregion continued				
5	Tier 3	Restore salmonid fisheries in Guadalupe River watershed	Identify high priority barriers to fish passage for analysis and/or removal/modification and work with partners to restore habitat, focusing on Pheasant Creek Culvert on Hicks Road and barriers on perennial stream at Hicks Creek Ranch.	Sierra Azul, Regional
6	Tier 1	Native American Tribes Land Stewardship Partnership at Bear Creek and Sierra Azul OSPs	Partner with Native American Tribes to accomplish land stewardship and cultural resource protection goals and to further enrich the benefits of current and future District projects.	Sierra Azul, Bear Creek
7	Tier 1	Open Rancho de Guadalupe (RdG) Area of Sierra Azul OSP and Create a Family Nature Experience	Partner with Santa Clara County Parks to open Rancho de Guadalupe (RDG) to the public, construct new trail system, develop new parking and staging area, provide family recreation services, and establish interpretive/education facilities. Maximize trail accessibility to accommodate diverse physical abilities at Cherry Springs Pond. Protect rare plants and restrict off-trail use in sensitive serpentine plant communities. Create a habitat buffer at Cherry Springs Pond and consider reintroduction of California red-legged frog. Enhance habitat and remove barriers to Steelhead trout migration in Pheasant and Hicks Creeks. Provide facilities for self-guided trail experiences and offer docent-led tours that highlight the area's mining history and variety of native habitats. Develop multiple-use trail connections to Mt. El Sombroso/ Woods Trail and Almaden Quicksilver County Park. Incorporate trail amenities such as horse troughs. Perform road maintenance to ensure clean water runoff.	Sierra Azul
8	Tier 1	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process in fire adapted/ dependent ecosystems at Cathedral Oaks, Mt. Umunhum, and Loma Prieta Areas of Sierra Azul OSP	Partner with Cal Fire and local fire protection districts to implement within the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve, fire management protects designed to promote native biodiversity in knobcone pine and chaparral, and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by conducting priority fuel reduction projects for Aldercroft Heights, Soda Springs, and Loma Prieta Road, that are identified in the Lexington Hills Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and identified in draft Sierra Azul Master Plan.	Sierra Azul

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
Sierra Azul Subregion continued				
9	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Open Kennedy-Limekiln Area of Sierra Azul OSP	Enhance trails, protect and manage serpentine soil areas and associated vegetation, and perform road maintenance. Protecting rare plants along Limekiln Trail, revegetate damaged trails with native plants, restrict damaging off-trail use, and educate visitors about the impacts to serpentine areas from such use. Address road maintenance to ensure clean water runoff, especially in the Hicks Road watershed to protect steelhead habitat. Convert the Limekiln Trail to a narrow trail; realign the steep segment of the Priest Rock Trail, and work to develop a connection to the Manzanita Trail at St. Joseph's Hill OSP. Expand the existing Kennedy Road trailhead parking area and construct a new restroom while addressing parking concerns of neighbors in this area. Preserve historically significant structures at the former Beatty property, and construct a new staging area and regional trail connection from new parking area to Priest Rock Trail. Develop a small permit-based backpack campground and provide signage for self-guided hikes at unique sites.	Sierra Azul
10	Tier 3	Open Cathedral Oaks Area of Sierra Azul OSP	Provide public use of the Cathedral Oaks Area of Sierra Azul OSP, protecting serpentine soil resources, and maintaining roads. Protect and manage serpentine soils, including restricting off-trail use and educating visitors about the impacts of such use. Develop new multiple-use trails in the lower area (vicinity of Ralph's Mountain) to provide loop opportunities. Assess potential for trail development in northern Cathedral Oaks area as new lands and easements are acquired. Work with neighbors to formalize roadside vehicle parking in the Cothran and Wrights Station Road corridor, and secure a new trail connection from lower Cathedral Oaks to Mt. Umunhum via Ralph's Mountain. Install trailside amenities such as horse troughs, and perform road maintenance to ensure clean water runoff.	Sierra Azul
South Bay Foothills Subregion				
11	Tier 1	Open Bear Creek Redwoods to the General Public for Recreation Access	Open Bear Creek Redwoods OSP for public hiking and equestrian use utilizing the existing/rehabilitated road and trail network. Provide several new public staging areas. Provide safe road crossings to connect east and west areas of the Preserve. Integrate existing trail systems and develop a new trail connection between Bear Creek Redwoods and County-owned Moody Gulch area. Develop new trail connections between Bear Creek Redwoods, Lexington Reservoir County Park and El Sereno OSP.	Bear Creek Redwoods

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
South Bay Foothills Subregion, continued				
12	Tier 3	Conserve and Restore Natural Habitats at Bear Creek Redwoods	Restore, enhance and protect habitats for key species, including bats, mountain lion, and raptors. Survey Bear Creek Redwoods Ponds, develop a management plan, and implement pond enhancements to preserve and improve pond habitat. Implement high-priority road and trail repairs, and decommission poorly aligned/duplicate roads to improve water quality and protect riparian habitat. Address invasive species and Sudden Oak Death.	Bear Creek Redwoods
13	Tier 2	Rehabilitate Alma College historic site at Bear Creek Redwoods	Explore re-use and rehabilitation of Alma College site. Work with County Planning and Historical Heritage Commission to develop a site plan and address historic preservation and public safety concerns. Working with public or private partners, rehabilitate Alma College site, and integrate shrines and other remnant landscape features for onsite interpretation/use. Continue documentation of other cultural resources at Bear Creek Redwoods.	
14	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve Interpretive Complex	Provide diverse interpretative experiences that educate the public on the habitat diversity, local redwood forests, and unique and varied cultural history of the area. Create a unique family nature education experience. Develop volunteer stewardship opportunities that involve the public in redwood forest conservation and restoration.	Bear Creek Redwoods
15	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Bear Creek Stables site improvements and visitor services	Improve Bear Creek Stables infrastructure, provide increased public equestrian access, and equestrian focused education / interpretation / outreach programs. Balance equestrian facility use with natural resource protection within the site and the surrounding area, and improve onsite drainage to reduce erosion to ensure clean water runoff.	
16	Tier 1	Highway 17 Wildlife and Bay Area Ridge Trail Crossing	Work with Caltrans and other partners to secure corridors across Highway 17 to facilitate mountain lion passage, recreational access, and add an extension to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Identify high priority terrestrial barriers for removal/modification and work with partners to improve wildlife passage and genetic exchange beyond regional barriers.	South Bay Foothills
17	Tier 3	El Sereno Access Improvements	Open trails to dogs, and provide regional trail connection to Skyline-Sanborn County Park and Lexington Reservoir (part of Bay Area Ridge Trail)	El Sereno
18	Tier 1	Saratoga-to-Sea Regional Trail Connection	Continue partnership with city of Saratoga and Santa Clara County Parks to provide trail connectivity and protect key wildlife corridors and seek trail connectivity along Hwy 9 corridor in Saratoga for the Saratoga-to-Sea Connection to Skyline-to-Sea trail.	South Bay Foothills
19	Tier 2	Fremont Older (Woodhills) House Preservation and Interpretation	Establish caretaker successor, increase interpretive signage, refurbish and repair, and expand number of public tours to further highlight the history of the property.	Fremont Older
20	Tier 3	Fremont Older Parking Improvements	Address parking lot capacity and safety issues. Improve parking layout and signage.	Fremont Older

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
South Bay Foothills Subregion, continued				
21	Tier 2	Family Nature Play Program at Picchetti Ranch Preserve	Partner with Children In Nature Collaborative to enrich family experiences by connecting children with nature through a new family nature play program.	Picchetti Ranch Preserve
Peninsula/South Bay Cities Subregion				
22	Tier 3	Los Gatos Creek Trail	Partner with Santa Clara County Parks and Los Gatos to complete the Los Gatos Creek Trail corridor within District boundaries. Support the work of partner cities to connect neighborhoods and community destinations along the Trail, develop interpretative signage, and create community gardens.	Peninsula/South Bay Cities
23	Tier 3	Middle Stevens Creek Fishery Restoration & Trail Enhancement	Partner with Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara County to develop the middle Stevens Creek Trail corridor and restore the stream corridor <u>below</u> the Stevens Creek Reservoir dam. Support the work of partner cities to connect neighborhoods and community destinations along the Trail, develop interpretative signage, and create community gardens. Support regional efforts with partner agencies and non-profits to protect, enhance and restore the middle Stevens Creek corridor to benefit steelhead trout.	Peninsula/South Bay Cities
24	Tier 3	San Francisquito Creek Restoration	Partner with San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, and local cities to restore the stream corridor, and incorporate trails into any flood protection structures planned in the San Francisquito Creek Corridor.	Peninsula/South Bay Cities
25	Tier 2	Major Roadway Signage	Increase awareness of District preserves by working with local jurisdictions and Caltrans to provide location/directional roadway signage for District preserves on freeways and major arterials, similar to existing signs for state, regional, and county parks, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife refuges in Bay Area.	Peninsula/South Bay Cities
26	Tier 3	Hetch Hetchy SFPUC Trail Corridor	Partner with San Mateo County, SFPUC, and local cities to use the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way to for a trail corridor. Support the work of partner cities to connect neighborhoods and community destinations along the Trail, develop interpretative signage, and create community gardens.	Peninsula/South Bay Cities
Peninsula Foothills Subregion				
27	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Complete Upper Stevens Creek Trail system above Stevens Creek Reservoir	Work with Santa Clara County to fill in regional trail gaps along the Stevens Creek Trail <u>above</u> the Steven Creek Reservoir dam, to make the connection between the Bay Trail and the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Picchetti Ranch OSP and Lower and Upper Stevens Creek County Parks. Expand preserve boundaries where opportunities arise. Provide multi-use trail connections between parking/staging areas and neighborhoods. Install trail bridges on Stevens Creek Nature Trail and Canyon Trail at Monte Bello Open Space Preserve to allow trail passage in high water.	Regional, Picchetti, Monte Bello

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Peninsula Foothills Subregion, continued				
28	Tier 3	Restore salmonid fisheries in San Francisquito Creek Watershed	Identify high priority barriers to fish passage for removal/modification and work with partners to restore and enhance fish and aquatic habitat, focusing on Searsville Dam	Regional
29	Tier 3	West Union Creek Watershed Restoration	Expand Teague Hill OSP boundaries where opportunities arise to increase protection to the West Union Creek Corridor and implement watershed and creek restoration and enhancement projects to improve water quality and aquatic habitat value.	Teague Hill
30	Tier 1	Rancho San Antonio Recreation Improvements, Parking Solutions, and Expanded Interpretive Opportunities	Develop comprehensive transit plan to enhance access and address parking conflicts, for example extending bike trails, Bikeshare station, bus or shuttle services from transit nodes with public or private transportation agencies, valet or other innovative parking solutions. Develop a welcome center to enhance visitor experience, expand the interpretive creekside natural trail in core area of preserve and park. Work with Hidden Villa to enhance year-round access. Work with Santa Clara Valley Water District and Santa Clara County on mitigation for water overflow basin, and extend narrow Black Mountain Trail to Black Mountain summit. Work with partners including the City of Mountain View and Santa Clara County Parks to refurbish existing visitor and interpretation facilities at Deer Hollow Farm to accommodate heavy visitation from family and education groups.	Rancho San Antonio
31	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Hidden Villa Public Access Improvements and Preservation of Agricultural Fields	Partner with Hidden Villa to preserve the agricultural fields and provide improved family-friendly public access to Hidden Villa's agricultural and environmental education programs. Incorporate a new public staging area at the Black Mountain Trailhead, establishing another access point to Rancho San Antonio OSP.	Rancho San Antonio
32	Tier 1	Hawthorns Area of Windy Hill OSP: Preservation, Recreation, Interpretation	Open Hawthorns area to the public, develop new trails connecting to Town of Portola Valley trail system, prioritize and explore partnership opportunities to provide protection, restoration and interpretation of historic building complex.	Windy Hill
33	Tier 3	Windy Hill Trail and Access Improvements	Reroute and improve the Spring Ridge Trail, complete pond enhancements to Sausal pond and install observation deck, improve and widen Lost Trail, expand preserve boundaries and increase multi-use trail access.	Windy Hill

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San Francisco Baylands Subregion				
34	Tier 3	Conserve and Restore Bayfront Habitats and Ensure Public Access	Working with partners to monitor bayfront development proposals to ensure inclusion of wetland restoration and public access.	Regional
35	Tier 1	Cooley Landing Nature Education Center and Interpretation Opportunities	Support City of East Palo Alto efforts to implement Cooley Landing Vision Plan, including nature education center. Partner with City of EPA and USFWS to establish interpretive programs focused on birding, marsh habitat and Bay-to-Santa Cruz Mountain ecosystems and watersheds. Increase interpretation of historic and prehistoric bayfront uses.	Ravenswood
36	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Baylands Improvements, Regional Trail Connections, and Restoration	Work with partners including the cities of East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Palo Alto to complete the gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail and support wetland restoration opportunities. Coordinate with responsible agencies so that future levees and flood control facilities accommodate trail access, and develop a city-to-the-bay trail.	Ravenswood, Regional
Skyline Ridge Subregion				
37	Tier 2	Open Stevens Canyon Ranch Area at Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve for Community Harvesting and Tours of Historic Buildings	Open Stevens Canyon Ranch area of Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve. Continue partnership with Village Harvest to develop hands-on programs that connect people (including youth) with local food. Educate the public on the history of the orchards through interpretative signage, materials, and talks. Rehabilitate and stabilize historic buildings. Develop limited family friendly trail system featuring interpretive program of historic building complex and native American sites.	Saratoga Gap Preserve
38	Tier 3	Long Ridge Trail Connections and Recreation Improvements	Provide restrooms and signage for roadside parking along Skyline Boulevard/Highway 35, develop trails to key destination points (Eagle Rock and Devils Canyon), reroute Long Ridge Trail near creek, improve Peters Creek Trail to provide year-round multi-use access, reroute trail to keep bicycle access on District property, and expand preserve boundaries when opportunities arise.	Long Ridge
39	Tier 3	Preserve Upper Pescadero Creek (Peters Oil and Slate Creeks) Watershed Protection	Expand Skyline Ridge and Long Ridge OSP preserve boundaries where opportunity arises to conserve Peters, Oil, and Slate Creek watersheds for steelhead trout and extend Page Mill Trail Corridor to Portola Redwoods State Park. Implement road and trail maintenance on identified high-moderate road related sediment sources in Skyline Ridge and Long Ridge Open Space Preserves to reduce sediment delivery to the aquatic environment.	Skyline Ridge, Long Ridge

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Skyline Subregion, continued				
40	Tier 3	Skyline Region Redwood Forest Protection and Management	Manage and restore Skyline Region redwood forests at Purisima Creek Redwoods, El Corte de Madera Creek, Skyline Ridge, and Long Ridge OSP's to promote older second-growth with high habitat value and emulate characteristics of old-growth habitats. Prioritize forest lands with significant older second-growth forest stands or adjacent habitats. Prioritize fuel breaks and fuel load reduction at the wildland-urban interface boundaries near rural communities.	Purisima Creek Redwoods, El Corte de Madera Creek, Skyline Ridge, Long Ridge
41	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Skyline Region Pond Management and Enhancement Actions	Develop and implement pond management and enhancement projects to benefit rare aquatic species such as California fed-legged Frog, San Francisco garter snake, and western pond turtle in the Skyline Region at Monte Bello Open Space Preserve, Mindego Ranch, and Peters Creek Drainage in Long Ridge Open Space Preserve.	Monte Bello, Russian Ridge, Long Ridge, Skyline Ridge
42	Tier 2	Horseshoe and Alpine Ponds Interpretation Complex Improvements	Create new education facility at Horseshoe Pond to provide home base for volunteer stewardship projects and cultural resource interpretation. Improve Daniels Nature Center facilities and connect the two facilities to create a comprehensive interpretation complex and enrich the interpretation opportunity in the Skyline area. Provide an ADA-accessible recreational trail, improving hiking, picnicking, and nature study around Alpine Pond by expanding the existing whole-access perimeter trail and installing a boardwalk system. Open up views, incorporate water access points, and provide a floating blind to allow visitors to view and interact directly with the pond's habitats. Improve habitat for endangered species at Alpine Pond by draining the pond to eradicate predatory non-native fish. Use Skyline Ridge tree farm restoration area to interpret grassland restoration. Develop volunteer wildflower stewards to restore wildflowers in the Skyline preserves.	Russian Ridge, Skyline Ridge
43	Tier 3	Ranger Campground Program	Implement evening Ranger talks at Black Mountain Campground and develop a small outdoor and rustic seating/amphitheatre area for this purpose. Expand to other locations as demand grows.	Monte Bello
44	Tier 3	San Andreas Fault Interpretive Trail System	Expand and improve interpretive trails and areas along the San Andreas Fault including Stevens Creek Nature Trail and San Andreas Fault Trail. Work with partner agencies to highlight the San Andreas Fault zone through Los Trancos and Monte Bello Open Space Preserves.	Regional
45	Tier 3	Reintroduce Fire at Russian Ridge OSP as Ecosystem and Land Management Tool	Re-introduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process in fire adapted/dependent ecosystems in in Russian Ridge open space preserve including to maintain the structure and species composition of grassland, regenerate shrublands, and promote old-growth conditions in redwood/Douglas fir forests). Create fuel breaks to facilitate safe fire management and protect adjacent residences from wildfire, including those in La Honda and elsewhere along Highway 84, as well as along Skyline Road.	Russian Ridge, La Honda

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Skyline Subregion, continued				
46	Tier 1	Russian Ridge Recreational Access Improvements	Open closed areas to public recreational access at Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, increase access to scenic vistas, construct trail to top of Mindego Hill, extend Ancient Oaks Trail to new Mindego Gateway staging area, construct new trail connecting Rapley area and Mindego area. Provide education and interpretation opportunities at Mindego Gateway to highlight past uses at the Mindego Ranch site and Native American pre-historical use of the area. Enhance grazing infrastructure to provide expanded opportunities for grazing, and reintroduce cattle grazing as a grassland management tool.	Russian Ridge
47	Tier 1	Alpine Road Regional Trail from Peninsula Foothills to Skyline Ridge region and Coal Creek Trail Improvements	Partner with San Mateo County to reopen Alpine Road as a regional trail connection between Portola Valley and Skyline Blvd/Highway 35, develop a management agreement for Alpine Road, and reroute Meadow and Clouds Rest Trails to improve trail experience and reduce erosion potential.	Coal Creek
48	Tier 1	Improve regional trail connections and complete the Bay Area Ridge Trail near La Honda Creek OSP	Work with partners to complete the Bay Area Ridge Trail and fill in multi-use gaps between La Honda Creek and Russian Ridge OSPs. Develop and improve camping opportunities along the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Provide trail connection between La Honda Creek OS and Sam McDonald and/or Memorial County Parks.	La Honda Creek and Russian Ridge
49	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Preserve riparian corridors and restore salmonid fisheries in upper San Gregorio Watershed	Partner with POST and the Audubon Society to preserve Mindego, Alpine, Langley and Woodruff Creek watersheds. Promote an intact ecosystem mosaic for Coho salmon, the California red-legged frog, San Francisco garter snake, and native grasslands. Expand preserve boundaries when opportunities arise. Identify and remove or modify priority fish passage barriers on upper La Honda Creek. Purchase, or incentivize change or reduction in water rights/use to provide greater water availability for fisheries.	Russian Ridge, El Corte de Madera Creek, La Honda
50	Tier 1	Red Barn Interpretive Complex	Develop the Red Barn area of La Honda Creek as an environmental education destination and increase opportunities for school classes and families to experience California's early ranching history. Focus on topics like farming and ranching operations and history, local redwood ecology, geology such as Tafoni formations, pallid bats etc. Explore public interest in new kinds of activities such as night hikes that feature the pallid bats that populate the barn, community events or "movie nights" projected on the outside of the barn.	La Honda Creek

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
Skyline Subregion, continued				
51	Tier 1	Fully open La Honda Creek OSP to public recreational access	Open additional areas within the Preserve to the public for low intensity recreation and enjoyment consistent with the La Honda Creek Master Plan, including bicycle trails and limited dog access, while avoiding conflicts with natural resources and conservation grazing on the Preserve. Expand and improve the available parking. Develop two staging areas on Hwy 84, a neighborhood staging area on Sears Ranch Road, improve permit parking on Allen Road, and improve / repair emergency access from Skyline Blvd. Repair and upgrade the Driscoll Event Center for public interpretive use and as a recreational staging area. Provide loop trails and trail connections to parking areas, key destination sites, and newly opened areas of the Preserve. Expand opportunities for people with diverse physical abilities to enjoy passive recreational and educational activities. Provide connections to other public open space lands where feasible. Provide trail-related amenities such as horse troughs, picnic areas and benches. Provide access to scenic places to enjoy the view and sense of place for the SM Coast.	La Honda Creek
52	Tier 1	El Corte de Madera Creek Trail Connections and Recreation Improvements	Develop new trails around parking/staging area, implement trail and water quality improvements as detailed in the Watershed Protection Plan, and develop trails specialized for bicyclists. Repair and maintain existing facilities. Close regional trail gaps in the Bay Area Ridge Trail between El Corte de Madera and La Honda Creek OSP, expanding preserve boundaries where opportunities arise. Increase opportunities for interpretation.	El Corte de Madera Creek
53	Tier 2	Purisima Creek Trail Infrastructure and ADA Access Improvements	Develop a long term plan for bridge repair, stabilization, and use of Purisima Creek Road. Provide improved ADA access on Redwood Trail.	Purisima Creek Redwoods
54	Tier 2	Work with partners to implement recovery actions for marbled murrelet on District Preserves	Working with partners, develop and implement a predator management program on District Preserves for marbled murrelet that includes public outreach and education, retraining or depredation of corvids, and redesigning garbage structures.	Purisima Creek Redwoods, Regional

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
Central Coast Mountains Subregion				
55	Tier 1	Work with partners in Southern San Mateo County Redwood Region Protection to conserve salmonid fisheries and redwood forests	Work with conservation partners to preserve additional open space and parks as opportunities arise in the middle Pescadero, Butano, and Gazos Creek Watersheds, to preserve redwood ecosystems, protect mountain scenery, and conserve habitats for benefit of coho salmon and marbled murrelet. Work with partners to restore viable salmonid habitat downstream of District preserves. Develop educational signage on key ridgelines about ecology of redwood trees and Pescadero Creek Watershed. Partner with other agencies and land protection groups to conserve promote stewardship of, and restore redwood forests, in order to promote late seral (similar to old-growth) habitat conditions.	Regional
56	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Central Coast Mountains Regional Trail Connections	Secure and develop trail between Butano and Pescadero County Park, Pescadero and Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, and between Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve (Page Mill Trail), Portola Redwoods State Parks and Big Basin State Park. Facilitate availability and development of camping facilities on County and State Parks.	Russian Ridge, Skyline Ridge, Regional
South San Mateo County Coast Subregion				
57	Tier 3	Lower Gazos and Waddell Creek Watershed Protection to restore salmonid fishery, manage redwood forests, and increase public access	Work with conservation partners to further preserve the Gazos and Waddell Creek Watersheds as opportunities arise to preserve redwood ecosystems and benefit Coho Salmon. Secure long distance regional trail routes between Butano State Park and Big Basin State Park and adjacent to Año Nuevo State Park. Manage and restore redwood forests, in order to promote late seral (similar to old-growth) habitat conditions. Identify and remove/modify fish passage barriers in Gazos and Waddell Creeks for the benefit of trout and salmon.	Regional
58	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1, w/ trails)	Cloverdale Ranch Agricultural, and Resource Improvements	Work with conservation partners to provide long-term management and support of continued conservation grazing at Cloverdale Ranch. Continue the grazing program as a conservation tool to help manage and enhance native grassland vegetation. Assess farming and grazing infrastructure (fences, corrals, water), and work with agricultural tenants to carry out improvements to enhance working lands viability. Protect and enhance populations of listed wildlife species at Cloverdale Ranch, in particular California red-legged frog, steelhead salmon, and San Francisco garter snake (SFGS). Explore opportunities for Native American land stewardship. Identify and remove/modify fish passage barriers in Butano, and Little Butano Creeks for the benefit of trout and salmon. CAC ADDITION: Include trail connections to nearby State Parks.	TBD

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
South San Mateo Coast Subregion, continued				
59	Tier 1	Conserve and sustain natural resources, grazing, and agriculture in the Lower Pescadero Creek Watershed	Preserve additional open space as opportunities arise in the lower Pescadero Creek and Honsinger Creek watersheds. Work with partners to restore riparian corridor and fish habitat. Work with Agricultural and Conservation Partners to sustain grazing on the coast by preserving large, contiguous ranches. Work with partners to develop off-stream agricultural water storage and changes to water rights/use to sustain viable agriculture and provide greater in-stream water availability for fish and wildlife. Support ongoing efforts to restore and protect Pescadero Marsh.	
60	Tier 3	Sustain Grazing in the Lower Pomponio Creek Watershed	Work with Agricultural and Conservation Partners to sustain grazing on the coast by enhancing viability of large, contiguous ranches in the Pomponio Creek & Bradley Creek watersheds.	TBD
61	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Protect Coastal Scenery	Support and partner with local agencies to protect rural landscapes and scenic corridors from potential incompatible development.	Regional
62	Tier 1	Further preserve San Gregorio Creek Watershed to sustain forests, fisheries, grazing, and agriculture	Preserve additional open space in Harrington, Bogess, and El Corte de Madera Creek watersheds as opportunities arise, to preserve old growth and older second growth forest ecosystems and riparian habitats for the benefit of Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout. Identify and remove/modify fish passage barriers (lower Harrington and La Honda Creeks). Work with partners to restore habitat, and implement road, bridge, and trail watershed protection projects to ensure clean water runoff. Work with agricultural and conservation partners to preserve compatible farming in the lower San Gregorio Watershed. Support conservation grazing on the coast by conserving large, contiguous ranches, and by carrying out improvements to enhance working lands viability. Work with partners to develop off-stream agricultural water storage and changes to water rights/use to sustain viable agriculture and provide greater in-stream water availability for fish and wildlife.	La Honda Creek and El Corte de Madera Creek
63	Tier 1	Expand grazing at La Honda Creek OSP to protect and enhance native grassland vegetation.	Protect and enhance native grassland vegetation. Continue and expand the grazing program as a conservation tool to help manage grasslands. Periodically manage brush and invasive species encroachment into grassland habitats and forage areas using methods complementary to livestock grazing. Working with tenants and NRCS, carry out cross fencing and stock watering improvements to enhance working lands viability. Fence riparian areas as needed to exclude cattle and reduce potential disturbance to creeks. Enhance Driscoll Event Center area as a livestock transportation center for the region.	La Honda Creek

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
South San Mateo Coast Subregion, continued				
64	Tier 1	Protect unique and sensitive wildlife resources, and enhance watershed resources and aquatic habitat at La Honda Creek OSP	Protect and enhance populations of listed wildlife species at La Honda Creek OSP consistent with Master Plan goals. Protect, and where appropriate, enhance forest habitat, in particular bat colonies, California red-legged frog, steelhead salmon, and San Francisco garter snake (SFGS). Manage and restore redwood forests, in order to promote late seral (similar to old-growth) habitat conditions. Protect water quality and improve stream habitat consistent with goals of La Honda Creek OSP Master Plan. Monitor and modify barriers to enable fish passage. Manage large woody debris/log jams within La Honda, Harrington, and Bogess Creeks, to increase habitat complexity and distribution. Protect the quality of existing pond habitat, and develop new and restore former stock ponds to increase available aquatic habitat. Identify and maintain existing springs and water infrastructure. Interpret the biotic communities unique to the coastal prairies. Develop a volunteer pond stewardship program to restore and enhance the many pond habitats in the coastside area.	La Honda Creek
65	Tier 2	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process at La Honda Creek OSP	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process to prevent shrub encroachment in grasslands, regenerate coastal shrublands and promote old-growth conditions in redwood/Douglas fir forest at appropriate locations within La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, consistent with Master Plan goals. Implement practices to manage wildland fuels and reduce fire hazards.	La Honda Creek OSP
66	Tier 1	Conserve and sustain natural resources, grazing, and fisheries in the Tunitas Creek Watershed	Preserve additional open space as opportunities arise in the Tunitas Creek watershed to conserve coastal grassland and habitat biodiversity. Identify and remove/modify fish passage barriers in Tunitas Creek for the benefit of trout and salmon. Continue the grazing program as a conservation tool to help manage grasslands. Periodically manage brush and invasive species encroachment into grassland habitats and forage areas using methods complementary to livestock grazing.	Tunitas Creek
North San Mateo County Coast Subregion				
67	Tier 1	Restore salmonid fishery and ensure grazing viability in Lobitos Creek watershed	Identify and remove/modify priority fish passage barriers at Highway 1 and Verde Road, and work with partners to restore habitat. Improve riparian corridor conditions along Lobitos Creek by working with partners and grazing tenants to improve ranching infrastructure and management practices (fences, corrals, and stockwatering) to provide greater protection of streams and wildlife habitat. Expand open space protection of Lobitos Creek corridor as opportunities arise. Expand preserve boundaries where opportunities arise to conserve contiguous coastal grassland to ensure grazing viability.	Purisima Creek Redwoods

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
North San Mateo Coast Subregion, continued				
68	Tier 1	Complete and open Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail	Expand Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve to complete the Purisima-to-the-Sea corridor connecting the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the California Coastal Trail. Support ongoing management and maintenance of the Cowell Purisima Coastal Trail. Include interpretation kiosks, brochures, mobile apps to educate visitors about local biodiversity and historical/cultural resources of the coast side area, and create opportunities to train and develop new trail construction and maintenance volunteer stewards.	Purisima Creek
69	Tier 3	Develop and Implement Purisima Creek Redwoods OSP Pond Management and Enhancement Projects to benefit rare aquatic species	Survey ponds at Purisima Creek Redwoods OSP to determine habitat condition, use by rare aquatic species, and structural condition of ponds. Develop and implement management plan to address resource and structural improvements, taking agricultural use of water into consideration.	Purisima Creek
70	Tier 2 (CAC Tier 1)	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process at Miramontes Ridge and Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process to prevent shrub encroachment in grasslands, regenerate coastal shrublands and promote old-growth conditions in redwood/Douglas fir forest at appropriate locations within Miramontes Ridge and Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves. Create and maintain fuel breaks at the wildland urban interface near Half Moon Bay, including along Purisima Creek Road and Skyline Boulevard (HWY 35), to promote safe fire management and reduce the threat of wildfire.	Miramontes Ridge, lower Purisima Creek Redwoods
71	Tier 3	Protect Coastal Views	Work with partners to protect views from state and county-designated scenic roads and other public access areas from degradation by development, while continuing to allow for views of working agriculture on the Coast. Monitor non-District projects to protect historic Coastside landscapes and agricultural traditions.	Regional
72	Tier 3	Partner to expand Coastside opportunities for visitor environmental & agricultural education and agri-eco tourism	Working with San Mateo County, the Chamber of Commerce, UC Cooperative Extension and other coastside partners, support existing public and private agricultural and environmental education including San Mateo County 4-H, UC Elkus Ranch, local school agricultural and environmental education programs, and Future Farmers of America and jointly develop a new environmental and agricultural education center to increase opportunities for general public, school classes and families to experience Coastside ranching, farming, and rural character. From these hubs, create agriculture-learning focused trail system into Half Moon Bay and adjacent open space preserves. Together, promote agricultural and ecological tourism to increase visitation and educate about sustainable agriculture and rural heritage.	Miramontes Ridge, Purisima Creek Redwoods all coastal preserves

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#	Tier	Project Title	Project Description	Preserve
North San Mateo Coast Subregion, continued				
73	Tier 1	Connect Miramontes Ridge and Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves to provide public access, restore fisheries, and ensure agricultural viability	Further protect Mills Creek/Arroyo Leon watersheds and take action to restore key salmonid fisheries. Preserve additional scenic open space and expand preserve boundaries as opportunities arise. Assess farming and grazing infrastructure (fences, corrals, farm centers), and work with agricultural tenants to carry out improvements to enhance working lands viability. Provide greater protection of streams and wildlife habitat, and work with partners to restore riparian habitat in balance with efficient water use for viable agriculture. Identify, assess and remove/modify priority fish passage barriers. Partner with State Parks to provide staging at the existing Burleigh Murray parking lot. Provide east-west connection from Johnston Ranch to the California Coastal Trail at Wavecrest in a manner that is compatible with agriculture. Establish interconnecting trails between Purisima Creek Redwoods and Miramontes Ridge Open Space Preserves.	Miramontes Ridge and Purisima Creek Redwoods
74	Tier 1	Complete Miramontes Ridge Open Space Preserve to provide public access, restore fisheries, and ensure agricultural viability	Preserve additional scenic open space, and take action to restore habitat for threatened wildlife in the upper Pilarcitos and Madonna Creek watersheds, and open Miramontes Ridge Open Space Preserve as the gateway to the San Mateo Coast. Expand preserve boundaries as opportunities arise. Provide greater protection of streams and wildlife habitat, and work with partners to restore riparian habitat in balance with efficient water use for viable agriculture. Identify, assess and remove/modify priority fish passage barriers on Madonna Creek. Preserve and enhance existing large contiguous grazing areas. Assess farming and grazing infrastructure (fences, corrals, water), and work with agricultural tenants to carry out improvements to enhance working lands viability. Develop a preserve-wide integrated trail loop system, including the Bay Area Ridge Trail gap segment and neighborhood access points. Open a public staging area along Skyline Blvd. Assess and repair bridges for emergency vehicle access and provide limited public access at Madonna Creek Ranch.	Miramontes Ridge



Attachment 4: Priority Actions

Dominant Theme per Subregion

Dominant Secondary

Outdoor Recreation
And Healthy Living

Viable Working Lands

Enriched Experiences

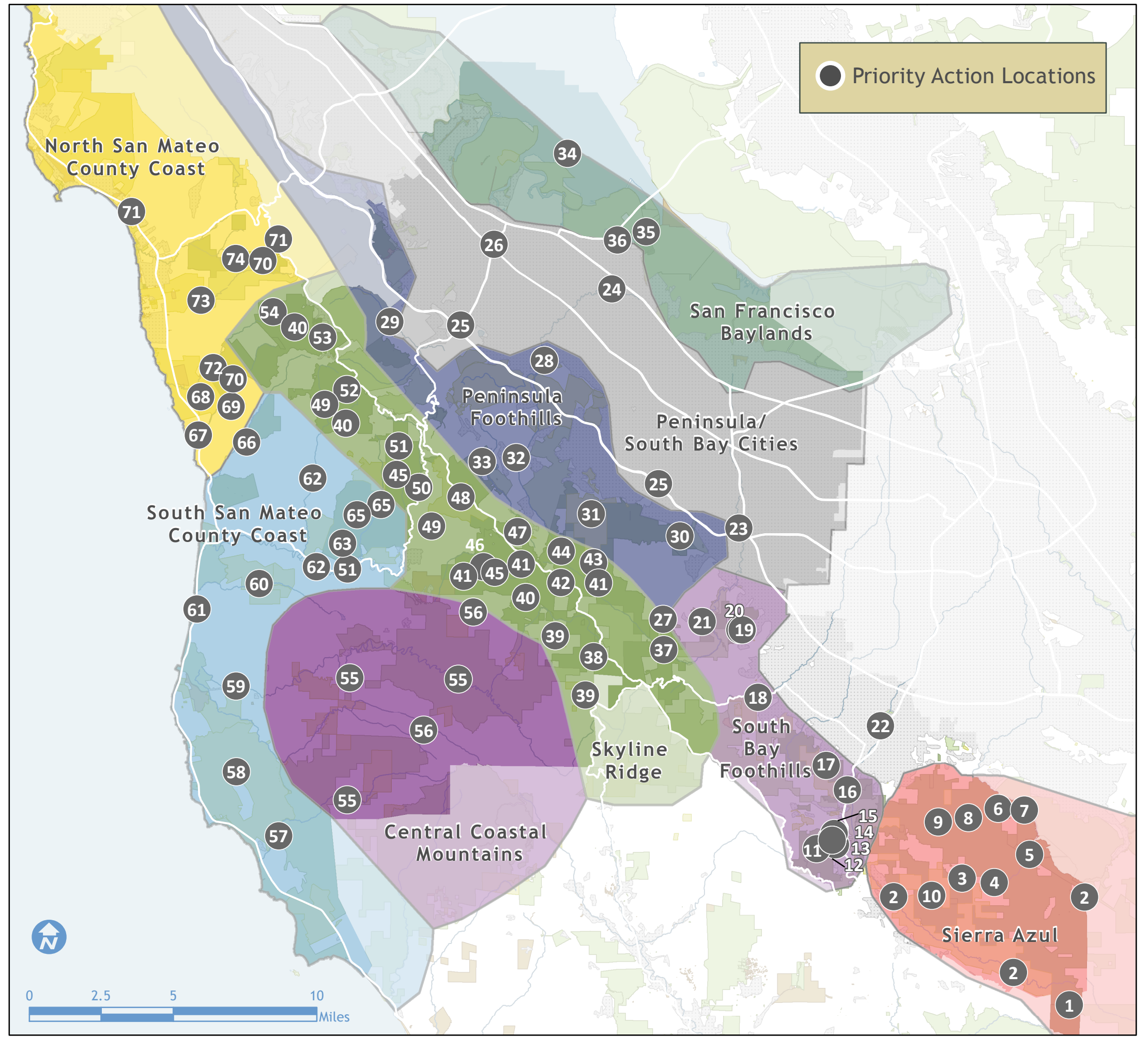
Healthy Nature

Natural, Cultural and
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Subregions

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Priority Action Locations



PRIORITY ACTIONS DESIRED OUTCOMES SCORES

No.	Project Title	Desired Outcomes Score					Top 30 for Staff	CAC Stars	Staff Tier
		Enriched Experiences	Healthy Nature	Scenic Landscapes	Outdoor Recreation	Working Lands			
1	Open Loma Prieta Area of Sierra Azul OSP and Create Multi-use Mount Umunhum-to-Sea Trail Connection			3	6		N		3
2	Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve Additions		7	4			N	7	3
3	Regional Trail Connection between Mt. Thayer and Mt. Umunhum			5	7		N		3
4	Mount Umunhum Access, Trail Improvements, and Interpretation	9		6	10		Y	4	1
5	Restore salmonid fisheries in Guadalupe River watershed		8				N		3
6	Native American Tribes Land Stewardship Partnership at Bear Creek and Sierra Azul OSPs	6	8	4			Y		1
7	Open Rancho de Guadalupe (RdG) and Create a Family Nature Experience	10		4	10		Y		1
8	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process in fire adapted/dependent ecosystems at Cathedral Oaks, Mt. Umunhum, and Loma Prieta Areas of Sierra Azul OSP		9				Y	1	1
9	Open Kennedy-Limekiln Area of Sierra Azul OSP	2	2	6	6		N	6	2
10	Open Cathedral Oaks Area of Sierra Azul OSP			3	6		N		3
11	Open Bear Creek Redwoods to the General Public for Recreation Access			10	10		Y	2	1
12	Conserve and Restore Natural Habitats at Bear Creek Redwoods		7				N		3
13	Rehabilitate Alma College historic site at Bear Creek Redwoods	4		6			N	2	2
14	Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve Interpretive Complex	9		4			N	8	2
15	Bear Creek Stables site improvements and visitor services	4		4	6		Y	6	2
16	Highway 17 Wildlife and Bay Area Ridge Trail Crossing	2	10		7		Y	2	1
17	El Sereno Access Improvements				4		N		3
18	Saratoga-to-Sea Regional Trail Connection	2	6	4	6		Y	4	1
19	Fremont Older (Woodhills) House Preservation and Interpretation	6		7			N	3	2
20	Fremont Older Parking Improvements				4		N		3
21	Family Nature Play Program at Picchetti Ranch Preserve	6		2	6		N	2	2
22	Los Gatos Creek Trail	4	1	5	6		N		3
23	Middle Stevens Creek Fishery Restoration & Trail Enhancement	4	4	5	8		N		3
24	San Francisquito Creek Restoration	4	3	5	6		N		3
25	Major Roadway Signage	6			6		N		2
26	Hetch Hetchy SFPUC Trail Corridor	4	1	5	6		N		3
27	Complete Upper Stevens Creek Trail system above Stevens Creek	2	2	3	8		Y	7	2
28	Restore salmonid fisheries in San Francisquito Creek Watershed		8				N		3
29	West Union Creek Watershed Restoration		8	4			N		3

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No.	Project Title	Enriched Experiences	Healthy Nature	Scenic Landscapes	Outdoor Recreation	Working Lands	Top 30 for Staff	CAC Stars	Staff Tier
30	Rancho San Antonio Recreation Improvements, Parking Solutions, and Expanded Interpretive Opportunities	8		3	8		Y	1	1
31	Hidden Villa Public Access Improvements and Preservation of Agricultural Fields	2		3	6	6	N	9	2
32	Hawthorns Area of Windy Hill OSP: Preservation, Recreation, Interpretation	4		8	6		Y	1	1
33	Windy Hill Trail and Access Improvements			6	5		N		3
34	Conserve and Restore Bayfront Habitats and Ensure Public Access			5			N		3
35	Cooley Landing Nature Education Center and Interpretation	6		7	3		Y	3	1
36	Baylands Improvements, Regional Trail Connections, and Restoration	2		6	8		N	15	2
37	Open Stevens Canyon Ranch Area at Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve for Community Harvesting and Tours of Historic Buildings	6		6	4	2	N	4	2
38	Long Ridge Trail Connections and Recreation Improvements			2	6		N		3
39	Preserve Upper Pescadero Creek (Peters Oil and Slate Creeks) Watershed Protection		6	4	4		N	4	3
40	Skyline Region Redwood Forest Protection and Management		8	2			N		3
41	Skyline Region Pond Management and Enhancement Actions		9				N	8	2
42	Horseshoe and Alpine Pond Interpretation Complex Improvements	8		2	4		Y	2	2
43	Ranger Campground Program	4					Y		3
44	San Andreas Fault Interpretive Trail System	7		3	3		N		3
45	Reintroduce Fire at Russian Ridge OSP as Ecosystem and Land Management Tool		5				N		3
46	Russian Ridge Recreational Access Improvements	9	2	9	6	5	Y	2	1
47	Alpine Road Regional Trail from Peninsula Foothills to Skyline Ridge region and Coal Creek Trail Improvements		6	6	9		N	1	1
48	Improve regional trail connections and complete the Bay Area Ridge Trail near La Honda Creek OSP	2	2	4	9		Y	1	1
49	Preserve riparian corridors and restore salmonid fisheries in upper San Gregorio Watershed		8	6	3	2	N	11	2
50	Red Barn Interpretive Complex	10		8		2	Y	1	1
51	Fully open La Honda Creek OSP to public recreational access	4		9	9	7	Y	2	1
52	EL Corte de Madera Creek Trail Connections and Recreation	3	7	2	6		Y	1	1
53	Purisima Creek Trail Infrastructure and ADA Access Improvements	6	6	3	4		N	3	2
54	Work with partners to implement recovery actions for marbled murrelet on District Preserves		6				N		
55	Work with partners in Southern San Mateo County Redwood Region Protection to conserve salmonid fisheries and redwood forests	6	8	6			Y	3	1

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No.	Project Title	Enriched Experiences	Healthy Nature	Scenic Landscapes	Outdoor Recreation	Working Lands	Top 30 for Staff	CAC Stars	Staff Tier
56	Central Coast Mountains Regional Trail Connections			3	7		Y	7	2
57	Lower Gazos and Waddell Creek Watershed Protection to restore salmonid fishery, manage redwood forests, and increase public access		8	4			N		3
58	Cloverdale Ranch Agricultural, and Resource Improvements	2	6	5		7	N	11	2
59	Conserve and sustain natural resources, grazing, and agriculture in the Lower Pescadero Creek Watershed		9	4		8	Y	2	1
60	Sustain Grazing in the Lower Pomponio Creek Watershed		4	4		7	N		3
61	Protect Coastal Scenery			8		2	Y	13	2
62	Further preserve San Gregorio Creek Watershed to sustain forests, fisheries, grazing, and agriculture		9	4		8	Y	2	1
63	Expand grazing at La Honda Creek OSP to protect and enhance native grassland vegetation		6	3		9	N		1
64	Protect unique and sensitive wildlife resources, and enhance watershed resources and aquatic habitat at La Honda Creek OSP	7	9			1	Y	1	1
65	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process at La Honda Creek OSP		8				Y	2	2
66	Conserve and sustain natural resources, grazing, and fisheries in the Tunitas Creek Watershed		8	4		8	Y	1	1
67	Restore salmonid fishery and ensure grazing viability in Lobitos Creek watershed		9			6	Y	2	1
68	Complete and open Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail	8		4	8	5	Y	2	1
69	Develop and Implement Purisima Creek Redwoods OSP Pond Management and Enhancement Projects to benefit rare aquatic species		6			3	N		3
70	Reintroduce and manage fire as an ecosystem process at Miramontes Ridge and Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves		8				Y	6	2
71	Protect Coastal Views			9		2	N		3
72	Partner to expand Coastside opportunities for visitor environmental & agricultural education and agri-eco tourism	5		2	4	4	Y		3
73	Connect Miramontes Ridge and Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserves to provide public access, restore fisheries, and ensure agricultural viability		8	9	8	9	Y	2	1
74	Complete Miramontes Ridge Open Space Preserve to provide public access, restore fisheries, and ensure agricultural viability	2	8	9	7	9	Y	2	1



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You Are Invited...

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) is in the midst of a 16-month vision plan process to determine the future of its open space preserves. After months of community engagement and environmental analysis, MROSD has scheduled the following public workshops to share results and seek additional public comments to help define and prioritize potential open space projects.

These workshops will be held throughout the area, you are welcome to attend as many as you'd like. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.openspace.org/imagine.



*Additional meeting:
Nov. 2, 2013 1-4 pm at
MROSD Skyline Field
Office, covering Skyline
and Coastal Mountain
Regions*

Projects discussed will be specific to the region in which the workshop is held.

- Mon. 10/21** 6:00 - 9:00 pm – San Mateo Coast/Half Moon Bay Regions • Hatch Elementary School, 490 Miramontes Ave, Half Moon Bay
- Mon. 10/28** 6:00 - 9:00 pm – Los Gatos Foothills and Sierra Azul Regions • West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Ave. (Baltic Rooms A & B), Saratoga
- Mon. 11/4** 6:00 - 9:00 pm – Cupertino Foothills and Skyline Regions • Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro Street, Mountain View
- Sat. 11/16** 1:00 - 4:00 – Cupertino Foothills and Bayfront Regions • Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City