







Attachment A: Rogers Property (1405 Skyline Blvd, Palo Alto)

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|  Highlighted Property |  Private Property |  Highway or Major Road |
|  MROSD Preserves |  MROSD Conservation or Agricultural Easement |  Trail |
|  Other Protected Open Space or Park Lands | |  County Line |

Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District
(MROSD)



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PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ROGERS PROPERTY

Size 148 acres

Location The Rogers property is located at 1405 Skyline Boulevard (Hwy 35) in the City of Palo Alto, approximately 2 miles south of the intersection of Page Mill Road and Skyline Boulevard and adjacent to the 3,288-acre Monte Bello Open Space Preserve and the 1,095-acre Upper Stevens Creek County Park to the south and east, respectively.

Funding The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors will consider the purchase of the Rogers Property in February 2014, including price and terms. Funding for this proposed purchase is included in the Real Property Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/14.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Landscape The property contains diverse habitats and vegetation which is characterized by steep forested slopes, oak savannah, open grasslands, and densely wooded mixed evergreen forest, including redwood, douglas fir and madrone. The main ridgeline rises to a height of 2,200 feet near Skyline Boulevard and the property is traversed by three creek drainages and contains two ponds.

Flora and Fauna As typifies the southeast facing slope of the area, the plant communities consist of dense mixed evergreen forest, with chaparral and grassland openings.

Of the 26 special-status wildlife species known in the area, five either have the potential to occur or may be positively impacted by the District's preservation of the property. These species include: California red-legged frog, Western Pond Turtle, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-Shinned Hawk and San Francisco Dusky-footed Woodrat.

Hydrology The properties include three tributaries that drain into Stevens Creek and two seasonal ponds.

Land Use and Structures The property is improved with a two-bedroom, one-bath, 1,200 square foot house and a 2,500 square foot barn.

NEXT STEPS TO CONSIDER REGARDING PROPERTY PURCHASES

Environmental Review Environmental review is underway to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Board Action The District's Board of Directors will consider the purchase of the property in February 2014. Included for consideration will be the property's Preliminary Use and Management Plan, which is expected to propose maintaining the property in its current condition, patrolling and keeping the property closed pending further planning (as described below).

NEXT STEPS FOR USE AND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Planning If purchased, the property would be incorporated into Monte Bello Open Space Preserve. A subsequent future planning process would analyze the ability of opening current ranch roads that could provide a trail connection link to the Grizzly Flat Trail on Upper Stevens Creek County Park, new environmental interpretation opportunities, and natural and cultural resource management actions. Further environmental review would be prepared as needed.

Public Participation Interested parties are encouraged to contact Jean Chung, Acting Real Property Assistant, at the District office at (650) 691-1200 to request that their names be added to the public notification list for this proposed property purchase.