



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

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November 12, 2014

## AGENDA ITEM 3

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Authorization to Reject All Bids Received October 30, 2014 for the McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Authorize the General Manager to reject all bids received to complete the McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.
2. Authorize the General Manager to solicit new bids to complete the McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

### SUMMARY

The Request for Bids for the McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve was issued on October 15, 2014. After completing the Request for Bids process, three (3) bids were received on October 30, 2014. Southwest Fence submitted a bid package that was determined to be non-responsive and Hammer Fences is the apparent low bidder. The apparent low bid is \$106,280 higher than the amount budgeted for the Project. The General Manager therefore recommends rejecting all bids and soliciting new bids to complete the project.

### DISCUSSION

#### Background

The McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project is located in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (Preserve), northwest of the Town of La Honda (See Attachment 1, Project Location). The project objective is to provide the installation of approximately 8,900 linear feet of a new five (5) strand barbed wire livestock fence, installation of five (5) livestock gates, and removal of approximately 100 linear feet of five (5) strand barbed wire livestock fence. Installation of the fence and gates will restrict livestock access to La Honda Creek and the associated riparian corridor in pastures two (2) and three (3) of McDonald Ranch (See Attachment 2, Premise Map).

#### Bidding Process

The Request for Bids was issued on October 15, 2014 and was sent to five (5) contractors as well as released to five (5) builders' exchanges. Legal notices were posted in the Half Moon Bay Review and San Mateo County Times, and an Invitation to Bid was posted on the District website. A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site tour was held at the Project site on October 23, 2014 and was attended by four (4) contractors.

Sealed bids were due on Thursday, October 30, 2014, and three (3) bids were received and opened with the results as follows:

Bidder	Location	Total Bid	Price per Linear Foot (LF) Bid	Percent Difference from Base Bid Estimate of \$90,000
1. Crusader Fence	Vallejo, CA	\$272,400	\$30.61	+ 203%
2. Hammer Fences	Tracy, CA	\$196,280	\$22.05	+118%
3. Southwest Fence	Oakdale	\$88,475	\$9.94	-1.7%

Upon review of the Bid Proposals, staff determined that the bid from Southwest Fence was non-responsive because the bidder had not completed the list of subcontractors and the signature page of the Bid Package. Therefore, Hammer Fences was announced as the apparent low bidder.

### **Bid Analysis**

Staff estimated the total cost for the fence installation to be \$90,000. Evaluation of the bids revealed that the apparent low bid from Hammer Fences is over the estimated project budget by \$106,280. Therefore, it is recommended that all bids be rejected and staff solicits new bids to complete the McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve. Historically, fence installation on District lands has ranged between \$6.00 and \$8.00 per linear foot depending on steepness of terrain, soil type, and economy of scale. The McDonald Fence Installation is in extremely steep terrain with areas of rocky ground and dense brush. The bid estimate for the project was \$10.00 per linear foot.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Rejection of bids results in no fiscal impact to the District's capital budget. The Natural Resources Department FY2014-15 Budget included \$135,000 for infrastructure installation and replacement at the McDonald Ranch area of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW**

Installation of grazing infrastructure at the McDonald Ranch was included in the Natural Resources Department FY2014-15 Action Plan and Budget, which was reviewed and approved by the Action Plan and Budget Committee and the full Board of Directors.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

### **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

The McDonald Ranch Fence Installation Project is consistent with the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Plan for Implementation of the La Honda Creek Master Plan, approved by the Board on August 22, 2012 (see Report R-12-83).

**NEXT STEPS**

Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the General Manager will reject all bids and direct staff to re-bid the Project.

Attachments

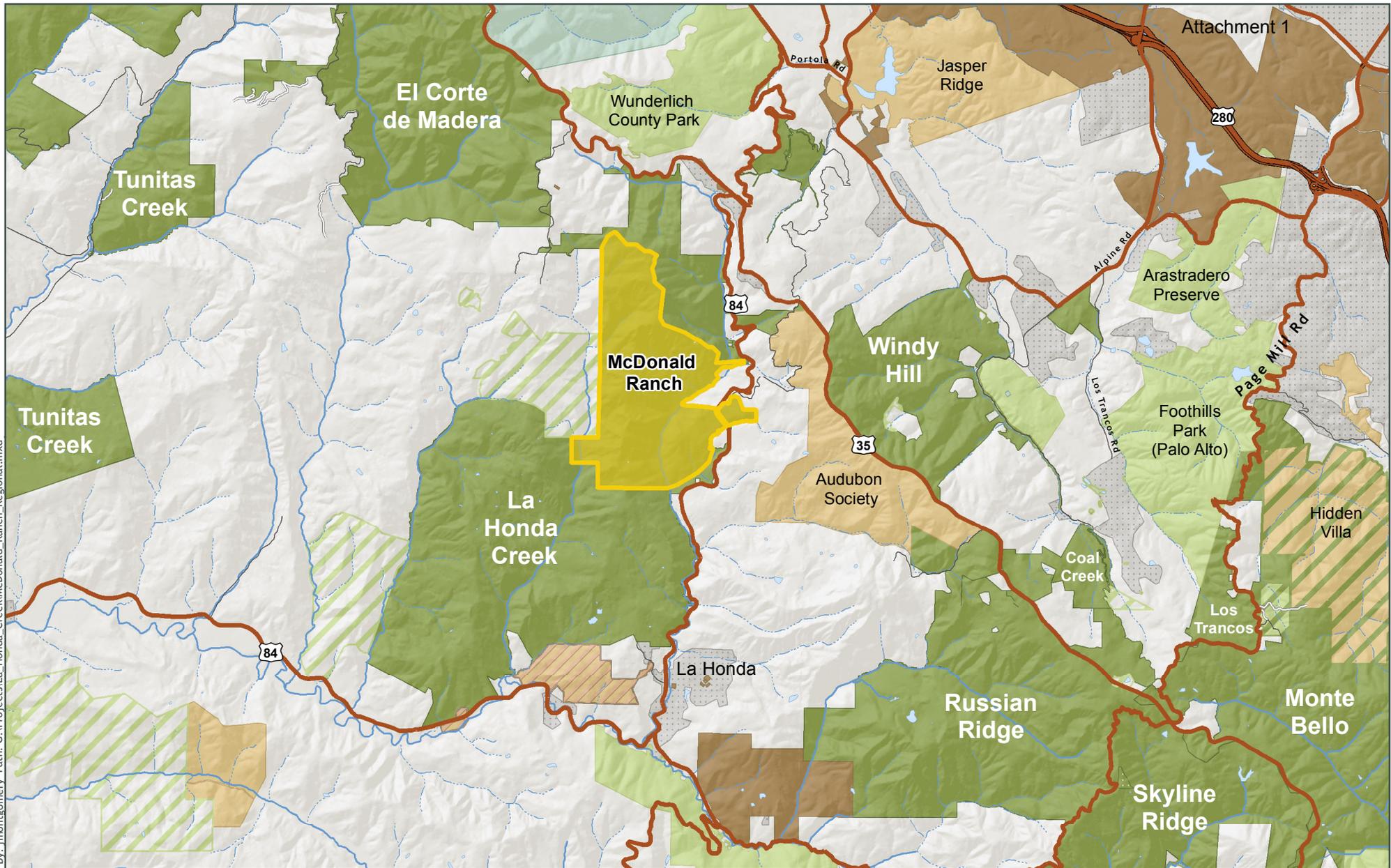
1. Location Map
2. Premise Map

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### McDonald Ranch - La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve

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|  MROSD Preserves                          |  Private Property      |  Non MROSD Conservation or Agricultural Easement |
|  Other Protected Open Space or Park Lands |  Developed Land        |  MROSD Conservation or Agricultural Easement     |
|  Other Public Agency                      |  Management Agreement |  |

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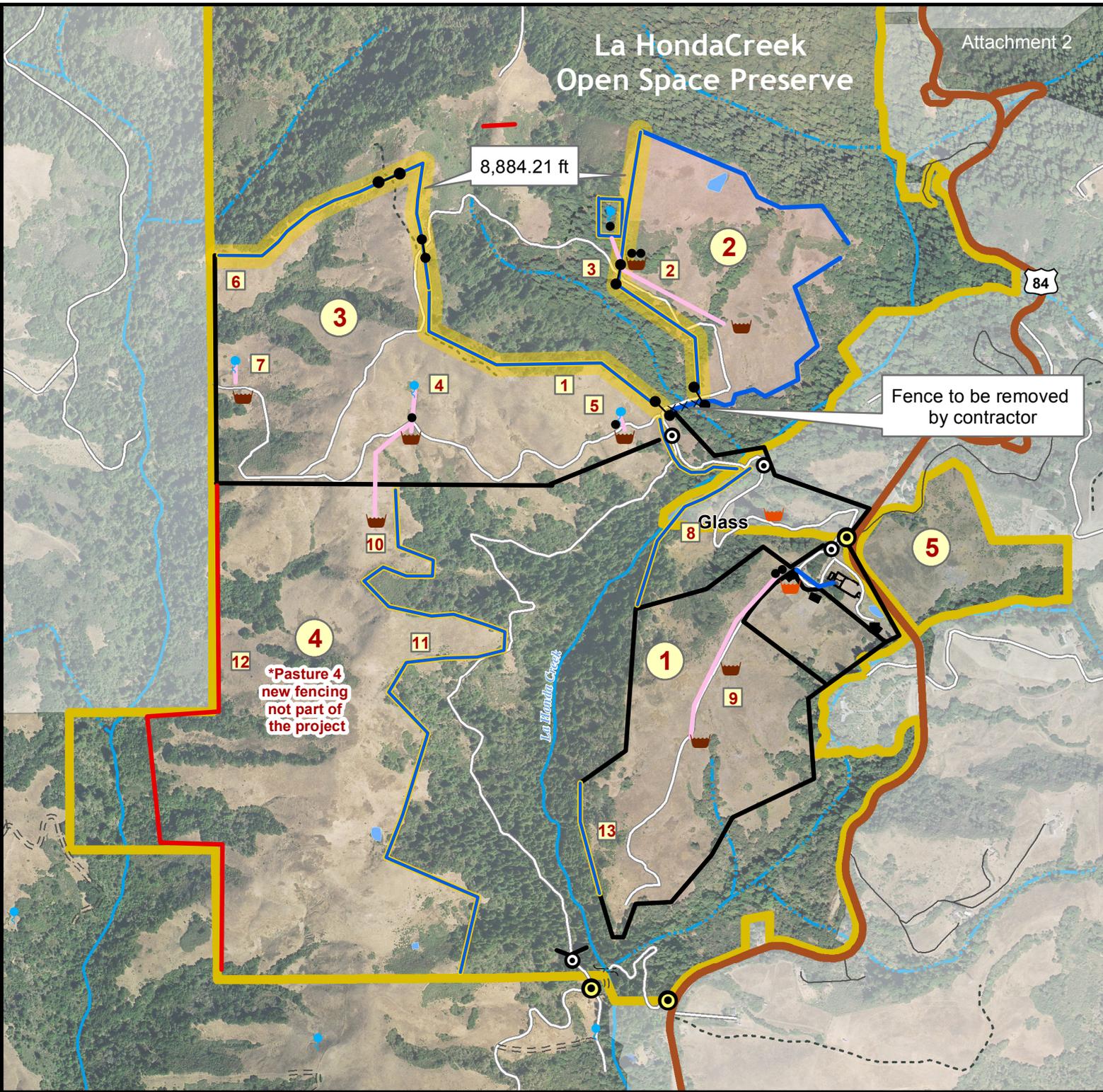


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# La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve



## McDonald Ranch Premise Map

- # Pastures
- # Projects
- Buildings & other facilities
- Fence repaired
- New fencing
- Fence in need of repair
- Proposed Fencing
- New Water Lines
- Pond or reservoir
- Spring or well
- Exterior gate
- Interior gate
- Roadside Parking
- Troughs in place
- Proposed troughs
- Tanks
- Potential Gates
- Trail/ATV
- Unmaintained road: width
- Minor unpaved road
- Minor paved road
- Important road
- Highway/major road
- McDonald Ranch Area

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