Fiscal Year 2020
Year End Review
Highlights of the major accomplishments:

- Neared completion of new segment of Bay Trail in Ravenswood
- Acquired 540-acre Gordon Ridge property near Tunitas Creek
Highlights of the major accomplishments:

- Responded to rapidly changing county health orders due to COVID-19 that effected public preserve use and District workforce activities
- Completed a new restroom and adjustments to the ADA loop trail at Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve
- Made significant progress on the New Administrative Office and South Area Field Office projects
FY20 Year-End Review

Fiscal Year-End Action Plan Project Status

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Deferred or Cancelled Projects

- **VP15-001** Redwood Forest Land Opportunity
- **VP20-002** Highway 17 Land Conservation
- **VP24-001** Sierra Azul Rancho de Guadalupe Land Conservation
- **VP39-001** Lower San Gregorio Creek Watershed Land Conservation
- **VP32-003** Toto Ponds Management Planning
- **Operating** Cooley Landing Site Use Agreements
- **VP38-001** Cooley Landing Park Business and Operation Plan
- **61002** Russian Ridge - Quam Residence Driveway Improvement
- **Operating** South Area Outpost Driveway Repaving
- **VP06-001** Hawthorns Historic Complex Partnership and Lease
- **65406** Radio Replacement for Ranger Staff and Patrol Vehicles
- **Operating** Legislative Initiatives
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Action Plan Project Status

Added Projects

- MAA04-001 Gallaway Property Purchase
- Operating Parking Area Naming Conventions
- 51702 District Wide Fiber Optics
- 61001 Tunitas Creek - Toto Ranch Driveway Improvements
Land Acquisition & Preservation
Purchased, exchanged or received gifts of 542.6 acres of open space lands valued at $12.668 million dollars, including:

- Purchase of the 540-acre Gordon Ridge property as an addition to **Tunitas Creek Preserve** -- advances land conservation opportunities in Vision Plan Portfolio 32 to support additional watershed preservation and conservation grazing.

- Purchase of the 1.7-acre Chet Gallaway property as an addition to **El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve** -- advances land conservation opportunities in Measure AA portfolio 4 to support recreational trail access and water quality projects.

- Received three Redwood Park gift parcels totaling 0.4 acres as part of **Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve**.

- Negotiated an exchange of easements that has secured public access over a portion of private property along a segment of the popular Kennedy Trail in the **Sierra Azul Preserve**.
Gordon Ridge Property
Chet Gallaway Property
Completed extensive and numerous natural resource protection and restoration projects:

- **Continued work to prevent and prepare for wildland fires**
  - Released a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, provided a public Scoping Meeting, and received public comment on the developing Wildland Fire Resiliency Program
  - Drafted *Windy Hill* and *Pulgas Ridge preserves* Fire Response Preplans to prepare Midpen and adjacent neighbors for a fire emergency. Completed field verification for five additional preserves

- **Conservation Grazing** – Completed key steps for the Mindego Pond Improvements project, and completed infrastructure repairs, and held public meetings to refine the proposed Grazing Management Policy Amendment

- Completed third (and final) year of a stream gauge and sediment study at *El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve*

- **Continued** the Highway 17 Wildlife and Regional Trail Crossings Project that will provide a safe wildlife corridor and a separate regional trail crossing across Highway 17
Completed numerous projects expanding public access in:

- **Ravenswood Preserve**: Neared completion of new 0.6-mile segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail with construction of a new boardwalk and bridge across sensitive bayland wetlands that closes a critical regional trail gap that will create 80 miles of continuous Bay Trail access.

- **Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve**: Completed restroom construction, adjustments to the new ADA-accessible loop trail, and final punch list items as part of the Parking Area construction. Submitted a Notice of Completion to the county for this completed project.

- **El Corte de Madera Preserve**: Completed Phase 3 and 4 of the new Oljon Trail connecting Steam Donkey to the Springboard Trail, including final construction and restoration work associated with the Watershed Protection Program.
Ravenswood Open Space Preserve
El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve

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District Wide Support of our Mission

Supporting Midpen’s mission through numerous activities:

- Continued implementation of critical Financial and Operational Sustainability Model Study recommendations
- Made significant progress on the Climate Action Plan implementation project
  - Avoided approximately 54 tons of carbon dioxide emissions from employee commutes between 3/16/20 and 6/30/20 due to telecommuting during shelter-in-place orders.
- Made significant progress to bring new Midpen office facilities online for improved administrative functions and delivery of projects and services
- Completed Mt. Umunhum Road Traffic Study Project, which included the installation of paved bicycle turnouts, repairs to roadside drainage scupper, curb repairs, the application of shared-lane markings, and installation of a solid double yellow centerline
District Wide Support of our Mission
Coordinated extensively to comply with and educate visitors on public health requirements, monitoring county health orders, and implementing preserve and facility closures as needed

Developed timely and extensive safety protocols, processes, procedures and trainings to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to keep the workforce and the public safe while Midpen continued to work through the pandemic

Developed a COVID-19 health check web application that streamlines daily reporting of self-health checks for staff, increasing staff and public safety

Provided technology tools to allow staff to continue being productive at home

Updated the preserve guide map series to reflect current information on COVID-19 restrictions, closures, and messaging, including the addition of wide trails (6+ feet) and one-way routes to promote social distancing
Grants Completed in FY20

The Grantmaking Program distributed $100,000 to three organizations in support of local environmental education programs.

Completed seven successful grant applications totaling $6,528,211:

- $2,895,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency in support of the Phase 2 Trail Improvements, Alma Cultural Landscape Rehabilitation, and Ponds Restoration and Water Rights projects at Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve.

- $1,960,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Gordon Ridge Property Land Conservation project at Tunitas Creek Preserve.
Grants Completed in FY20 Continued

- $700,000 from Caltrans for the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection project at Ravenswood Preserve.
- $301,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy in support of the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail & Staging Area Feasibility and Planning project at Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve.
- $272,211 from the County of Santa Clara in Stanford Recreation Mitigation Funds for Alpine Road Regional Trail at Coal Creek Preserve.
- $200,000 from the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department’s Historic Grant Program for the Alma Cultural Landscape Restoration Plan at Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve.
- $200,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Habitat Conservation Fund in support of the Mindego Pond Improvement project at Russian Ridge Preserve.
Awards Received in FY20

- Received the 2019 Municipal Information Systems Association of California Technology Innovation Award for SharePoint Project Central: An Innovative Project Management System
- Received the Leadership in Technology Award from the Special Districts West for Project Central and mobile technology integration
- Received the Talent Action Program Award from the Cal-ICMA for overall excellence in attracting and recruiting and developing talent by the Human Resources department
- Awarded the “Innovation in Green Community Planning" from the Northern Section of American Planning Association for Midpen’s Climate Action Plan
Awards Received in FY20

- Received annual budget awards from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO).

- Applied for the CAFR and PAFR Reporting Award from both GFOA and CSMFO.