

# Portfolio 19

## El Sereno Dog Trails and Connections



El Sereno Open Space Preserve (Midpen)

### DESCRIPTION

- Provide infrastructure to open trails to dogs.
- Develop connections to Skyline, Sanborn County Park and Lexington Reservoir.

Portfolio Allocation: \$2,254,000

Portfolio Expenditures Through 6/30/2023: \$298,187

### NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### MAA19-001 Gupta/Khan Property Purchase

Prior Years

Purchased a 9.37-acre fee property and a 1.97-acre floating trail easement from Gupta-Khan to improve opportunities for wildlife corridors and trail connectivity.

#### MAA19-002 Dunham-Bohlman Easement

Prior Years

Purchased a 0.33-acre public trail and patrol easement from a private landowner (\$15,000 purchase). These purchases fill a gap in the Bay Area Ridge Trail between El Sereno Preserve and Sanborn County Park (one property acquisition remains).

#### MAA19-003 Haight-Peery Low Value Land Acquisition

Prior Years

Purchased the 1.87-acre Haight-Peery property, including a portion of the Aquinas Trail, as an addition to El Sereno Preserve.

#### MAA19-004 San Jose Water Company Land Purchase

Prior Years

Purchased the former San Jose Water Company property from POST and terminated the lease & management agreement.

In May 2021, the Wildlife Conservation Board approved a grant covering the full purchase price of \$1,075,000.

In July 2020, the board approved the purchase and assignment of purchase rights of the 182.15-acre San Jose Water property to POST to allow Midpen to secure Wildlife Conservation Board grant funds. Midpen signed a lease & management agreement with POST to manage the property while under POST's ownership.

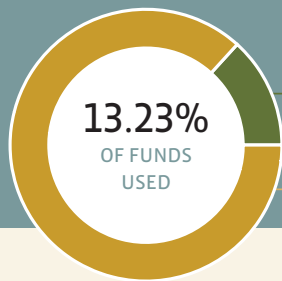
#### In Support of MAA19

Prior Years

Drafted trail easement and transactional documents for the acquisition of land rights (known as the El Sereno Land Conservation project) and sent to owner and their attorney.

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Project	Expenditure Plan	Total Through Prior Period 6/30/22	Current Period 7/1/22 Through 6/30/23	Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23	Expenditure Plan Remaining	Percent Expended
Total Portfolio Allocation	\$2,254,000					
19-001—Gupta/Khan Property Purchase		\$406,553	\$0	\$406,553		
19-002—Dunham-Bohlman Easement		\$19,997	\$0	\$19,997		
19-003—Haight-Perry Low Value Land Acquisition		\$52,977	\$0	\$52,977		
19-004—San Jose Water Co Land Purchase		\$1,085,237	\$0	\$1,085,237		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,254,000</b>	<b>\$1,564,764</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,564,764</b>	<b>\$689,236</b>	<b>69.42%</b>
19-001—Gupta/Khan Property Purchase Grant Income		(\$191,577)	\$0	(\$191,577)		
19-004—San Jose Water Co Land Purchase Grant Income		(\$1,075,000)	\$0	(\$1,075,000)		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,254,000</b>	<b>\$298,187</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$298,187</b>	<b>\$1,955,813</b>	<b>13.23%</b>



Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23  
**\$298,187**

Expenditure Plan Remaining  
**\$1,955,813**

Signed letter of intent with an El Sereno Land Conservation property owner to sell trail easement to Midpen. Staff flagged the trail alignment in preparation of a property/trail survey.

Signed letter of understanding with the SJWC. Reached agreement with SJWC to purchase 182-acre El Sereno inholding, including Aquinas Trail as an identified section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

Completed CEQA review and a use and management plan amendment for board approval to open existing trails to dogs on-leash and added on-leash dog use to 6 miles of existing trail.

To facilitate future MAA trail projects, initiated site investigations for regional trail connections between Sanborn County Park, El Sereno Preserve and a potential Highway 17 Bay Area Ridge Trail crossing.

### PROJECT CHALLENGES

Need to secure additional trail easement to provide future Bay Area Ridge Trail connection between the El Sereno Preserve and Sanborn County Park.

### POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

Continue seeking property rights required for a trail connection from Highway 17 through El Sereno Preserve to Sanborn County Park.

Continue analysis of regional trail connections between Sanborn County Park, El Sereno Preserve and a potential Highway 17 Bay Area Ridge Trail crossing.