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Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#246]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:34:57 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Anne Scanlan-Rohrer

Email *

Zip Code * 94010

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I've hiked at both Upper and Lower La Honda and would love more access to this wonderful area, provided the environmental assets are protected (wildlife and watershed) and there is no adverse affect on the local community. A hiking trail that would actually allow views of La Honda Creek itself would be nice.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve?

- Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#254]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:21:46 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Annie Schweikert

Email *



Zip Code * 94025

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I strongly support opening public access in central La Honda Creek Preserve! This is a prominent piece of land right next to 84 that I often wonder about, and opening it would fill a gap that I only know from the road. I have accessed Lower La Honda Creek Preserve a few times and think it is fabulous, but would love a trailhead closer to Skyline and would access it more if the drive were less. I also LOVE the lower Alpine parking lot at Russian Ridge, another example of a recently-opened Midpen area in a similar type of location (at least I believe, since I've never been to mid-LHC)!

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- Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#262]

EXTERNAL

Name * Arlene Tsang

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 94555

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I'd like to have Central La Honda Creek Preserve open doors more trails to hike. Nature & exercise is important to me.

I've done both upper and lower La Honda Preserve so something new is always good!

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#259]
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:43:24 AM

EXTERNAL

Name * Ameet Zaveri

Email *

[REDACTED]

Zip Code * 94566

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Please open access!

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve?

- Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#261]

EXTERNAL

Name * Claus Enevoldsen

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 94403

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve. It would be amazing with multi-use trail access at La Honda Creek Reserve, looking forward to seeing this project get approved.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 12:55 AM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#267]

EXTERNAL

Name * Carlin Black

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 95129


Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail, a multi use trail on the ridge surrounding the bay, is a critical respite from the traffic on the peninsula. (Yep, even on Skyline Blvd.) La Honda Creek is an important gap that needs to be opened to public use. Please grant the Ridge Trail an easement through all parts of La Honda Creek to connect up this important and generally responsibly used trail.

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From: [Midpen Public Comment Form](#)
To: [Jennifer Woodworth](#); [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#); [web](#)
Subject: I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit) - July 28 - Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting -
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 1:57:34 PM

EXTERNAL

Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	3
Subject *	3. Consideration of the La Honda Public Access Working Group Recommendations that address Board-approved Parking and Trailhead Access Goals at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (R-20-81)
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Cindy Crowe-Urgo
City of Residence *	La Honda CA
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record *

I would like to express my opposition to the recommendations that are being submitted regarding a parking lot and access to the La Honda Open Space Preserve via Highway 84. Vehicles entering and exiting Highway 84 would pose a traffic safety issue. Both areas designated would involve vehicles pulling out of an area where vehicles are traveling at high speeds. There have been many fatalities in both areas of the highway that are being designated for parking lots and access to the preserve. The two areas I am referencing are the Red Barn and LH07. One of the La Honda members of the working group has traffic statistics if you need more information.


I attended several of the La Honda Open Space working group meetings. The meetings were attended by numbers of community members that were opposed to these recommendations. I am in agreement with expanding the Sears Ranch Road area and also the Driscoll Ranch area.

I also had a meeting with the California Highway Patrol and discussed the possibility of these two areas and they had no idea that this might happen. Knowing our roads well they indicated that vehicles entering the highway on the proposed areas on Highway 84 would be a traffic safety hazard.

If the working group was indeed formed to listen to the local residents and come to a compromise with consideration of the surrounding community it would be prudent to select an area to expand other than the Red barn or LH07.

From: [Midpen Public Comment Form](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [web](#); [Leigh Ann Gessner](#); [Coty Sifuentes-Winter](#)
Subject: I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit) - July 28 - Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting -
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:44:06 PM

EXTERNAL

Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	3
Subject *	New parking lot and access area on Highway 84
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Cindy Crowe-Urgo
City of Residence *	La Honda
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)

Comments to be provided to the board of directors *

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From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#249]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 4:16:19 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Denise Larsen

Email *

Zip Code * 94062

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Really hope you can provide access to the area by the Red Barn. It has the straightest section of Hwy 84 there and signs can be put up to warn motorists and to prevent any overflow street parking. The driveways in the area have had no accidents pulling out onto the highway. Do not make it permitted access as that limits access to those who know. It should be open to all. Hope there can be dogs on leash too. We have been to Rancho San Vincent's Park, which allows dogs on leash and has cattle too. Seems to work out well. Bikes allowed too. All seem to get along.

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- Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#269]

EXTERNAL

Name * DOUG MANN

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 95112

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

The Bay Area has a critical need for trails--as evidenced during these Covid times--and access to La Honda Creek would be an important step in the right direction. I hike and mountain bike, so I would love to see options for both. Thank you!

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#251]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:44:52 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Emma Shelton

Email *

Zip Code * 94026

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I'd love it! There's SOOOOO much space there and hikers are only allowed on a tiny portion, and then only a silly gravel road through cow fields, except for the upper area which you have to make reservations for ahead of time. I've been to both spots (upper and lower), and I hardly imagine it would be overwhelmed with visitors and numbers of cars.

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- Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#257]
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:29:19 AM

EXTERNAL

Name * Ian Collazo

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 94110

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

La Honda is one of the prettiest preserves and I enjoy the fact that it's one of the few preserves where I can go on a weekend day and not see a single person. While the lack of people is great, it saddens me that more people can't experience the beauty of La Honda and one of the reasons I suspect it's not visited as much as other preserves is because of the weird trail layout. There are no loops and the middle section is closed off leaving two separate sections with limited trails. While preserves like Corte De Madera have various permutations in hiking routes due to the extensive trail count, La Honda can get boring since it's so limited. Opening up the middle section and creating more trails will make the preserve appealing to more hikers and allowing for more people to enjoy the beauty of La Honda.

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From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#250]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 4:56:39 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Jonathan Crowther

Email *

Zip Code * 94061

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

First, I love hiking in Upper LHC, but getting permit is pain; I want trails from red barn up to Upper area second, please avoid using ranch roads; Lower LHC is awful because it has no properly graded hiking trails, and one is unusable after cattle have gone through it in mud. Sierra Azul is another place that desperately needs proper hiking trails, not fire roads. Please stop opening areas that only have roads pretending to be trails!!

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- Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#266]

EXTERNAL

Name * Jenn Keohane

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 94549

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Please open up a trail through the closed area to link to open spaces. Nature is such an important thing and access to lands is something that all citizens can enjoy. I personally have been doing the Bay Area Ridge Trail as a challenge for the last one year, and I still have at least one more year to go to complete the challenge. This challenge is taking me to parks all over the bay area, and how lucky to have some beautiful spaces on the peninsula. I would love to continue to explore the area more. Thank you for that consideration.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#258]
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:01:29 AM

EXTERNAL

Name * Joyce Pennell

Email *

Zip Code * 94402

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I have been intrigued for years by this section of land. It would be great to open it to the public and to link the other two sections of La Honda Creek OSP. It's a nice section that is hikable on relatively warm summer days. We need more hiking areas west of the mountains--but not all the way to the coast--as it is too hot on the east side in the summer.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve?

- Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#255]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:33:28 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Jim Pravetz

Email * 

Zip Code * 94087

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I'm excited to see some new bike trails to explore. I hope you can focus on "connectors" that allow long rides thru the hills. This isn't for the same type of rider you'd see at ECdM Creek, it's more the endurance gravel rider on lighter bikes with narrower tires.

Please do as much as you can to create "connectors", as your trails would just be part of longer rides that such cyclists might use. Eg. if there is a way to ride from ECdM across to La Honda.

I'm not sure why bikes are excluded from the Driscoll Ranch Main Access Road, but I'd hope you'd reconsider, as this would make a good route out to the ocean. I'll likely not be living here by the time you complete your plan, but would like to share the thoughts of the cycling community, especially those that leave their cars at home (which should be one of your missions too) to get out and explore the hills.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#263]

EXTERNAL

Name * Lanier Benkard

Email * [REDACTED]


Zip Code * 94062

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve. I support opening La Honda Creek to public access. I also think both La Honda Creek and Lower La Honda Creek trails should be open to bicycles.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

From: [Midpen Public Comment Form](#)
To: [Jennifer Woodworth](#); [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#); [web](#)
Subject: I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit) - July 28 - Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting -
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:45:09 PM

EXTERNAL

Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	89314097112
Subject *	MidPen La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (LHCOSP) Public Access Working Group (PAWG)
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Laurie McLean
City of Residence *	La Honda
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)


Comments to be read into the record *

When considering where to place access to the central part of the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, there is truly only one safe alternative: the parking spaces beyond the La Honda Elementary School on Sears Ranch Road. Go further down from the trailhead and build a second parking lot if you wish, but do not put any entrances on busy and dangerous Highway 84! As the founder of the 84–35 Traffic Safety Committee nearly a decade ago, as well as a current CERT member and ARES ham radio operator, all the statistics on traffic accidents and fatalities on highway 84 point to how dangerous and unsuitable it is for traffic ingress and egress. The combination of fast and slow motorcycles, fast and slow cars, delivery trucks, and even pedestrians, make both highways a recipe for disaster if vehicles enter or exit--especially at the red barn, where motorcyclists and car clubs really like to show their speed.

Thank you for your kind attention to my informed views on this potentially life-threatening decision. Please do not select anywhere near the red barn or your property at the rodeo grounds to place a parking lot where unsuspecting visitors would come to harm.

From: [Midpen Public Comment Form](#)
To: [Jennifer Woodworth](#); [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borges](#); [web](#)
Subject: I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit) - July 28 - Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting -
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:46:07 PM

EXTERNAL

Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	3.
Subject *	Recommendations of LH PAWG
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Lynnette Vega
City of Residence *	La Honda
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)

Comments to be provided to the board of directors *

Many thanks to the La Honda Public Access Working Group for their many hours studying the different options/solutions to address the Red Barn area and other possible sites. Several years ago, after hundreds of people signed a petition in opposition to opening up parking (for potentially 75 cars, motorcycles and buses) adjacent to the Red Barn, MROSD held a meeting in La Honda and more than 300 people attended – primarily to voice their opposition to that plan. I believe that in our community, there are very few whose opinions have changed in the ensuing years. The dangerous traffic situation around the Red Barn hasn't improved for people traveling either west or east from the proposed parking area. Even limited parking there poses potential danger – especially on weekends. However, the "working group's" option C2, the area below the current parking area on Sears Ranch road, I feel is the most sensible solution and one that takes into consideration the sentiments and concerns of the community. That area could provide additional parking for the growing popularity of the Sears Ranch open space area, an outlet for equestrian trails, a potential picnic area and site for an interpretive center. I hope that the Board will consider that option and finally put to rest talk about parking near the Red Barn!!

Tina Hugg

From: Mario Musto [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Tina Hugg
Cc: D Arnow; cc: Mario Musto; Alex Yuen; paul taylor; Alistair Adams; Marcelo; Steve Pape; Mike and Prinvale; robert pinotti; Adler Carreon; Bruce Allen; jim de la riva
Subject: Mountain Bike Access-La Honda Ck. Preserve

EXTERNAL

Dear Ms. Hugg- As a local mountain bike rider in San Mateo County I would like to see bike access in La Honda Creek Preserve. Please give this idea reasonable consideration in your decision, the large and growing Mountain Bike community would be in appreciation.

Respectfully- Mario Musto

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#253]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:06:10 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Matt Permut

Email *

Zip Code * 94024

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Hello,

I very much support examining the option of opening the central portion of La Honda Creek preserve to the public. I think this would greatly benefit preserve visitors as well as the greater La Honda community. I also think it is important to protect the historic Red Barn and make it more accessible to the public. I hope to see the central portion of LHC open at some point, and have the Upper and Lower sections connected for public access.

Thank you,
Matt Permut

From: [Mike Prinvale](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#)
Subject: Bike access
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:59:28 AM

EXTERNAL

Looking forward to La Honda Creek opening.
Please allow bicycle access to this area.
Mike Prinvale

Sent from my iPhone

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#265]

EXTERNAL

Name * Matthew Self

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 94062

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I would like to encourage MidPen to prioritize early construction of the multi-use regional trail connections that are outlined in the Master Plan:

Goal PA-5: Promote regional trail connections

Obj PA-5.1: Provide connections to other public open space lands where feasible

Obj PA-5.2: Designate a Bay Area Ridge Trail corridor through the Preserve

Key connections are the Ridge Trail segment from Bear Gulch Road to the Red Barn and a multi-use connection to Sears Ranch.

By providing these through-connections, many mountain bikers will use these trails to enjoy the OSP *without needing to bring and park a car*.

Please keep in mind that in addition to being a *drive-to* destination, regional multi-use trails that connect through the OSP build up a network of regional trails where the whole is more valuable than the sum of the parts.

Thank you,

--Matthew

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Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#260]

EXTERNAL

Name * N C

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 95124


Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Thank you for opening this preserve for public access. Please consider an annual parking permit for the upper parking lot for locals who would like to walk their dogs.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

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Subject: I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit) - July 28 - Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting -
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 5:00:26 PM

EXTERNAL

Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	No
Subject *	Page recommendations
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Patty Mayall
City of Residence *	La Honda
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)


Comments to be read into the record *

Thank you to ALL for their time and dedicated work on this crucial community issue. I hope that the La Honda Creek Preserve will be preserved and that the comments of neighbors, like myself, and the community most affected by the proposed plans will BE a leading priority. Please only allow docent led visitors to the Red Barn area, thereby minimizing the harmful impacts to the Preserve, eliminating the need for an offensive parking lot, and NOT increasing traffic on this most dangerous area of Hwy. 84. Our lives depend on using Hwy. 84, and ANY additional traffic potentially increases fire danger from accidents and puts ALL lives at risk. This is just a FACT (accident and speed reports are only increasing) and public safety needs to be the #1 priority for the community and visitors! Please only allow docent led visits to the Red Barn Area and preserve this most valued natural treasure.

With gratitude for your attention,
Patty Mayall
Old La Honda Rd.
La Honda, Ca.

From: [Midpen Public Comment Form](#)
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Subject: I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit) - July 28 - Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting -
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 12:34:50 PM

EXTERNAL

Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	3
Subject *	La Honda Public Access
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Ross Heitkamp
City of Residence *	Mountain View
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record *

I have hiked the Upper La Honda Creek OSP 3 times in the past year. It is a beautiful area with cool redwoods and sweeping views of the lands out to the coast that are so inviting. I want to be able to accept that invitation and continue down through the middle section.

Each time I have hiked the upper area, I have pretty much every inch of open trail. It's just not that big. Opening up to the middle area would not only add to the Bay Area Ridge Trail, but would also make for more substantial hikes to justify the long drive off Hwy 35. This brings up 2 other points.

1) I'd really like to be about ride my bike in this area, especially when fully connected since the scale then grows to making bike exploration more necessary.

2) I'd love for there to be access more directly from Hwy 35 – pretty sure the trails already connect and the issue is one of parking areas – though as this study shows, that is no minor consideration.

One last comment – view of the Red Barn from the vista point above. Yes, you can see it, but I'd never really noticed it. Reviewed my pictures – yes it's there. Not a significant concern.

I won't weigh in how to vote. I hope you have enough information to proceed and vote to do so, but if you need to study something more, please do.

Thank you.
Ross

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#264]

EXTERNAL

Name * Rebecca Rhodes

Email * [REDACTED]

Zip Code * 95070

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I would so much appreciate public access at La Honda Creek Preserve. Being able to see all if natures bounty around us makes us more connected with and respectful of our environment and those (animals, plants insects) we share it with.

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve? Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#247]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:44:08 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Steve Conroy

Email *

[REDACTED]

Zip Code * 95120

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Please add the extra parking and open access to this section of the preserve. Access is even more important in these COVID times. Will help relieve pressure on existing access points that are being swamped with increased traffic due to COVID.

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- Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#252]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:00:30 PM

EXTERNAL

Name * Scot Rohrer

Email *

Zip Code * 94010

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I think this would be a fantastic addition to the open spaces available to the public on the Peninsula. My wife and I have hiked the upper and lower La Honda creek open areas and they are wonderful.

The Red Barn might be another unexpected resource for the open space system.

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- Yes

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [web](#)
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#256]
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:05:17 AM

EXTERNAL

Name * William Bochert

Email *

Zip Code * 95123

Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Hello folks, I have been loving these hills and mountains for so long, and know so many people in the area, i love to go on adventures and bring guests to amaze them. I am for the idea to allow us access, especially respectful volunteery types . I had actually thought it was goi g to be open from the beginning, I was dissapointed, and drive through on down to memorial or sam macdonald. Thank you, peace

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding La Honda Creek Preserve?

- Yes

Tina Hugg

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Tina Hugg; Melissa Borgesi
Cc: web
Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#268]

EXTERNAL

Name * Wendy Calia

Email *

Zip Code * 95125


Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

Please consider opening up this preserve for the public to roam explore and enjoy. Bay Area population needs more access to open preserves for our mental health and to encourage outdoor appreciation and stewardship. Please open this preserve!

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Meeting Date *	July 28 – Planning and Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	Red Barn Access
Subject *	No Red Barn Access Please
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Carole Corcoran Williams
City of Residence *	La Honda
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record *

BOD, I'm writing in opposition to any parking or access to the red barn property. I believe it will be a huge hazard and liability to the residents of la Honda, Woodside, The La Honda Fire Brigade and anyone else who happens to use hwy 84. It is already a dangerous corner with it's tight corner. I have witnessed many accidents there over the years as people go into the turn way too fast. In addition to that , we have the existing racing motorcycles and cars, horse trailers, bicycle riders, commercial work trucks and everyday users To contend with. I believe it would be obnoxious to add to the traffic. It will endanger the lives of everyone on the road. For what ? Enjoyment ? Please find an alternative. The La Honda Fire Brigade and local residents are already over burdened with the unsafe hwy 84. It's gotten much worse over the past few years and extremely worse since shelter in place too effect. Please don't add to the recreational use of the road. Peoples lives depend on it.

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Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#248]
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:49:15 PM

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Please let us know your comments about opening public access at La Honda Creek Preserve.

I would like to suggest opening the preserve to bike access. The trails are all fire-roads, so these are not technical mountain bike trail, and will not attract people going fast or reckless. These roads are perfect for gravel riding, which is a new cycling discipline which has grown in popularity in recent years. It is closer to road cycling than to mountain biking. We need more open gravel roads in the bay area. When the preserve finally opens end-to-end, it would make a very safe way to get from 84 to Skyline without having to ride on the busy road.

Thanks,
Zviki

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