



Top 25 Open Space Projects Identified in Midpen's Vision Plan

IMAGINE the Future of Open Space



How to Use The Priority Action Profile

Project #
(to Locate
on Map)

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Sierra Azul:

Loma Prieta Area Public Access, Regional Trails, and Habitat Projects

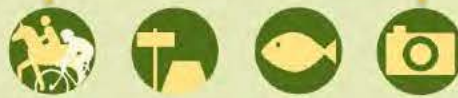
**Project
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Icons
(Significant
components of the
Priority Actions)
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Goals Accomplished by This Action

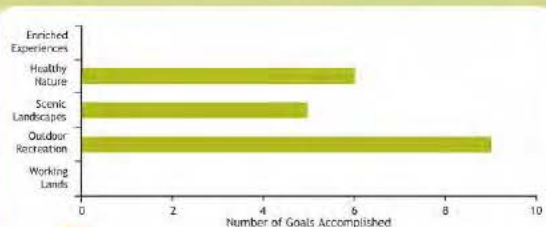
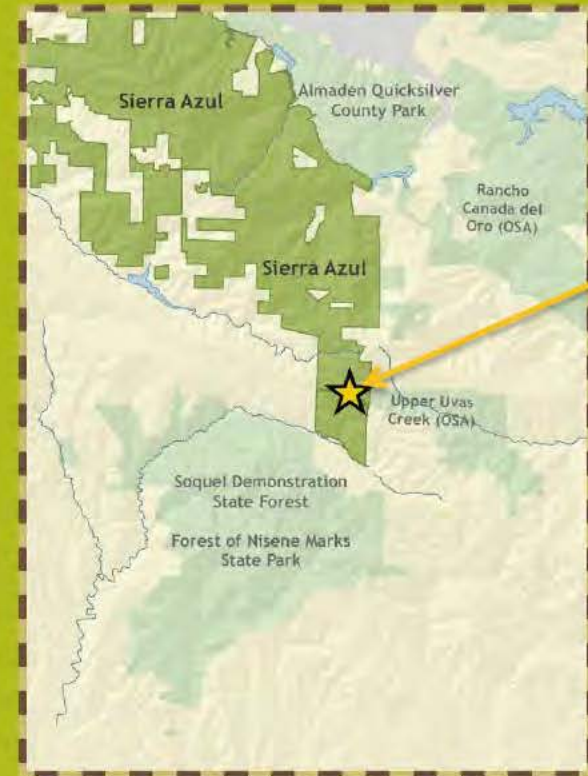


Chart
(Displays # of Goals
Accomplished per
Theme)

**Map of
Priority
Action
Location**
(not
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Key to Priority Action Icons

These icons illustrate the main components of the priority actions. For example, if a priority action contains icon number 1, improving access to trails is a significant part of that action.



1. Improves access to trails



9. Ensures clean streams and water bodies



2. Supports multiple trail uses (hiking, biking, horseback riding, dogs)



10. Protects and manages forests



3. Family friendly location



11. Reduces fire risk



4. Extends regional trails



12. Provides environmental education



5. Eliminates barriers to using open space



13. Protects beautiful scenery and panoramic views



6. Protects endangered species



14. Preserves local character and sense of place



7. Restores natural conditions for plants and animals



15. Conserves additional open space



8. Environmental stewardship and maintenance



16. Protects local farms and ranches

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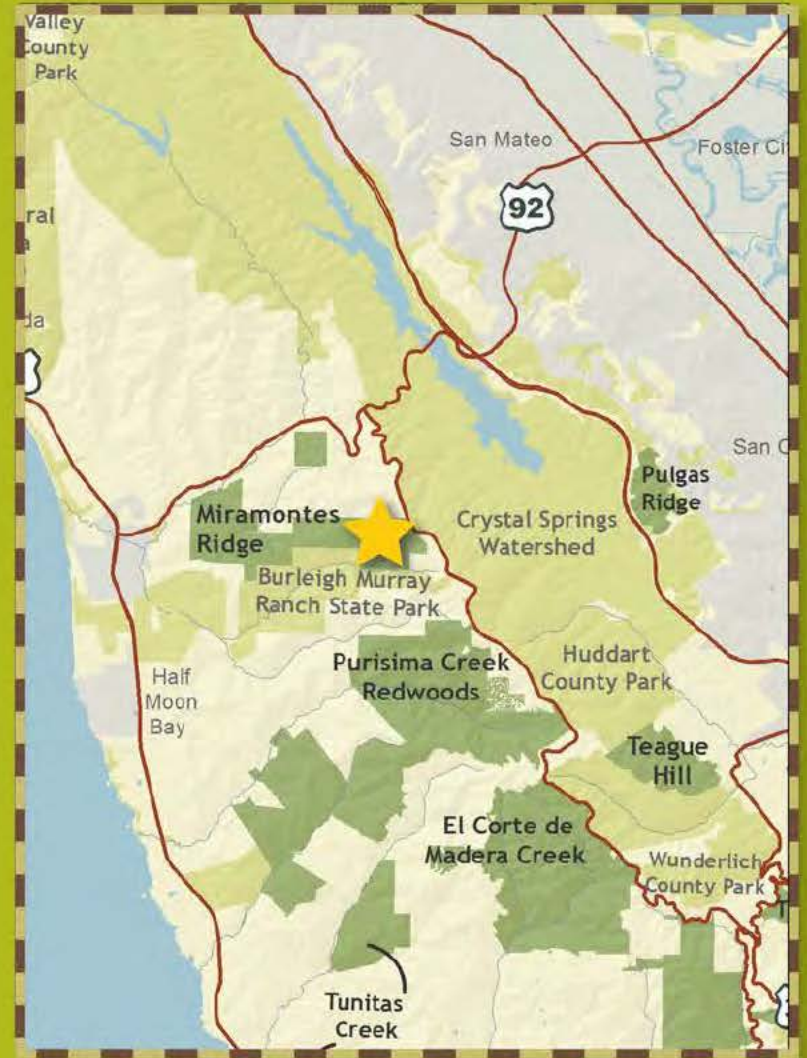
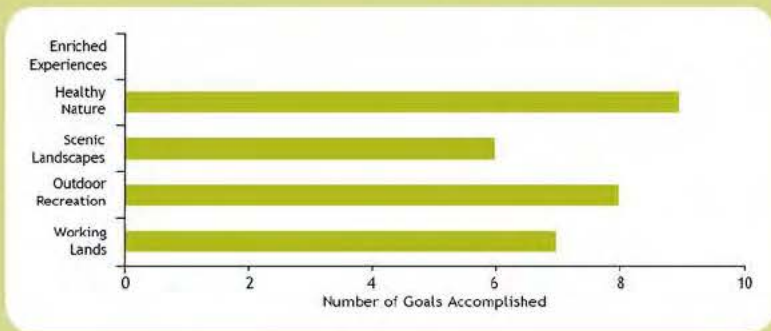
Gateway to the San Mateo Coast Public Access, Stream Restoration, and Agriculture Enhancement Projects



Preserve scenic open space as land is available, and establish wildlife corridor. Restore fish and red-legged frog habitats in Madonna Creek watershed. With partners, enhance water availability for agriculture and fish. Continue & enhance conservation grazing to sustain grasslands; improve fencing. Develop trail loop system, including Ridge Trail and neighborhood access points. Develop staging area, repair bridges.



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Regional:

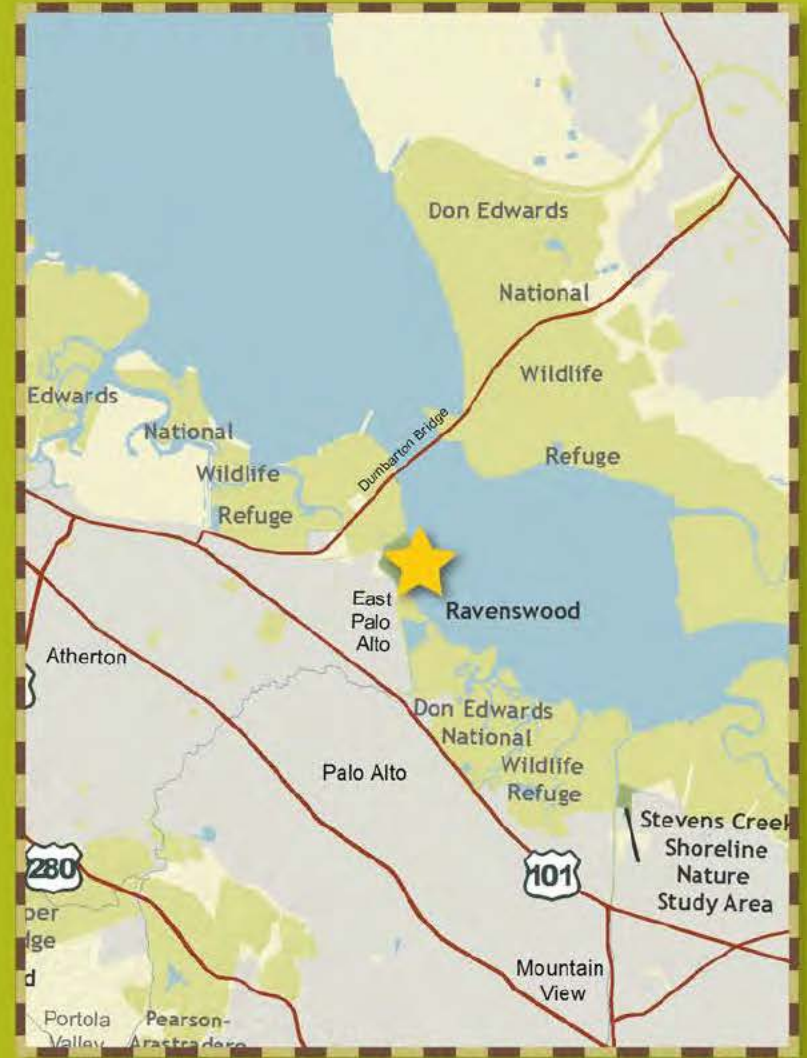
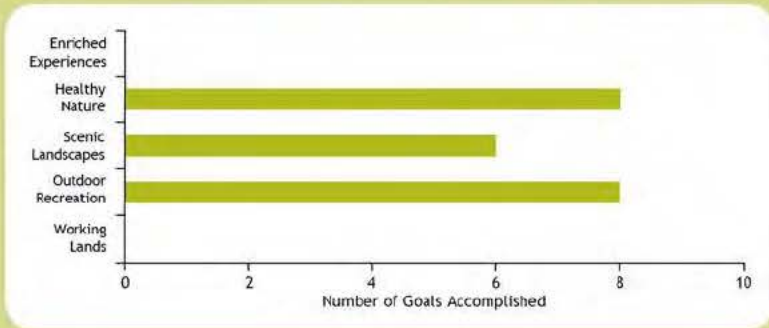
Bayfront Habitat Protection and Public Access Partnerships



Partner to complete gaps in Bay Trail and develop city-to-bay trails. Ensure flood control projects accommodate trail access. Monitor bayfront development proposals to ensure trails and wetland restoration. Support and encourage partner wetland restoration. Collaborate to preserve additional bayfront open space as available.



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Photo: Sandy Sommer

Purisima Creek Redwoods:

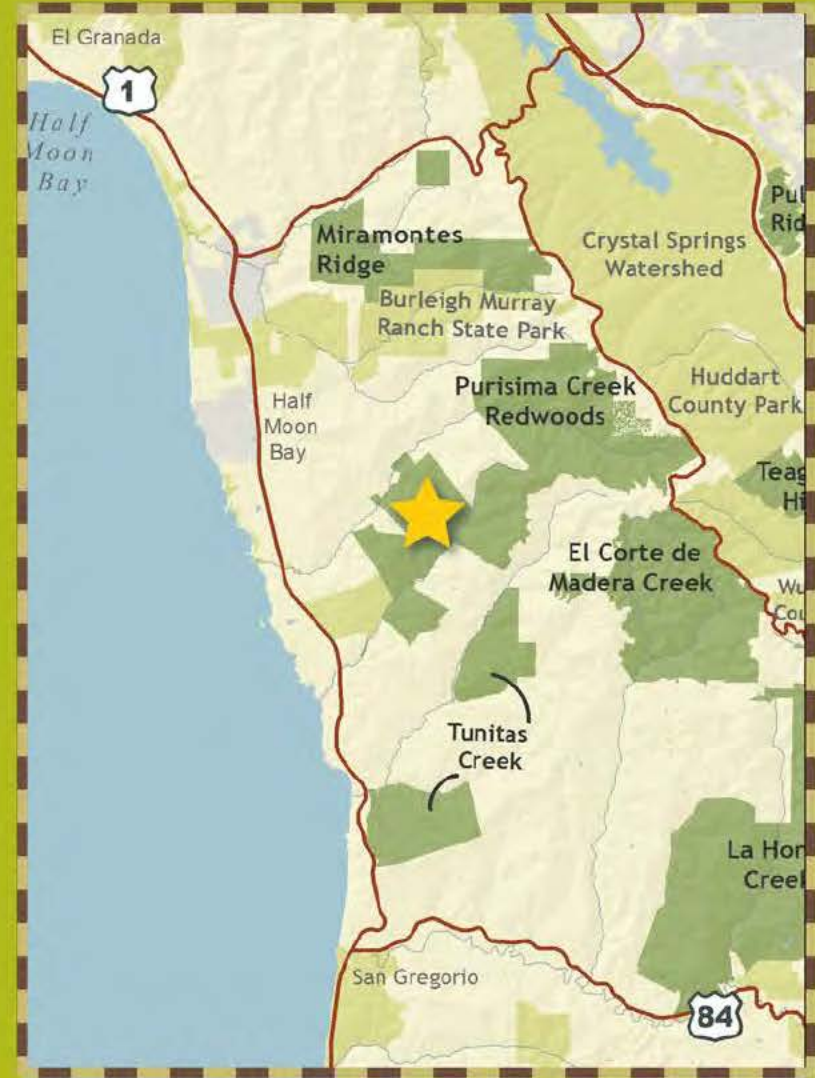
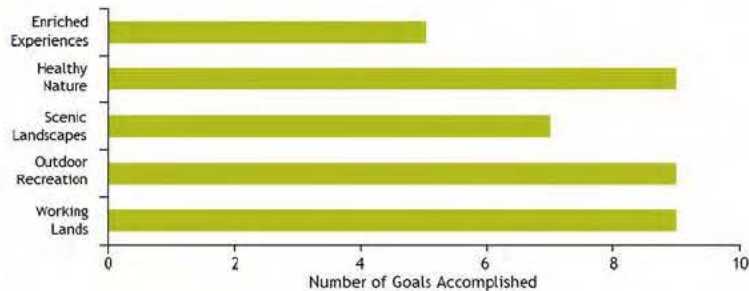
Purisima-to-Sea Trail Completion, Watershed Protection & Conservation Grazing Projects



Complete and open multi-use Purisima-to-Sea trail connection between Ridge Trail & Coastal Trail, add new parking areas. Preserve additional open space as available. Remove fish barriers and restore Lobitos Creek. Study & improve ponds for red-legged frogs. Continue grazing, improve fencing, cattle watering to protect ponds and streams. Develop interpretive materials and volunteer steward program.



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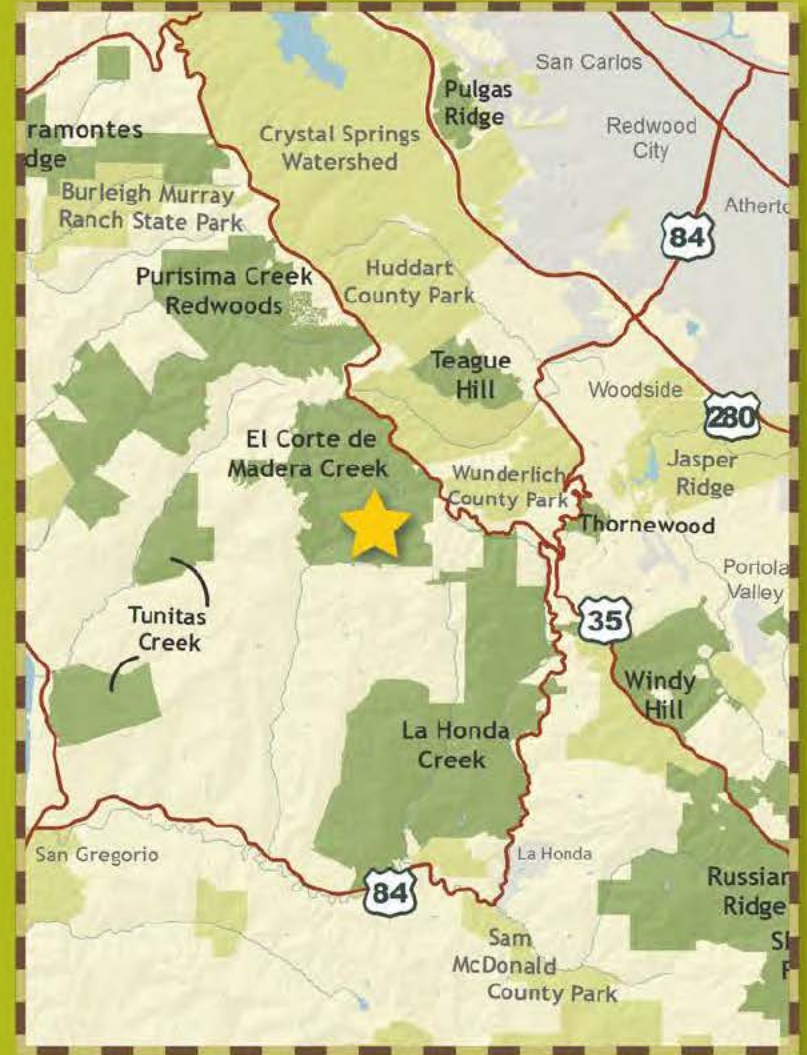
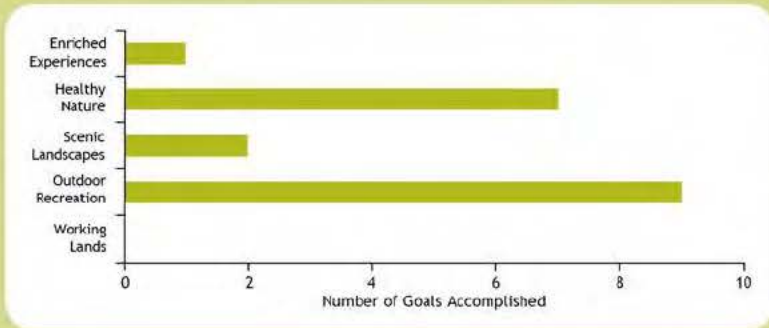
El Corte de Madera Creek: Bike Trail and Water Quality Projects



Develop and carry out plans for single-use biking/hiking trails, complete Ridge Trail gaps, and develop trail system leading to parking area. Restore damaged trails for better water quality. Deter marbled murrelet predators. Preserve additional open space as available.



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Photo: Randy Weber

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La Honda Creek:

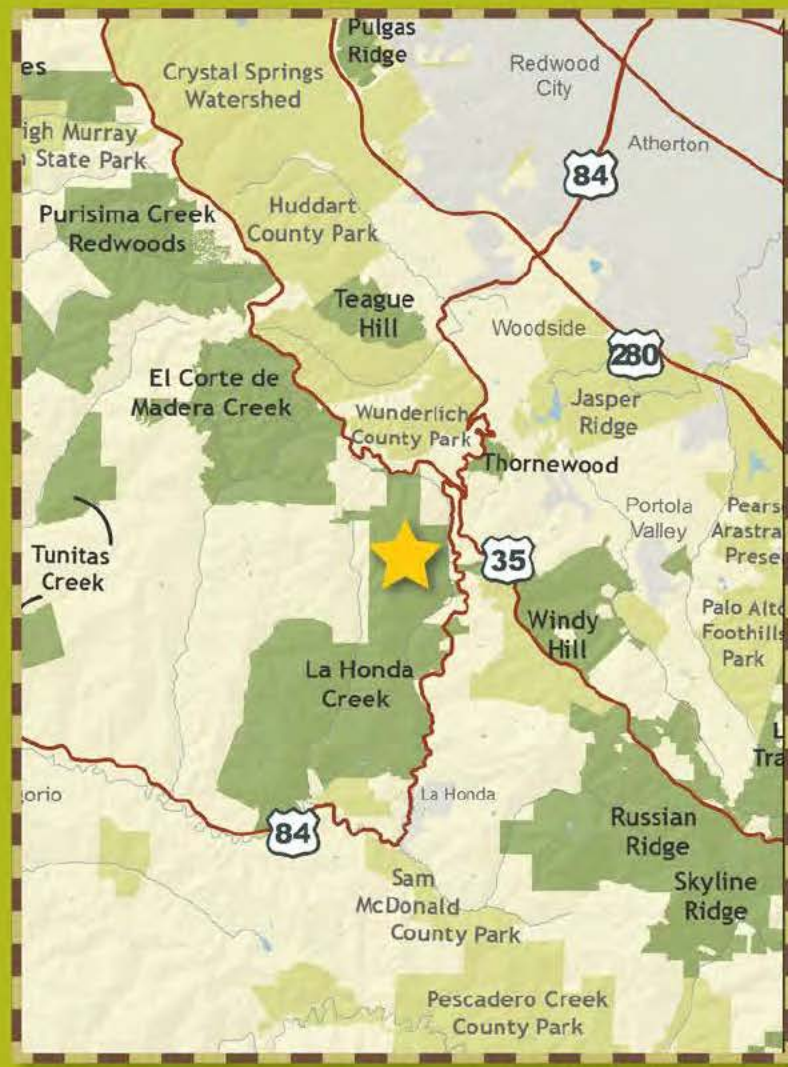
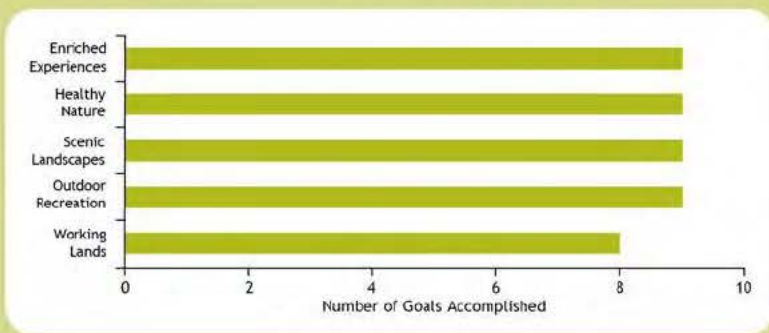
Upper Area Recreation, Habitat Restoration, and Conservation Grazing Projects



Open Upper Area; provide biking/hiking trails, dog access, staging areas. Develop Red Barn area as educational destination. Plan new activities such as night hikes, community events. Provide loop & connector trails. Improve habitat for rare species. Expand conservation grazing to manage grasslands; improve fencing, cattle watering methods to protect streams.



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Windy Hill:

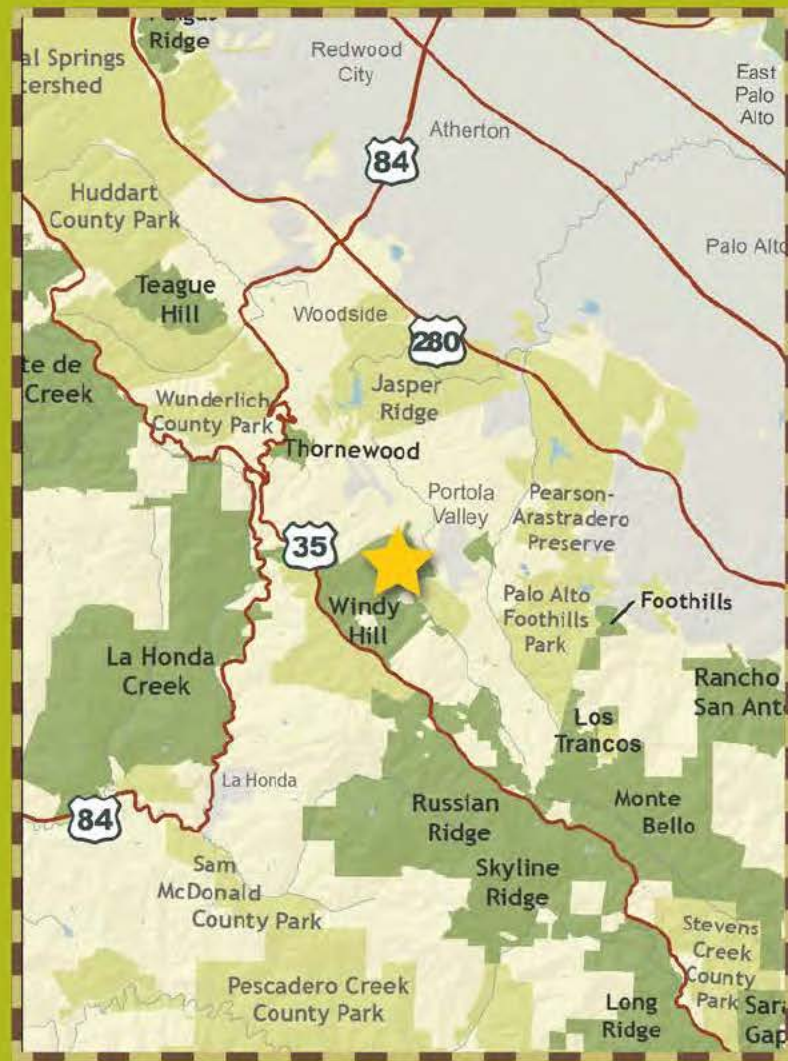
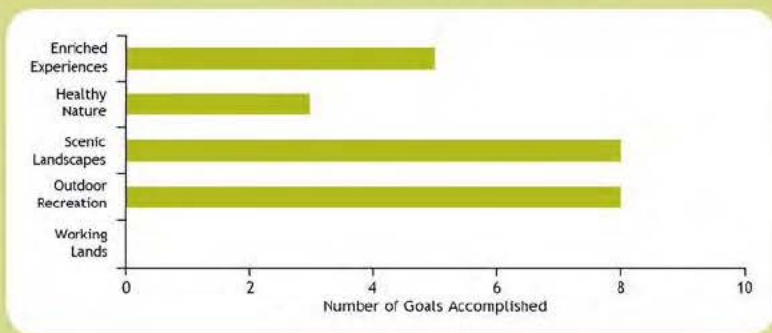
Trail Improvements, Preservation, and Hawthorns Area Historic Partnership



Improve trails, complete pond facilities. Increase multi-use trails, study possible increased dog use. Open Hawthorns Area, develop trails connecting to Portola Valley and Palo Alto trails. Explore partnerships to protect, restore, and interpret historic buildings. Improve habitat conditions in Los Trancos Creek. Preserve additional scenic open space as available.



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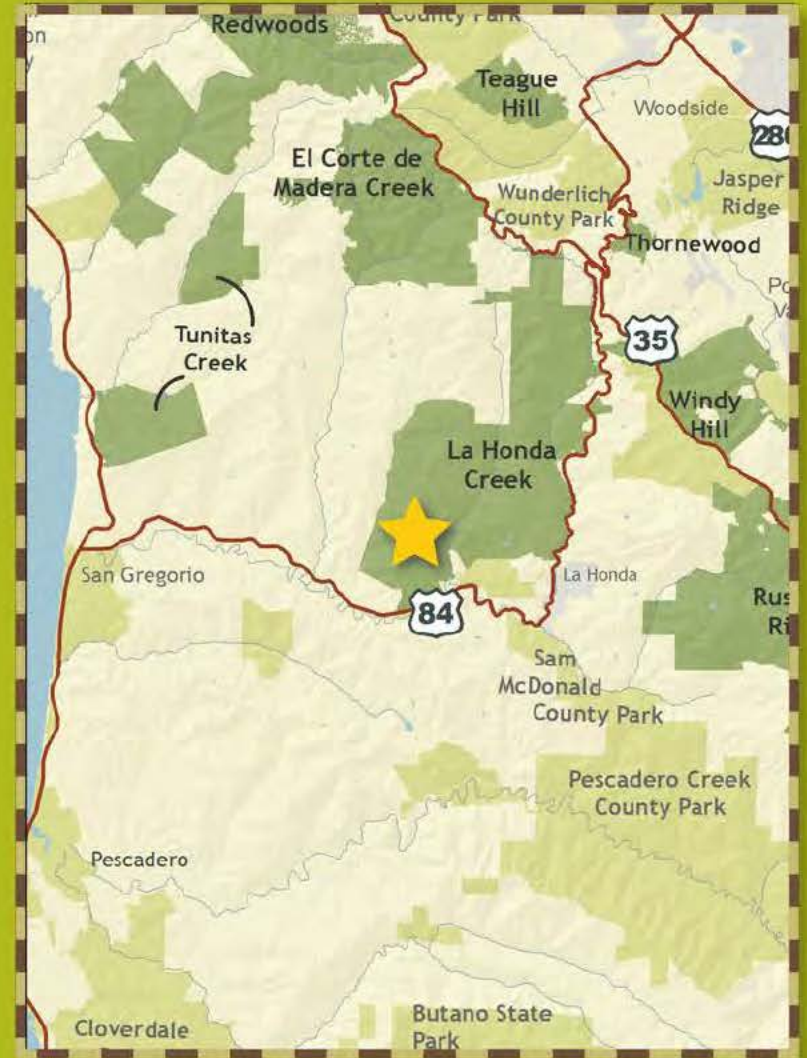
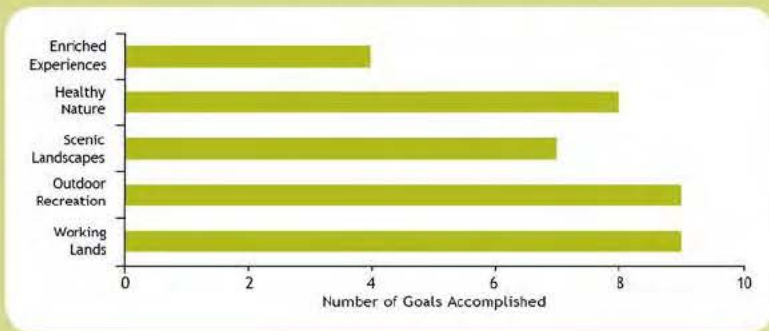
Driscoll Ranch Area Public Access, Endangered Wildlife Protection, and Conservation Grazing Projects



Open Driscoll Ranch Area, provide biking/hiking trails, limited dog access, parking areas, interpretive materials. Provide loop & connector trails. Improve habitat for red-legged frogs. Restore La Honda Creek; remove fish migration barriers. Develop volunteer restoration program. Continue conservation grazing to manage grasslands; improve fencing, corrals, cattle watering methods. Develop and introduce fire management strategies to reduce fuel & fire risk.



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La Honda Creek/Russian Ridge:

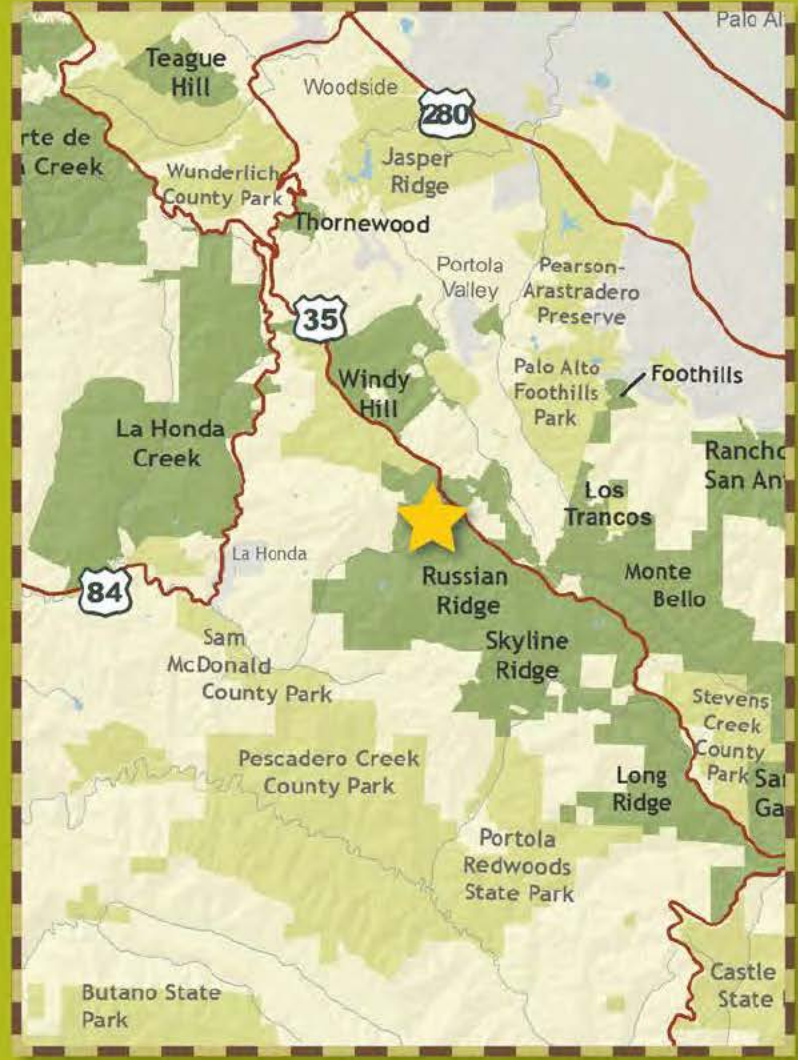
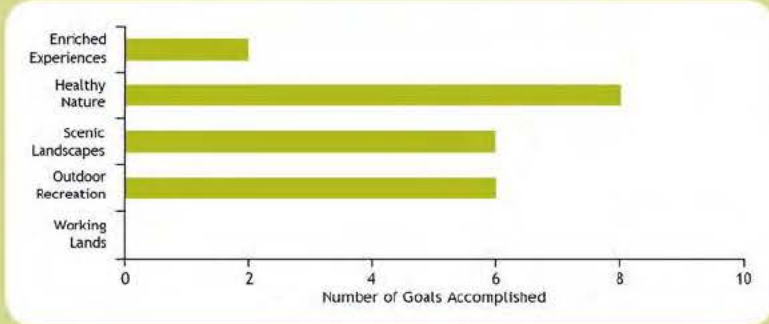
Preservation of Upper San Gregorio Watershed and Ridge Trail Completion



Preserve upper San Gregorio watershed as available; promote salmon, red-legged frog habitats. Pursue water use changes to provide water for fisheries. Complete Bay Area Ridge Trail multi-use connections and gaps, study possible camping along trail.



Goals Accomplished by This Action



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Photo: Erica Simmons

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Russian Ridge:

Public Recreation, Grazing, and Wildlife Protection Projects



Open currently closed areas of preserve. Construct and extend trails, provide interpretive services/materials about history at Mindego Ranch, Native American uses. Reintroduce grazing, improve fencing and watering. Improve native habitat for sensitive species, carry out pond enhancement projects for garter snakes and red-legged frogs.



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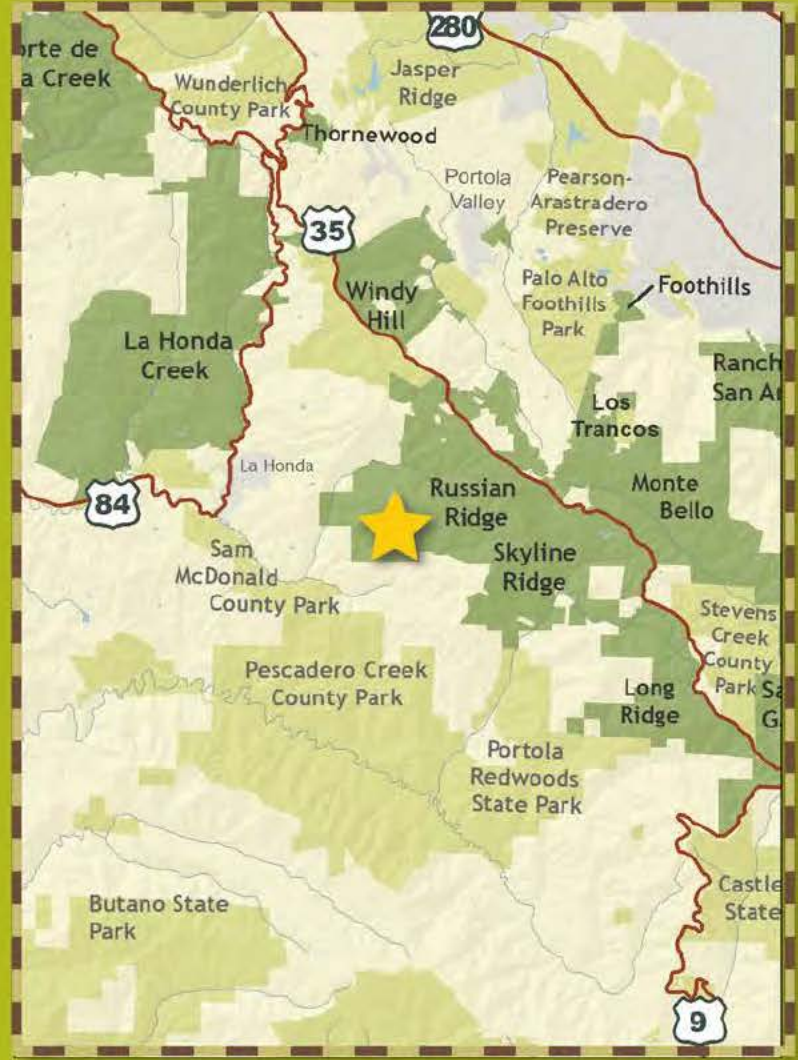
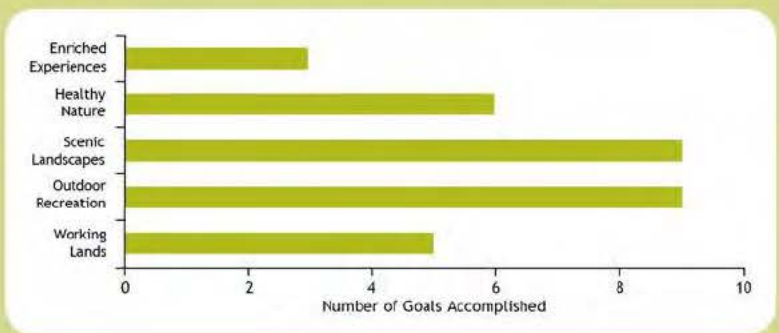




Photo: Jack Gescheidt

Reopen Alpine Road as trail connection between Portola Valley & Skyline Blvd. Reroute trails to reduce erosion, improve visitor experience.



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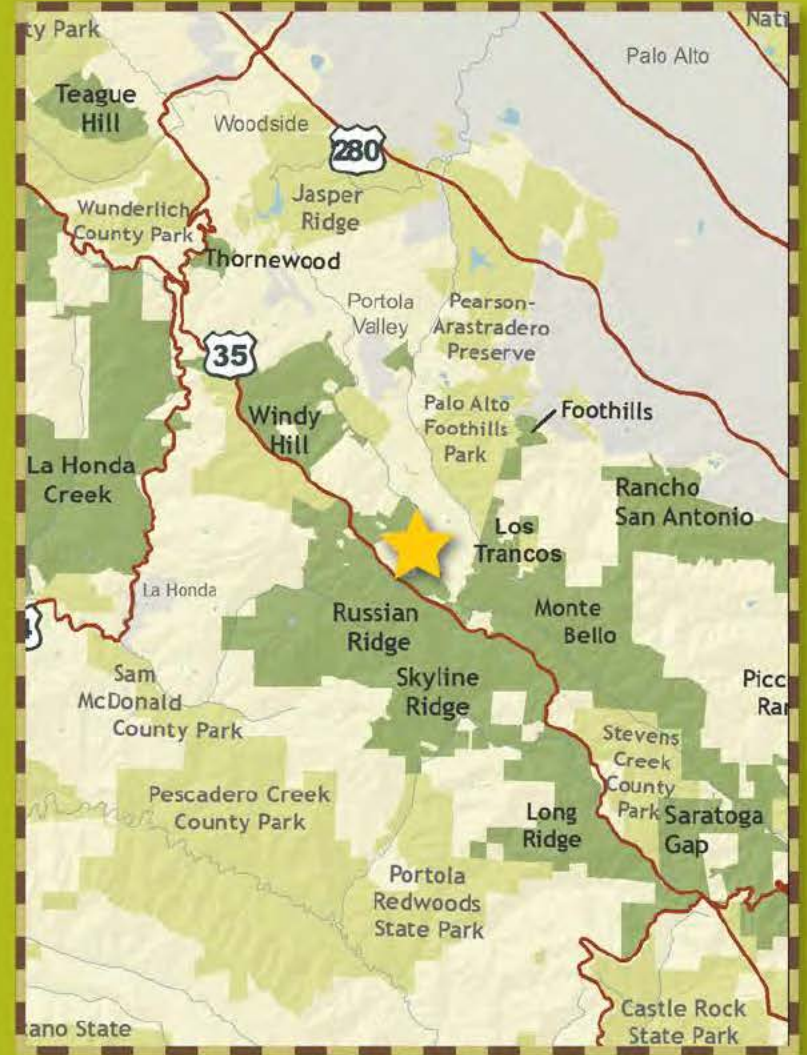
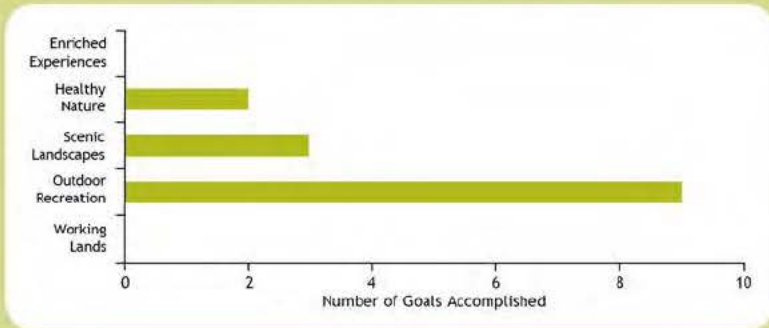


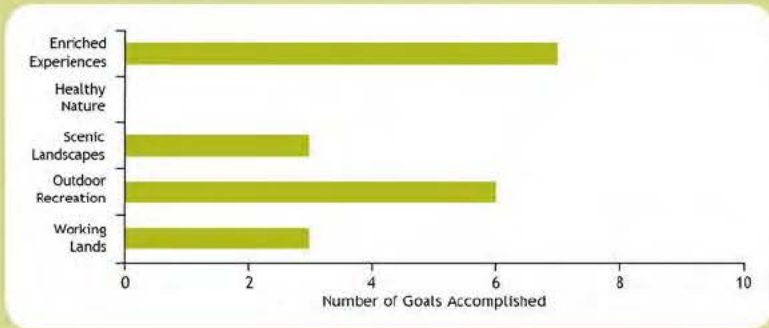


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Add welcome center, refurbish and add interpretive features to existing Deer Hollow Farm. Explore transit options such as extending bike trails, bikeshare station, or bus service.



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Support work by cities to develop the middle section of the Stevens Creek Trail and enhance neighborhood connections. Encourage stream corridor restoration and steelhead habitat enhancement below dam. Develop interpretive signage.



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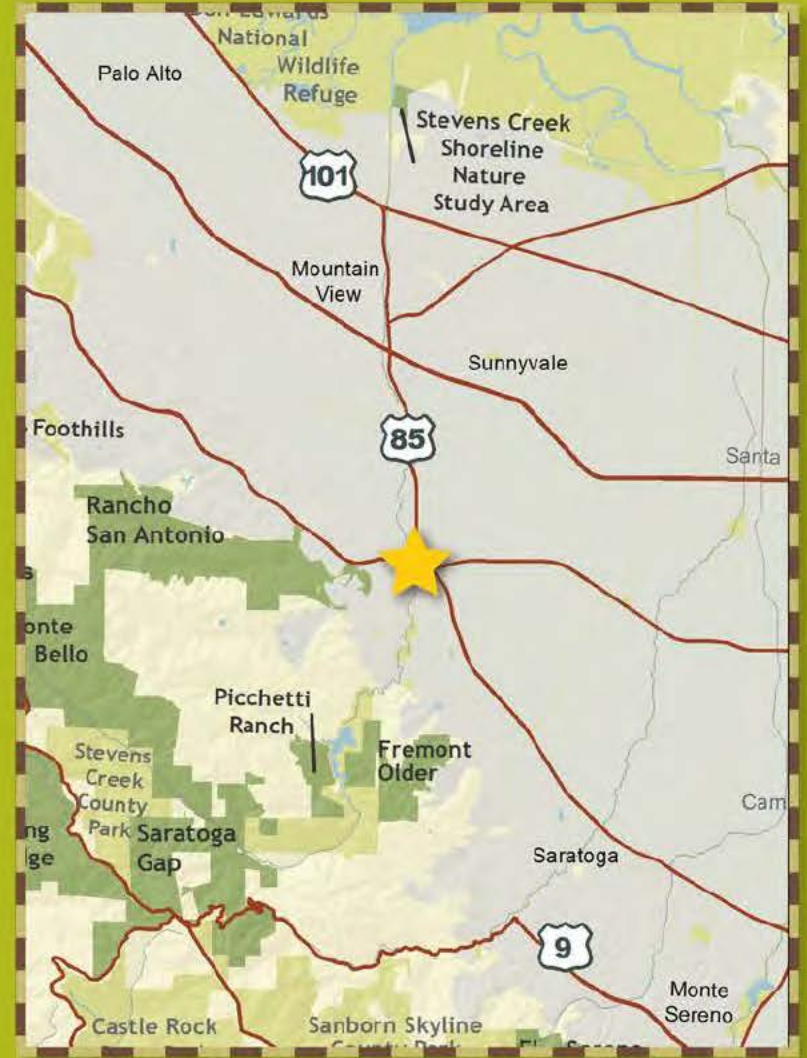
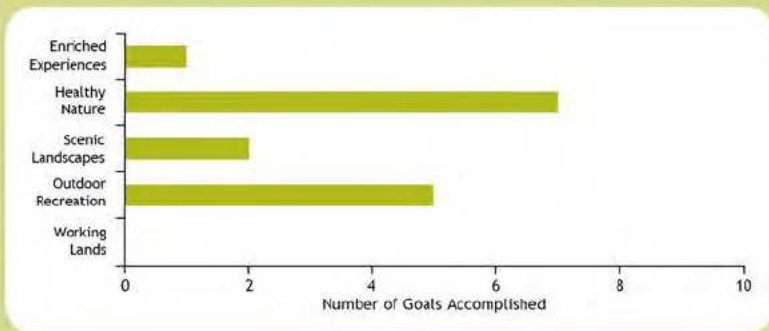


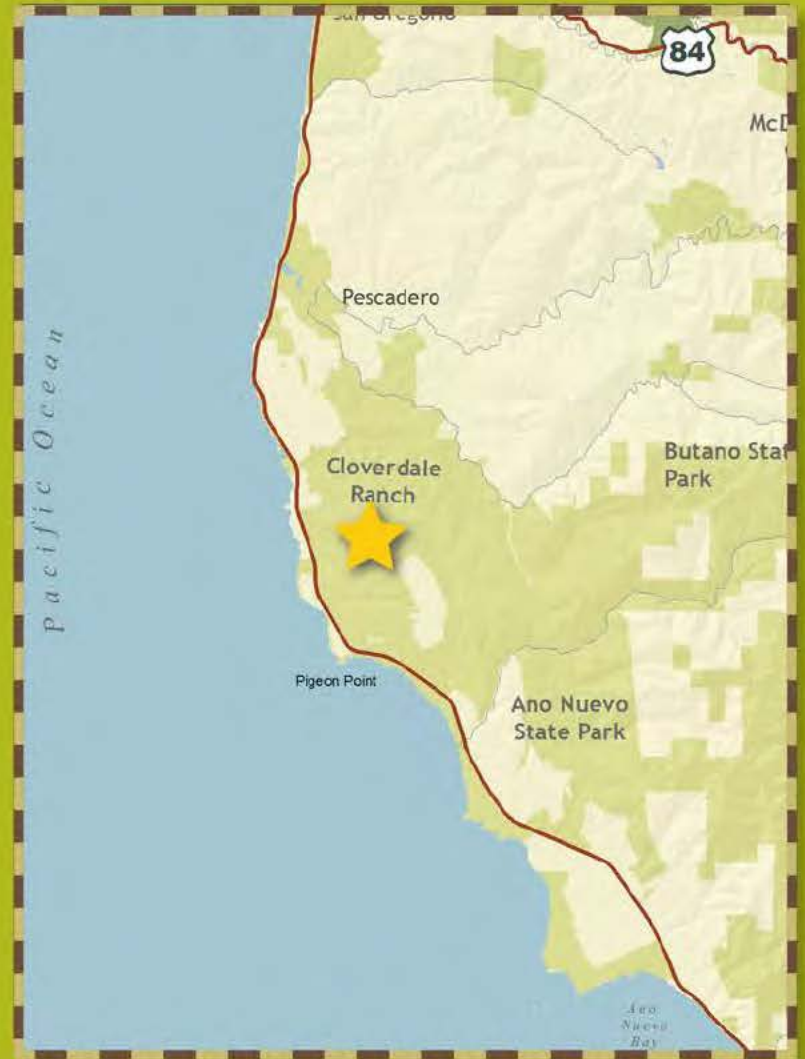
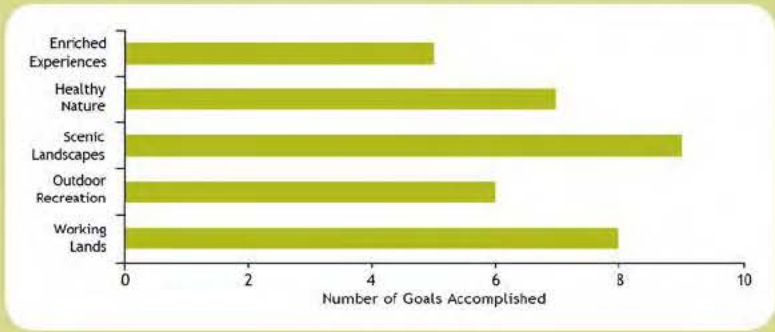


Photo: Leigh Anne Maze

Continue & enhance conservation grazing to sustain large contiguous grasslands. Improve habitat for red-legged frog, steelhead salmon, SF garter snake. Explore use of traditional Native American land stewardship. Provide trail connections to nearby State parks. Develop agricultural interpretive program.



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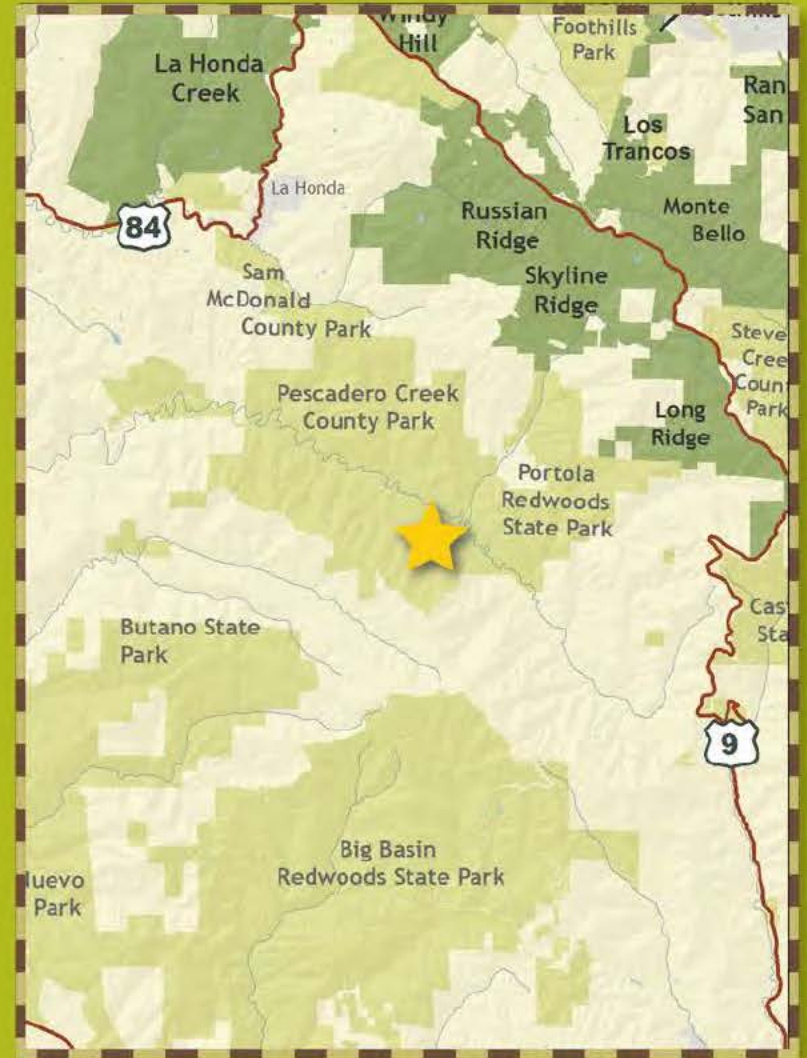
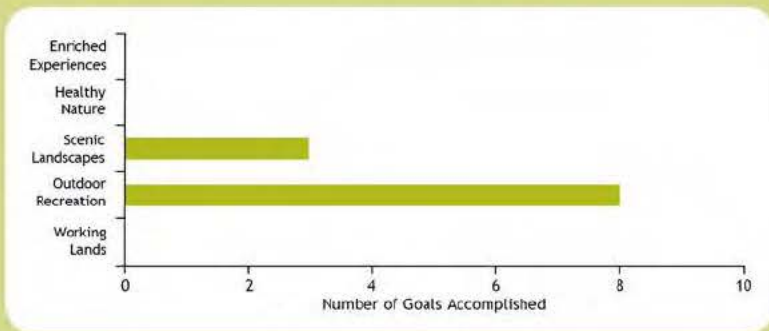


Photo: Karl Gohl

Develop trails between Butano, Pescadero County Park, Pescadero, Russian Ridge, & between Skyline and Portola Redwoods, Big Basin State Park. Encourage County and State Parks to improve existing campgrounds.



Goals Accomplished by This Action







Preserve additional open space as land is available. Protect and promote redwood stands, mountain scenery, various habitats including salmon. Deter marbled murrelet predators. Develop educational materials about Pescadero Watershed.



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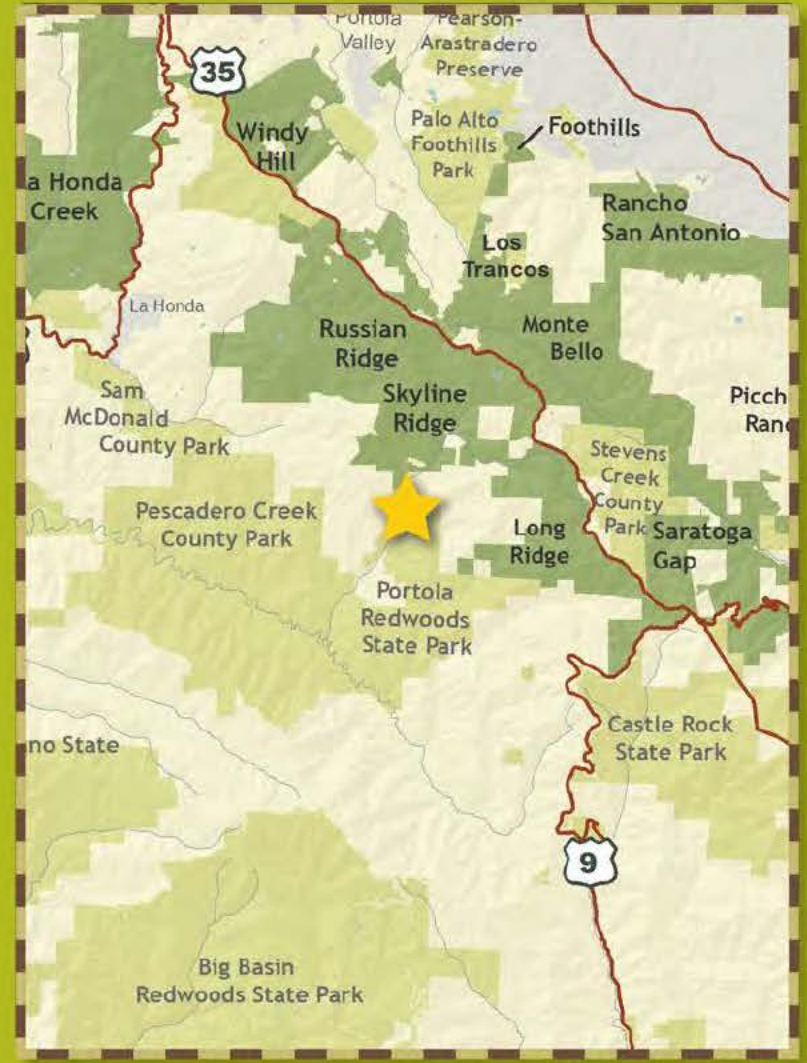
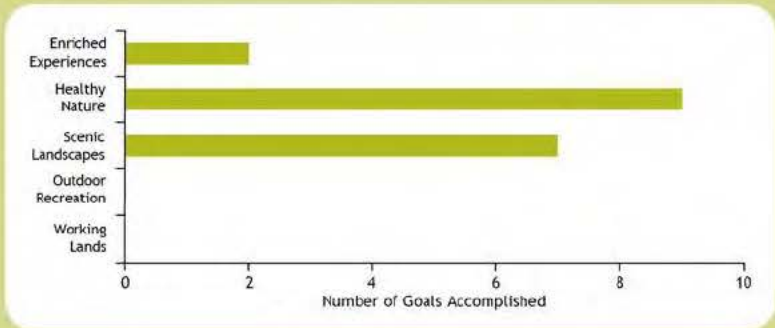




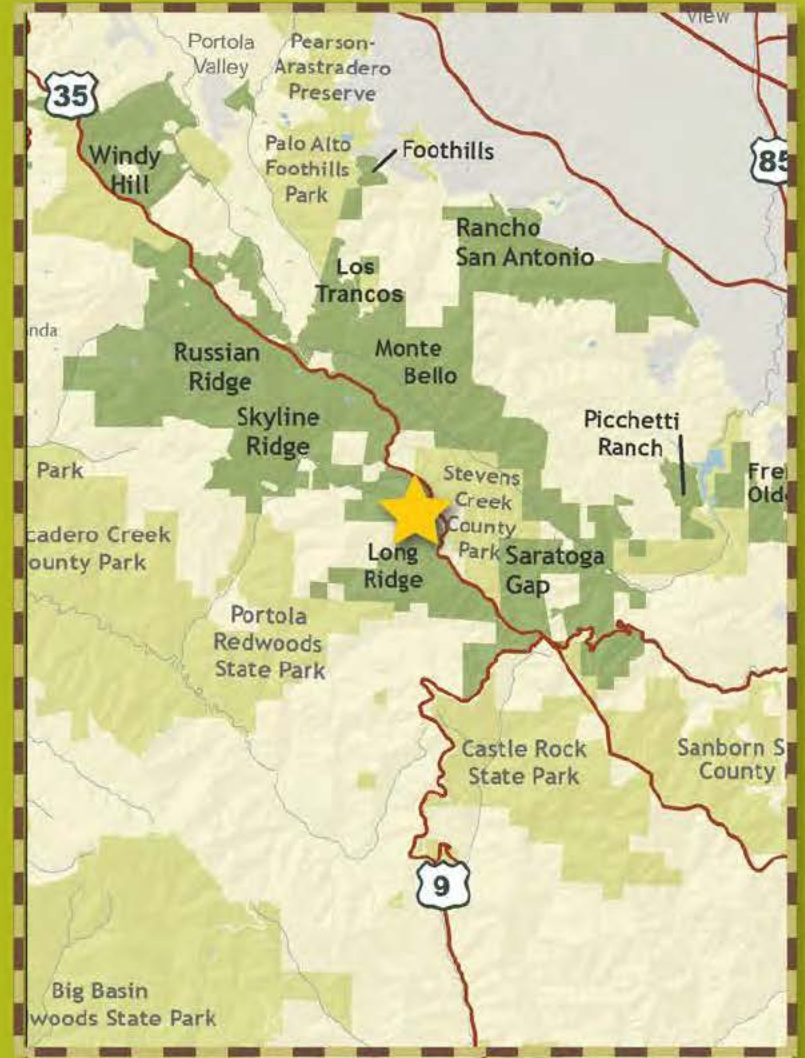
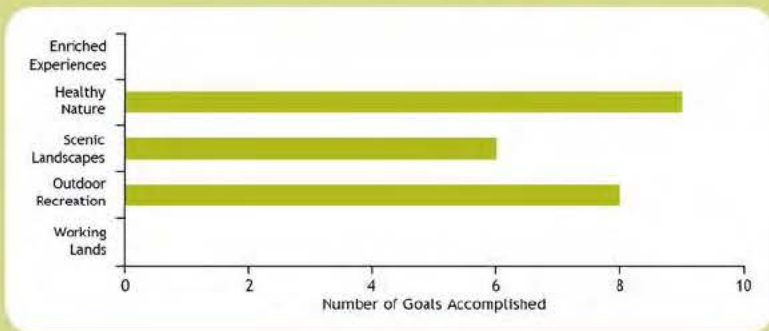
Photo: Amanda Mills



Improve roadside parking and provide restrooms. Develop new trail connections to Eagle Rock & Devils Canyon. Repair trails for year-round multi-use access. Protect watersheds for steelhead. Preserve additional open space as available. Implement pond management and habitat enhancement projects to benefit rare species.



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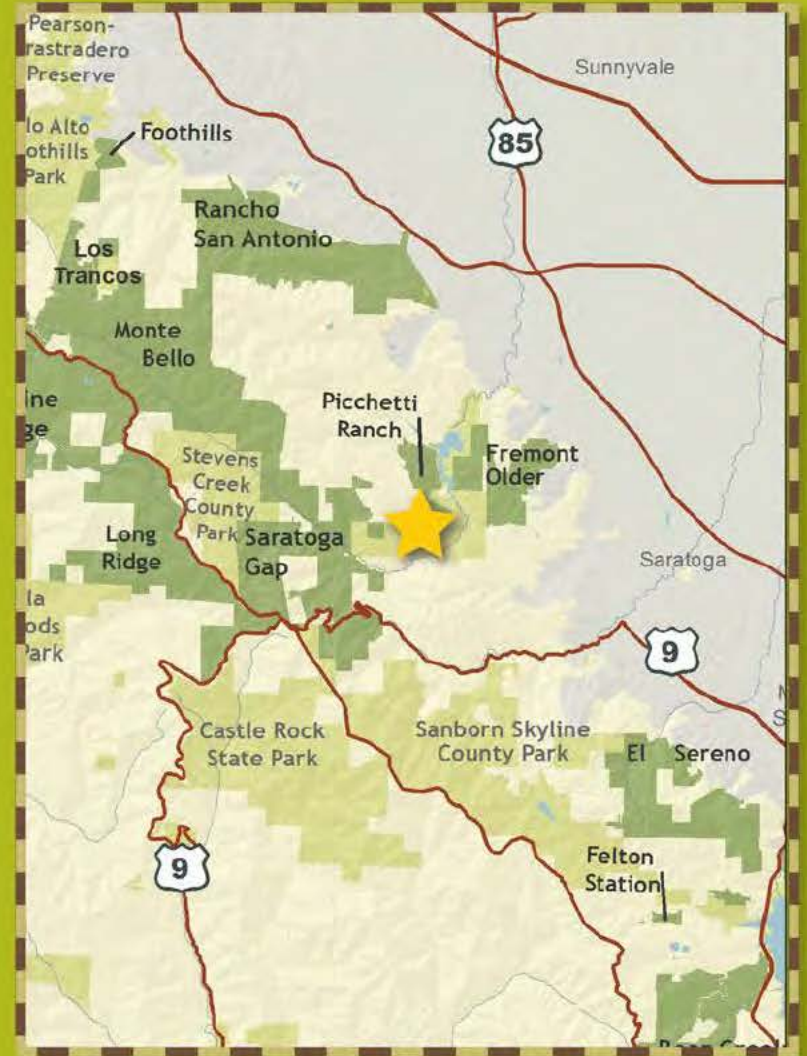
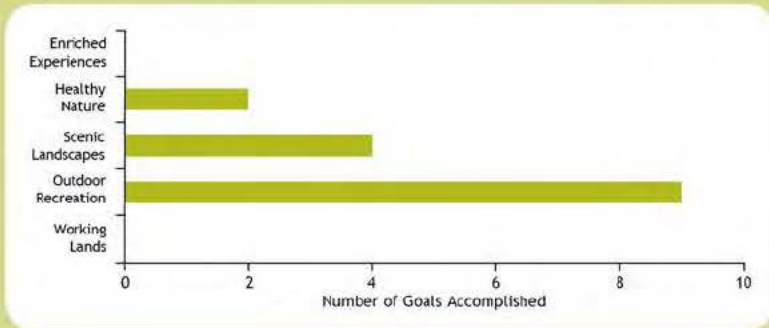




Complete multi-use connection between the Bay Trail & Bay Area Ridge Trail above the reservoir through Picchetti & Lower/Upper Stevens Creek County Parks. Improve Preserve trails and make neighborhood connections. Preserve additional open space as available.



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Protect wildlife corridor along Hwy 9.
 Connect trail to Saratoga-to-Sea Trail
 & Skyline-to-Sea Trail.



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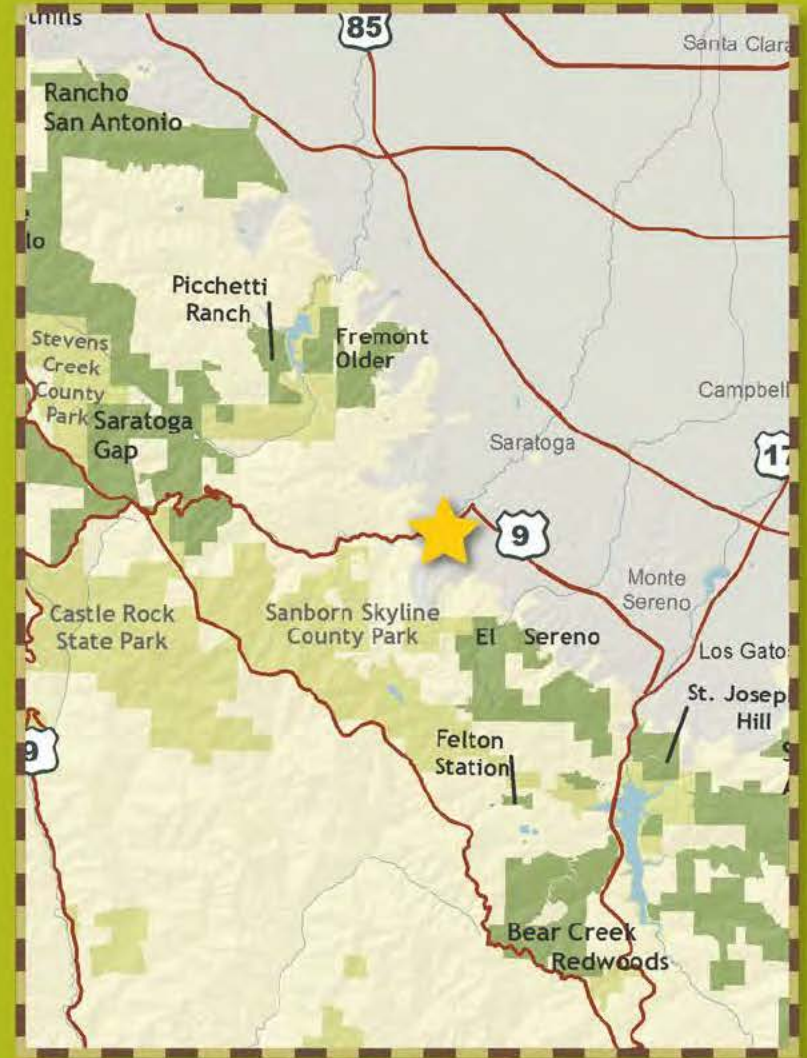
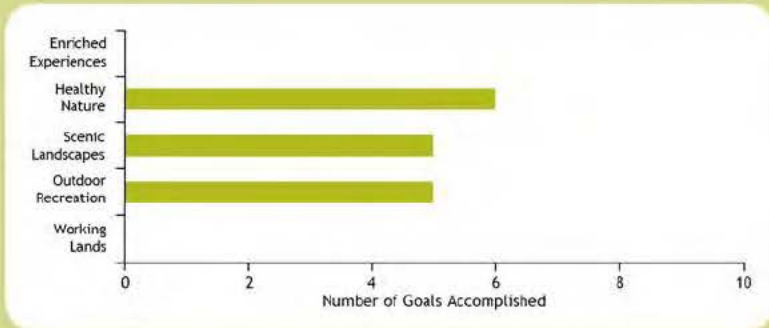


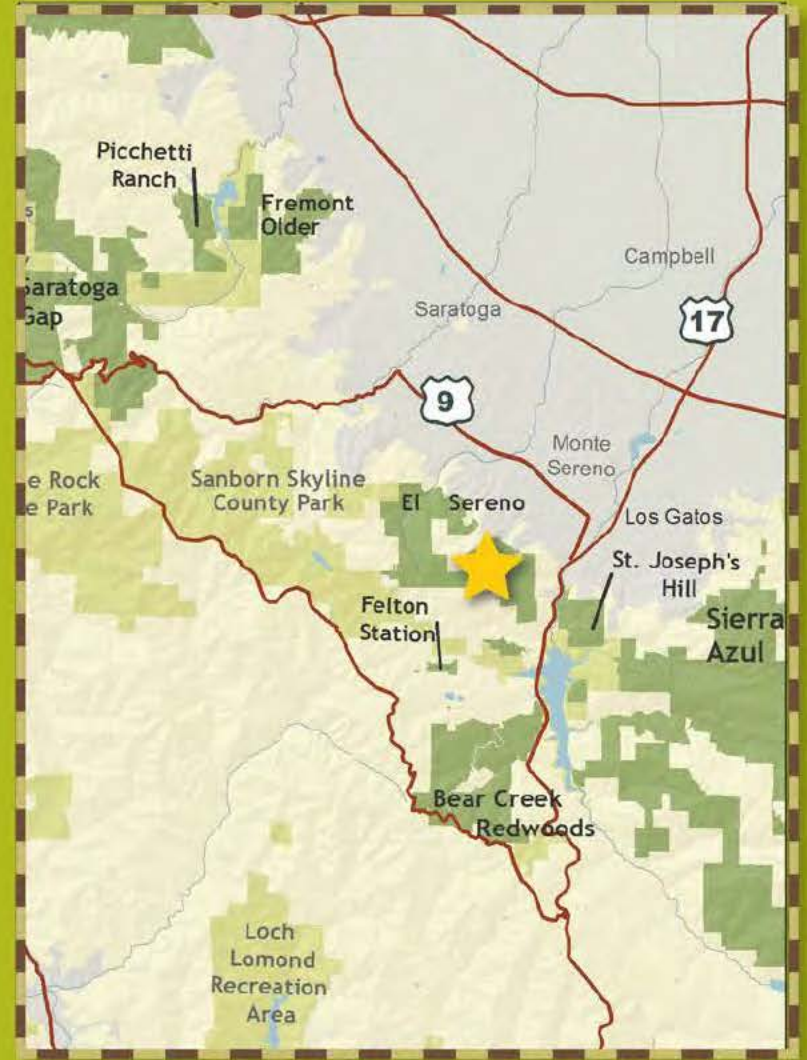
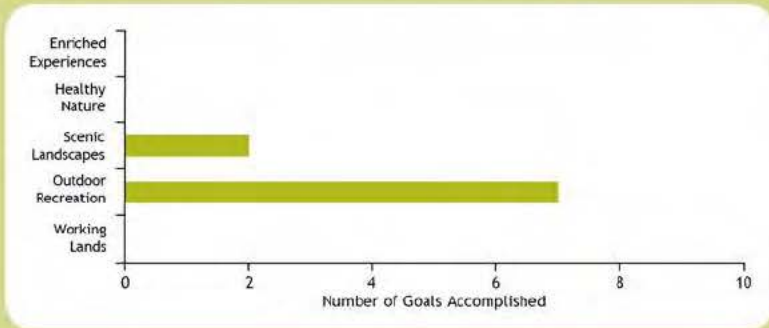


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Open trails to dogs. Connect to Skyline, Sanborn County Park, & Lexington Reservoir.



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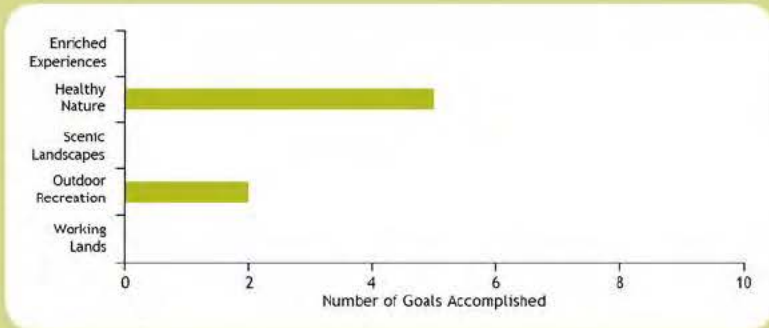
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Provide safe corridors for mountain lions across Hwy. 17. Establish Bay Area Ridge Trail crossing.



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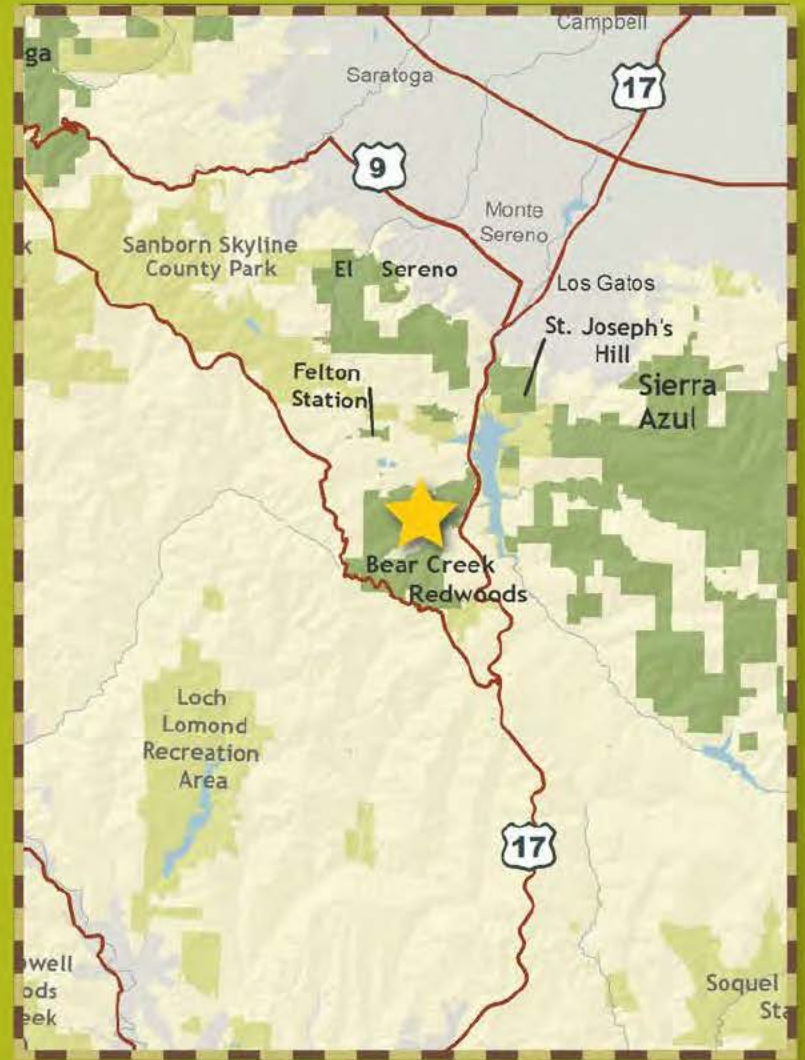
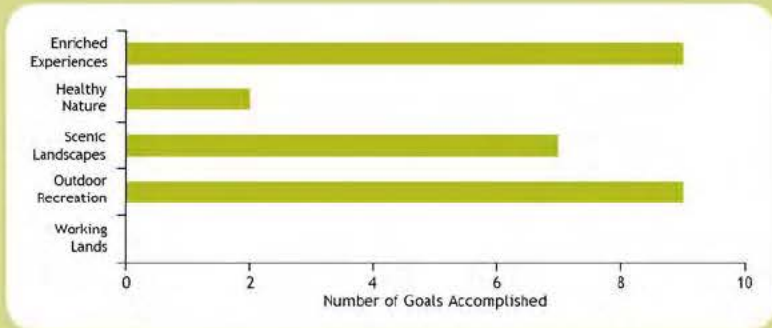




Open for hiking, equestrian activities. Provide parking areas, trails; upgrade stables. Restore & protect habitats for various species, address invasives. Repair roads & trails to reduce sediment. Provide interpretive/educational services, volunteer programs. Rehabilitate Alma College site, explore limited reuse by public or private partners.



Goals Accomplished by This Action



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Photo: MROSD

Develop multi-use trails & plan future trails as land is available. Work with neighbors to plan parking. Protect plants, soils. Install trailside amenities. Preserve additional open space and complete wildlife corridor in upper Los Gatos Creek watershed when possible.



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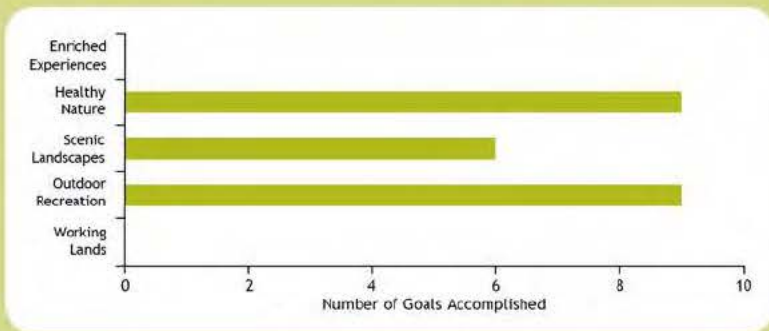




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Open Mt. Umunhum for multi-use public access to summit via road and trail. Open Bay Area Ridge Trail and nearby trail connections. Develop interpretive services and educational materials, especially for school groups. Determine and carry out plan for Radar Tower. Preserve additional open space and complete wildlife corridor as available.



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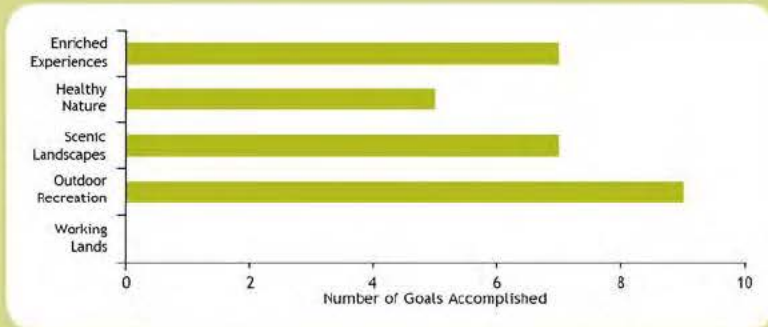




Photo: David Tharp

Open RDG to public access. Develop accessible multi-use trails with amenities such as parking, family recreation, interpretive/educational services. Partner to develop family camping. Enhance habitat for rare species. Protect cultural and natural resources using traditional Native American stewardship practices.



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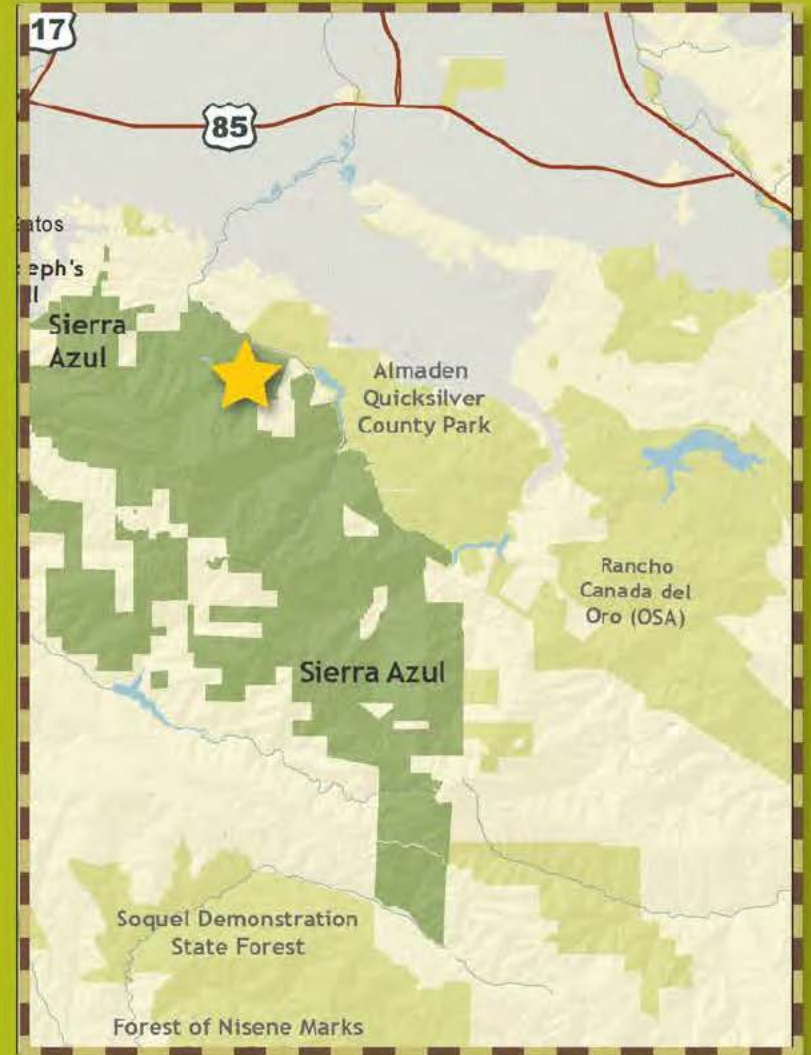
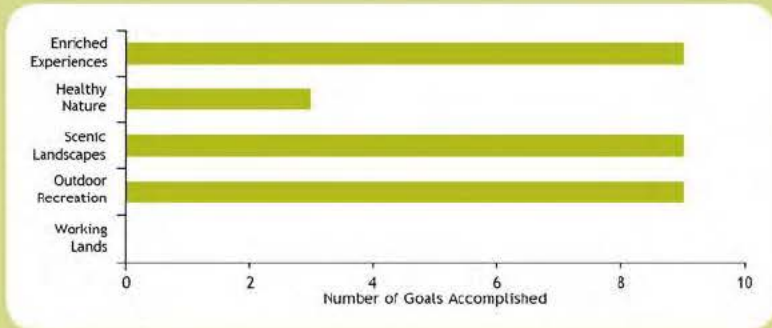




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