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Land Conservation Fact Sheet

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About the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and Measure AA

In 2012, Midpen launched an extensive community-based planning process resulting in a long-term, regional open space Vision Plan that identified hundreds of critical projects for open space protection, restoration and access. In June 2014, District voters approved Measure AA, a \$300 million general obligation bond to fund the priority capital projects in the Vision Plan.

Land Conservation Progress Update, July 2015

Land acquisition is the first step to open space conservation. The Vision Plan identified 50,000 acres of open space land that, when conserved, would significantly improve wildlife conditions, wetlands, watersheds, creeks, sensitive plant communities and healthy outdoor recreation.

In the first half of 2015, Midpen acquired 1,040 acres of land with \$4.5 million in funding support from Measure AA.

Connecting the Redwoods (353 acres)

This 353-acre former ranch is adjacent to Pescadero Creek and Sam McDonald county parks and features redwood forests, two critical watersheds, a pond and is home to several sensitive plant and animal species. Once zoned for nine ranchettes, this property will be protected in perpetuity as public lands and will eventually include new trails, compatible agricultural uses and improved access between state, county and District lands. This purchase contributes to Vision Plan goals to open new trails throughout the redwoods and protect more redwood forests.

La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (346 acres)

To be completed after the board meeting and approval....On the Coastside, 308 acres of land were added to La Honda Creek... 50% discount for the 308 acres.. In addition, 38 acres at Upper La Honda Creek will....This purchase contributes to Vision Plan goals to improve habitat for rare species and to open the Driscoll Ranch Area on the San Mateo County coast.



Karl Gehl

Develop regional trail connections



Deane Little

La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve



The mission of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically-sensitive public enjoyment and education.

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Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve (241 acres)

The District's southernmost preserve, Sierra Azul, grew by 241 acres through five purchases that will improve habitat connectivity, protect sections of three creeks, help to recharge two watersheds, remove an inholding and improve access to the summit of Mount Umunhum. This purchase contributes to Vision Plan goals to protect land east of and to Mount Umunhum.

Monte Bello Open Space Preserve and Stevens Canyon Trail (60 acres)

This 60-acre addition to Monte Bello is the last property needed to begin the planning process to construct and complete the upper Stevens Canyon Trail gap! This is great news for outdoor enthusiasts throughout the South Bay. This purchase contributes to Vision Plan goals to connect the Bay Trail and the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Midpen and county parks.

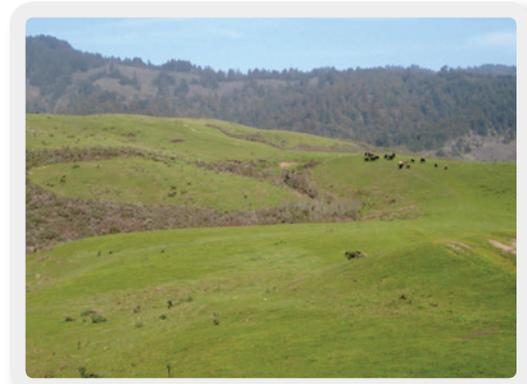
Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (40 acres)

At a 50% bargain rate, Midpen purchased an important 40-acre parcel adjacent to Purisima Creek Redwoods. This gem conserves open space, protects beautiful scenery and panoramic views, protects the Lobitos Creek watershed and its wildlife habitats in perpetuity. This purchase contributes to Vision Plan goals to protect and restore Lobitos Creek and Upper La Honda Watershed.



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Complete upper Stevens Creek Trail



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Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve

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