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## **Supervisors Approve Purchase of Historic Parkland Link**

*Connecting Three Parks Will Create State's Largest Recreational Land Holding*

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors took action on Tuesday, November 17, that will eventually link three parks and open up 170,000 acres of continuous open space.

The Board voted unanimously on agreements that will allow County Parks to buy 2,748 acres that will link Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch and Anderson Lake County Parks to each other and to Henry Coe State Park. The purchase will form the largest recreational land holding in the California Park System and opens the way for a trail network linking these three parks.

The land, which is being purchased from Manouchehr Mobedshahi for \$25.1 million.

“Mr. Mobedshahi’s offer to sell his property presented an extraordinary opportunity for the County to add another 2,748 acres of parkland to the area,” said Board President Dave Cortese. “Even more significantly, it allows us to eventually link three parks that will provide more than 100,000 continuous acres of preserved land.”

The Board authorized the purchase on October 20 and approved the details at its meeting on November 17.

The new purchase adds to a total of more than 170,000 acres of publicly owned and protected open space along the Diablo range. The range of elevation is from 600 to 2,200 feet, offering spectacular views of Santa Clara Valley, Coyote and Anderson reservoirs and locally known Finley, Palassou, Sheep and Timber Ridges.

Supervisor Wasserman, whose district includes this property said, “I’m excited about all the wonderful opportunities this great acquisition opens up for park users.”

The land also offers a natural wildlife sanctuary for black tailed deer, mountain lions, rabbits, coyotes, bobcats and a variety of small birds and other mammals. The land acquisition will enable the future construction of a 2.5-mile connection to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Other benefits of the land purchase include expansion of County Park’s own extensive trail system offering more outdoor adventure activities.

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