COYOTE HIGHLANDS — COYOTE CANYON
PLANNING PROCESS

County of Santa Clara
Parks & Recreation Commission
February 2018
PROPERTY OVERVIEW

• County Parks acquired in 2016, including grant from OSA

• Properties link Anderson and Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch

• Countywide Trails Master Plan (1995) includes Bay Area Ridge Trail thorough this site

• Properties include 2,753 acres of land and miles of existing ranch roads
PLANNING NEEDED

1. Understand the existing conditions, opportunities and constraints to Parks Department management

2. Develop informed design recommendations for public access

3. Identify goals for maintaining and enhancing natural resources

4. Develop a grazing plan to identify infrastructure and improve rangeland management
1. Landscape-level review of natural resources on the entire property

2. Focused surveys along proposed trail alignment to avoid impacts to sensitive species

3. Will establish standards, monitoring guidelines, and implementation measures

4. Focused on both short- and long-term management of habitat
GRAZING PLAN

1. Required by the Santa Clara County Parkland Range Management Policy

2. Existing grazing and infrastructure throughout the property with ~131 pairs of cattle (cow & calf)

3. Plan will provide prescriptions for grazing management to meet natural resource objectives
1. Trail extending between Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park and East Dunne Avenue using existing staging areas

2. Loop trail extending into CHCC from Ed Wilson Trail in Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park using existing staging areas

3. Combination of option 1 and 2, and/or

4. Construction of a new staging area at the Ranch Complex (near East Dunne Avenue within CHCC)
CONSULTANT TEAM
BFS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Completed other Santa Clara County Park Master Plans:

• Alum Rock Feasibility Study (2017)
• Calero County Park Trails Master Plan (2013)
• Martial Cottle Park Design & Construction Documents (2013)
• Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area Site Plan (2009)
The Goal of the Department is to complete the Plan by December 2018.
QUESTIONS