PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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04 Public Access Alignment & Constraints

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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 through the site

- Properties include 2,753 acres of land and miles of existing ranch roads
PLANNING PROCESS

2016
County Parks acquired the Coyote Highlands – Coyote Canyon properties from private ownership with the assistance of OSA

TODAY
County Parks is performing an expedited planning process to develop management guidelines for natural resources and grazing, and provide public access points

FUTURE
Master Plan that will consider opening the Coyote Highlands and eastern areas
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
EXISTING CONDITIONS

1. History and Cultural Features
2. Geographic Features
3. Access and Circulation
HISTORY AND CULTURAL FEATURES
1. Gently rolling uplands
2. Riparian lowlands
3. Steep slopes
4. Creek
Resource Surveys Performed

- Vegetation Mapping
- Surveys / Habitat Assessments for plants, reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals
- Restoration / Enhancement Needs and Opportunities

Upcoming Resource Surveys

Identification of Natural Resources Management Zones

- Using property lines, topography, dominant vegetation types and service road access
Coyote Highlands
Coyote Canyon
Natural Resource Management Plan

Natural Resource Management Zones

April 17, 2018

- Coyote Highlands-Coyote Canyon
- Natural Resource Management
- Existing Roads and
- Proposed Public Access Trail Alignment
- Planned Trail
- Planned Road
- Existing Road

Resource Survey

- 200-ft Survey Area

VHP Land Cover Types

- Serpentine Rock Outcrops
- Serpentine
- Northern Mixed Chaparral / Serpentine Rock Outcrops
- Mixed Oak Woodland
- California Annual Grassland
- Northern Mixed Chaparral / Chamise Chaparral
- Northern Coastal Scrub / Diablian Sage Scrub
- Rural Residential
- Urban/Suburban
- Willow Riparian Forest and Scrub
- Pond/Seasonal Wetland
- Reservoir
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Grazing Management Plan

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Access & Circulation Map
May 25, 2018

Proposed Public Access Trail Alignment
- Existing Road (Service Width)
- Planned Road (Service Width)
- Existing, Yes, Existing Trail
- Planned Trail (Single Track)

Proposed Service Roads
- Primary Service Roads
- Secondary Service Roads

- Trailhead with Parking Lot

- Plan Study Area
- Santa Clara County Parks
- Service Access
- Public Access to Trail

Note: The East side of CHCC is not part of the accessibility study within the interim plan.

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