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Mission //

POST protects and cares for open space, farms and parkland in and around Silicon Valley.

"We are so fortunate to have protected lands that safeguard our water supply, clean our air and provide hiking and biking trails for healthy living close to home."

// POST President Walter T. Moore

Ballot Measure AA

Vote “Yes” for Open Space on June 3!

Forty-two years ago, in 1972, a small, dedicated group of conservationists in Santa Clara County made a promise to voters: if you join us in funding the creation of an open space district, we can all preserve the natural wonders of our region—for generations to come.

That year, voters said “Yes” to Measure R and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD or the District) was born. Its rallying cry: “Room to breathe!”



Windy Hill was POST's first land-protection project. The purchase by MROSD seeded POST's land acquisition fund.

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Four decades later, MROSD, a public land agency that works in parts of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, has protected more than 62,000 acres of open space in the name of public recreation, quality of life and preserving native wildlife—from the gently rolling grasslands above Half Moon Bay to the dense wilderness of Sierra Azul.

District lands attract around 2 million visitors each year, and all of their preserves are free. Anyone who wants to use them, can.

Now our longtime partner needs voters to say “Yes” again to fulfill the promise made all those years ago. On June 3, voters in the District will have the opportunity to approve Measure AA, a funding initiative to preserve more land, open new trails, keep our water and air clean, and restore badly damaged wildlife habitat in two counties.



“The Right Time to Do This”

Thanks to those fearless early conservationists and those who have followed, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties now have the greatest proportion of protected open space in the Bay Area. But for more than a decade, many of these lands have not been open. Of the 62,000 acres managed by MROSD, half are not accessible to the public because the District does not have sufficient funding for capital projects like new hiking, biking and equestrian trails; parking lots; bridges; repairs to streambeds and eroded landscapes; and preserving wildlife corridors.

Although they are already in the public domain, these lands—which voters and donors generously helped preserve—need new funding to become truly accessible. Measure AA would open up selected lands once and for all, including increased access for people with disabilities.

POST transferred 3,681-acre Driscoll Ranch to MROSD in 2006 for La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve. POST still owns 381-acre Driscoll Orchards and hopes to transfer it to MROSD to enhance public access opportunities once Measure AA passes.

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“The vision is clear, the public has spoken, and now we’re asking, ‘Do you want to do this?’” says Steve Abbors, general manager of MROSD. Abbors is referring to “Imagine the Future of Open Space,” an unprecedented planning process that recently engaged the public in a multi-year discussion to guide the District’s work for the next 40 years. The resulting Vision Plan includes 54 projects—including 25 top-priority actions to open preserves, build trail connections, protect redwoods and improve water quality throughout the region. Those 25 will be the projects that receive a green light once voters pass Measure AA.

This is the first time in the District’s history that it has asked voters for additional funding. Fortunately, its operating budget is sound, and it has invested its resources wisely to minimize impact from economic upheavals. But according to Abbors, “Our ability to continue to preserve and open these lands to the public will continue to be constrained if the measure does not pass. This is the beginning of the next 40 years,” he continues, “It’s the right time in the history of the District to do this.”

What is Measure AA?

Measure AA is a general obligation bond that, if passed, would raise an additional \$300 million over 20 to 30 years. It would be supported by an increase in local property tax rates up to only \$3.18 per \$100,000 of assessed

value. By law, the revenue could be used only

for capital projects to improve or increase public access, purchase or restore land, or perform significant habitat restoration. An independent citizen oversight committee would be created to ensure the funds are spent as approved.

“POST strongly supports Measure AA,” says POST President Walter T. Moore. “It’s an extension of our own vision, and critical to POST’s mandate to turn private lands into a lasting public resource.”



According to Moore, one-third of the open space POST has preserved since 1977 has been transferred to the District's care. "We're eager to see that land opened to the public," he says. "Our donors have contributed millions of dollars toward these projects over the years, and they want to see these incredible places open and accessible for everyone to enjoy. That's why our Board of Directors has agreed to raise up to \$1 million necessary for the 'Yes on Measure AA' campaign, and why POST is stepping up to run the campaign for the District, which by law, as a public agency, cannot advocate on its own behalf."



New Adventures in Nature

New hills to conquer and shady woods to contemplate. New, inspiring scenic vistas. New smells. New sounds. Measure AA would make all this possible, and more.

Measure AA would provide funding for crucial connectivity without further delays, says Moore. "It's hard to create that world-class trail system for Silicon Valley without having the pieces in between," he says.

Some preserves exist on a map but haven't really been explored by the public, such as La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve. Parts of the preserve are accessible by permit, but few people have experienced its rolling grassland ridges or breathed its ocean-scented air. With passage of Measure AA, that would change, as the preserve Master Plan calls for biking, hiking and even dog access.

Other preserves, such as Sierra Azul, are more familiar in name but remain largely undiscovered. At 18,000 acres, Sierra Azul is both the largest District preserve and the driest, with rocky, steep slopes to challenge climbers, and deep, verdant ravines. Measure AA funds would also go toward opening up the summit of Mt. Umunhum, while coyotes and mountain lions would benefit from safe passage through expanded wildlife corridors into the forests of Santa Cruz County.

New trails are also a big part of the picture. MROSD has long wanted to enhance and expand its hiking and biking trails. Some, like the Bay Area Ridge Trail, would lead hikers all the way along the backbone of the Santa Cruz Mountains, from one end of the District to the other. Two other trails—Purisima-to-the-Sea and Saratoga-to-the-Sea—would give mountain bikers a chance to zip all the way from Skyline Boulevard or Silicon Valley to the Pacific Ocean. Once complete, the Upper and Middle Stevens Creek trails would make it possible to walk all the way from the edge of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, through Mountain View and Cupertino, and up into the cluster of preserves framing the entrance to Stevens Creek County Park.

In 2001, POST transferred 806 acres of land to MROSD to become the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, currently open only in designated areas through single-day permits.

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A Vision for Land Stewardship

MROSD's 40-year plan signals a new phase in its history. Until now, much of the District's focus has been on acquisition and less on opening and stewarding the land. Working together, POST and the District created an extraordinary patchwork of preserves. But now, according to Abbors, the scenario has changed, with the focus shifting toward the visitor experience on the land.

Moving forward, Abbors says the District will work toward filling in the strategic gaps—not just making corridor connections, but preserving redwood stands, conserving working farms and ranches and fixing serious problems in waterways that have hindered certain species' ability to thrive.

What's good for wildlife is good for people, too. MROSD and POST protect streams that run through preserves that happen to be uphill from crucial regional drinking water collection sites, such as Lexington Reservoir and Los Gatos Creek. In a time of historic drought as well as climate change, every drop of protected water counts.

While the importance of saving and enhancing our local open space may seem obvious to many, Measure AA needs a two-thirds vote to pass—a challenging political prospect, even in the best of economic times. "We need each and every one of our POST supporters to help in this effort," says Moore. "Please vote 'Yes' on Measure AA on June 3rd." ■

POST protected Mindogo Hill in 2007 and transferred it to MROSD in 2008 for inclusion in Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve.

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POST Rallies for Ballot Measure AA in June Won't You Join Us?

Bear Creek Redwoods. Mindego Hill. Driscoll Ranch. The names are familiar to many members of POST's community of donors, whose generosity made it possible to preserve these lands forever.

But years after they were purchased from willing sellers and transferred to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District—POST's partner public agency—these spectacular and unique preserves are still largely off-limits to the public.

Vote "Yes" on Measure AA to help change that.

POST was originally conceived to work in partnership with public agencies like the District—to lend a nimble, entrepreneurial spirit to the mission of raising private dollars to supplement public conservation funds. Since 1977 we have protected more than 70,000 acres, fulfilling the first part of our commitment to our donors.

Over the past 37 years, we have transferred about one-third of those protected lands to MROSD with the goal of opening them up to the public. The success of Measure AA helps us meet that goal—the second half of our long-standing commitment to donors like you.

POST is supporting the Measure AA campaign with our financial and staff resources, and a broad community of volunteers. "People love their open space and trails. But because this is a funding measure and it requires a two-thirds vote, it's a tough uphill climb," says Marc Landgraf, POST's Director of External Affairs, who is heading up the "Yes for Open Space" campaign.

A Now-or-Never Moment

MROSD funding has become increasingly stretched between the cost of operations, expanding access and improving the visitor experience on already-opened lands. As more lands leave POST's hands and come under the District's purview, the overall process slows down.

Take Mindego Hill. In 2008, thanks to POST's extraordinary donors, the GoMindego campaign raised nearly \$30 million to preserve this landmark summit from a luxury housing development. It was transferred to the District and became part of Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, but has still not been added to the network of trails that twine the preserve.

Measure AA would raise the capital to make those trail connections a reality. Unfortunately, there are many more stories like Mindego Hill—off-limits District lands at a late stage in the design, permitting and approval process, which require funding to complete.

This is a now-or-never moment. POST and MROSD are both focused on making these lands a true public resource. In the coming years, POST will double down on its commitment to major land stewardship work. Measure AA is a large part of that.

"With passage of this measure, POST's work will be highly leveraged. This will allow us to continue to seize opportunities to protect land with our most vital partner, the District, and to help wildlife before it's too late. Please vote 'Yes' on Measure AA." ■

To contribute, endorse, volunteer or learn more about the campaign, visit YesForOpenSpace.org or contact Marc Landgraf at mlandgraf@openspacetrust.org or (650) 854-7696 x340.

An American Dream Realized: Continuing the Lea Legacy on Cabrillo Farms

On a chilly winter morning, in a secluded valley hugged by Montara Mountain, the only sounds are the squeak of gloves against wet plant stalks and the crisp snap of Brussels sprouts plucked and deposited into buckets. It's the end of the main harvest season at Cabrillo Farms, but now there's an even bigger cause for celebration.



Three generations of the Lea family have worked this land in Moss Beach, yet they've never owned the land until now. On February 14, POST transferred 295 acres to longtime tenant and operator Dave Lea of Cabrillo Farms, and his wife, Pat. POST holds a conservation easement on the land, which removes its development value and enabled the Leas to purchase it for \$1.225 million. POST also holds a 50-year right of first refusal should the land be sold in the future.

A Highly Productive History

Cabrillo Farms was part of the 4,262-acre Rancho Corral de Tierra property POST acquired from 2001 to 2003 through our Saving the Endangered Coast Campaign. Previous owners planned to build a golf course, ranchettes and other housing on the land. Ten years after acquiring it, POST transferred 3,858 acres of Rancho Corral de Tierra to the National Park Service as the new southern gateway into the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The remaining acres were held back by POST for agricultural use.

The farmland is six miles north of Half Moon Bay, directly across from the Half Moon Bay airport. A mile of the property fronts Highway 1, with 181 acres of prime agricultural lands. Cabrillo Farms also includes a secluded parcel, known as Denniston Valley, and a field on a plateau that looks out to POST-protected Pillar Point and beyond to the Pacific Ocean. Much of the property has been in active agricultural production for more than 130 years.

The Lea story on this land starts in the 1920s, when Georgio Lea emigrated from Italy. He worked on the land adjacent to where Cabrillo Farms now sits, and his wife cooked for the workers. Their son Ed was born and spent his early years here, until Georgio moved the family to set up his agricultural business in Half Moon Bay.

After a tour of duty in World War II, Ed started his own farm near Pillar Point, then moved across the highway to establish Cabrillo Farms. Years later, Ed encouraged his son Dave to explore other options for his future. Dave left the farm for Chico State University and worked for two years in the San Mateo County agriculture commissioner's office before returning to the farm full time in the 1980s.



Ed and Dave Lea // PAOLO VESCIA 06

"I have to give credit to POST—they've made a big change out here on the coast." // Ed Lea

Making the Field More Familiar

At one point Cabrillo Farms produce was sold for frozen food. Now Ed and Dave cultivate Brussels sprouts, fava beans, English peas, artichokes and pumpkins for the fresh food market. Despite the consumer push for local food and the recent star status given Brussels sprouts—Cabrillo Farms' chief product—by local chefs, Dave says, "There's still a disconnect between people and the land."

He's trying to remedy this by putting a face to their food. Cabrillo Farms ships a third of their Cover Girl brand themselves. They're at farmers markets in Palo Alto, Walnut Creek and the San Francisco Ferry Building, and "The Farmer's Daughter" farmstand along Highway 1 next to their fields. The Leas have also loaned a couple of acres to The HEAL Project, a hands-on program that helps elementary school children learn about the environment, agriculture and healthy lifestyle habits.

A New Future on the Land

"POST has a long history of protecting farmland on the coast, but this transfer is especially meaningful," says POST President Walter T. Moore. "We value the Leas' connection to this particular property, so it's an honor to help them start their next chapter here as landowners."

Last spring, Dave and Ed received the San Mateo County Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year award. In addition to farmers markets, their produce appears in local markets like Lunardi's and Mollie Stone's, and is processed on-site for Costco, Walmart and Whole Foods. Even with their success, Dave notes, "There's a greater chance of going broke than getting rich in farming." He was apprehensive about taking on the responsibilities of land ownership, but thought about his father. "I feel it's important for him to have a piece of land," says Dave. His wife and two daughters support the decision, and want to keep the land in farming as a family legacy.

With area land prices so high and farmland disappearing to development, Ed is happy that this dream has finally become a reality. "I have to give credit to POST—they've made a big change out here on the coast," he says. "We could have never owned the land before." ■

Watch the video at www.openspacetrust.org to learn more about the Lea family and Cabrillo Farms.



Brussels sprouts are the farm's leading cash crop.
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Dave Lea inspects sprouts in the field with one of his workers. // STEVE SCHECTER 14

Heart of the Redwoods Campaign

"We all benefit from protecting a beautiful redwoods landscape with new trail opportunities."

// POST President Walter T. Moore

POST Helps Protect 174-acre Loma Mar Redwoods Property

POST is providing up to \$3.9 million to San Mateo County Parks for the agency's upcoming purchase of 174 acres from the San Mateo County Office of Education. The land is in Loma Mar, adjacent to Memorial Park. The lush property features a dense redwood forest and a tributary to Pescadero Creek. Although POST is assisting the County with the purchase by providing funding, title to the land will go directly to San Mateo County Parks.

As part of the funding agreement with POST, County Parks will dedicate the property's use to open space and recreation, and provide publicly accessible trails on the property within a year of the expected June 2014 transfer from the Office of Education. County Parks will also take ownership of the 160-acre Butano Crest East property that POST acquired in December 2012, and add that land to Pescadero Creek County Park.

POST has received \$1 million from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to help offset the cost of the Loma Mar Redwoods property, and anticipates receiving additional funding from Save the Redwoods League and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

"We're thrilled to have the resources to help the County purchase this property," said POST President Walter T. Moore. "We all benefit from protecting a beautiful redwood landscape with new trail opportunities. In addition, this sale provides the Office of Education with new funding for their outdoor education programs, inspiring future generations to appreciate the land we're helping protect today." ■



Take the Redwood Matching Gift Challenge!

There's a lot to celebrate in POST's Heart of the Redwoods Campaign. We have secured more than \$33 million of our \$50 million campaign goal and, with our recent assistance to San Mateo County Parks on the protection of a 174-acre redwoods property in Loma Mar, have saved nearly 9,900 of the 20,000 acres of threatened redwood forest we seek to preserve.

These successes would not be possible without your support. In fact, they have inspired some donors to give even more. Recently, POST Board Emeritus member Paul Newhagen and his wife, Antje, made a \$100,000 gift to the Heart of the Redwoods Campaign, and are challenging fellow donors to move quickly and make a second gift of any amount to help reach the campaign goal. We are pleased to report that a few of our campaign donors have already stepped up to the challenge and pledged additional gifts to help us achieve our \$50 million goal.

Last fall, longtime POST donors Sukey and Irv Grousbeck offered a matching gift challenge for Redwood Campaign donations of \$100,000 or more—up to \$500,000—made by June 30, 2014 (the end of our fiscal year). We have already received three gifts toward this challenge!

POST is thankful for the generosity of all of our donors. If you haven't done so already, please make a gift today to help us save what remains of our incredible local redwood forests and to take advantage of these extraordinary match challenges. ■

To learn more about the Heart of the Redwoods Campaign and how your gift can have the most impact, contact POST Director of Individual Gifts Kathleen Phan at kphan@openspacetrust.org or (650) 854-7696 x303.

↑ CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$50 million



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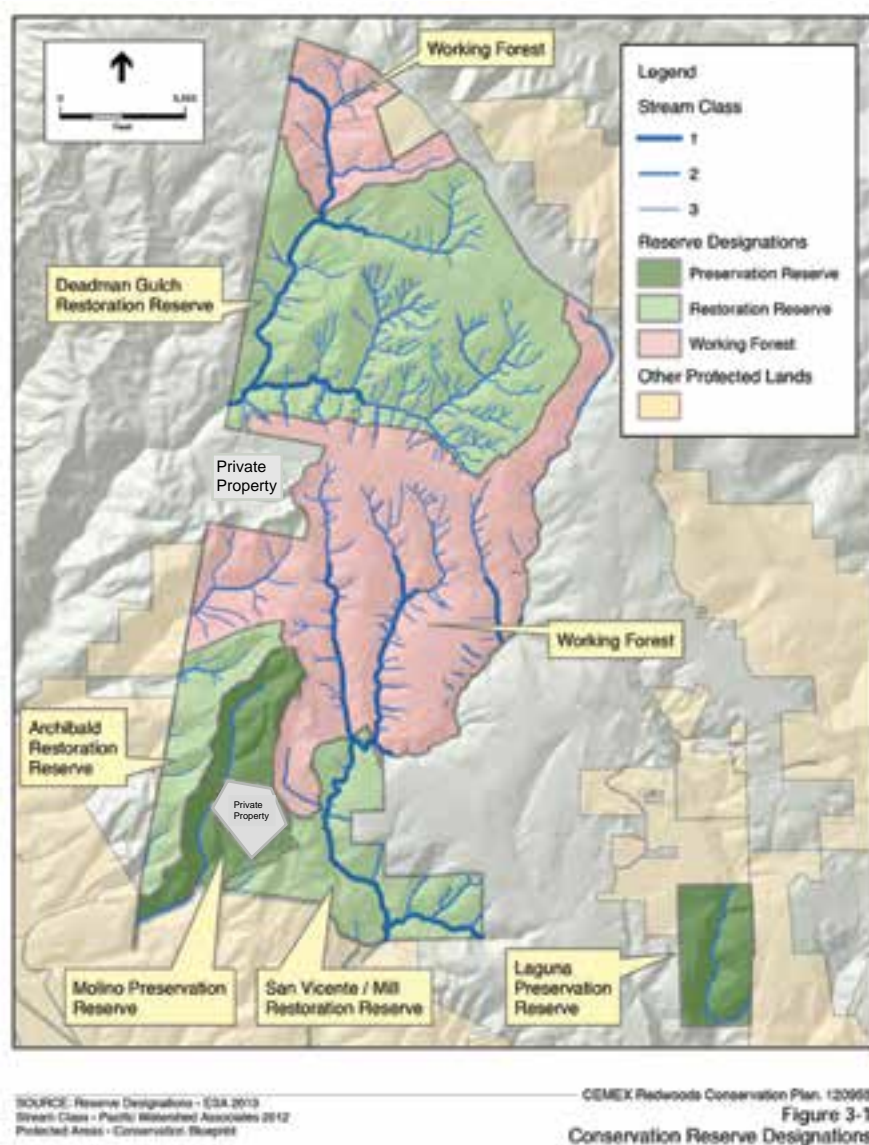
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Heart of the Redwoods Campaign

POST and Partners Finalize Conservation Plan for CEMEX Redwoods

In December 2011, CEMEX Redwoods became the first property POST protected as part of our Heart of the Redwoods Campaign. At 8,532 acres, it's our largest acquisition to date. The property plays a critical role in the Santa Cruz Mountains ecosystem.

POST has been working with consultants and our Living Landscape Initiative (LLI) partners to develop appropriate conservation and management plans for the property. The process has included rigorous scientific research, remote-sensing mapping, fieldwork with foresters and biologists, and meetings with community members. The goal is to balance a working landscape with protecting the integrity of local drinking water, plant and animal habitat, forest health, and the potential for low-impact recreational uses.



The CEMEX Redwoods Conservation Plan was finalized in mid-2013. It analyzes the natural resources on the property and potential strategies for their management. The plan designates three different areas on the property with the following goals:

Preservation Reserves—These 912 acres encompass areas of the property with the highest natural resource values, including old-growth trees, rare plant species and critical streams that provide drinking water for Davenport and spawning grounds for Coho salmon and steelhead trout. There will be no timber harvesting in these areas.

Restoration Reserves—There are 3,951 acres designated to improve the health of the forest. Here restoration forestry techniques will be used to increase the number of conifers, and encourage old-growth characteristics in existing trees to provide more robust habitat for wildlife that depend on these forests.

Working Forest—These 3,669 acres will continue in sustainable timber harvesting. All harvests will use selection techniques that involve the careful designation of individual trees for removal. Timber will be harvested at a level below what current regulations allow, and the working forest conservation easement ensures these restrictions persist over time. All revenue from these harvests will be used to fund future stewardship projects on CEMEX Redwoods. ■

Welcome to Root Down Farm on Cloverdale Coastal Ranches



POST's Cloverdale Coastal Ranches has long been home to many agricultural endeavors. Now, a new one is taking shape. Young farmers Dede Boies and David Evershed signed a lease with POST in November 2013 for 62 acres they are calling Root Down Farm. Their vision is to build a diverse organic farm for row crops, livestock, cut flowers and educational workshops. Dede and David will continue discussions with POST about their options on the property, including a long-term ground lease, where they build equity in the improvements they make on the property, or a lease-to-own option.

"With the founding of Root Down Farm, our dream and the best use of the land converged," says Dede. "We're starting with animals in order to add nutrients to the soil," says David. "The year-long fallow period between tenants allowed weeds to take hold. If we had started with crops, we would have had to put enormous energy into fertilizing and weeding. Instead, we want to turn those weeds into a resource."

Dede and David will use rotational grazing with a succession of animals to make meat out of weeds. They also planted a mix of cover crops and pasture grasses just before the first rain. The first animals to arrive were 100 fluffy yellow heritage breed chicks that will become fryers. Next will come ducks, then pigs and turkeys. All of their animals will be heritage breeds. They already have cows as a result of sub-leasing 40 acres to neighboring Leftcoast Grassfed for pastured beef.

Their decision to start with animals has as much to do with respect for the character of the place as it does with wanting to build healthy soil and produce nourishing food. Water is limited, even in non-drought years. By concentrating on animals first, Dede and David will avoid having to irrigate. The animals prepare the farm to be a better place for vegetables and flowers. The waste from vegetable production will in turn become feed for animals. Workshops bring in potential customers, adding to the sustainability of the whole operation.

Dede believes the demand for healthy, humanely raised meat is greater in the Bay Area than elsewhere. "We can't change the whole food system, but we can change our small part of it," she says. "Our hope is to teach people the whole process from farm animal to family table. Each step has to be work that makes us proud." ■

Learn more about Dede, David and Root Down Farm at www.openspacetrust.org/whatwesave/farmers.

FROM TOP Dede Boies, David Evershed and POST President Walter T. Moore are all smiles after signing the lease. BOTTOM: Dede and David inspect their new arrivals in March. // ANN DUWE 14

POST Welcomes Three Board Members

CHRISTY HOLLOWAY

Christy Holloway, who previously served on POST's board from 1984 to 2006, looks forward to a challenge. She sees the first task ahead to be energizing the community to support Measure AA.

Christy has been at the helm of several of the Peninsula's environmental organizations, including Hidden Villa and Environmental Volunteers. She also helped consolidate the Yosemite Association and the Yosemite Conservancy, and guide their efforts to find new supporters and reach out more effectively to existing ones.

What's her inspiration? "It stems from growing up close to the land," she says. "As a youth I spent winters skiing and summers camping in the Sierra. Open land became an essential value for me. As an adult I know that if we don't organize to protect it, the land, with all its gifts, its lessons, will be lost." ■



LEAH TOENISKOETTER

Leah Toeniskoetter grew up in the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Now she lives in San Jose and bikes two miles to her job as director of the San Jose office of SPUR, a nonprofit urban policy think tank engaged in promoting good planning and good government.

"I am an urbanist," she says. "My job is to help make cities work better. That's essential for making open spaces work. You need both, functioning as a complete system, to ensure our quality of life. The Bay Area wouldn't be the place it is without that proximity."

Through Leah's previous work experiences—including real estate development, lending and micro-enterprise development—runs a deep respect for the coexistence of development and open land. "My generation understands the need for protecting the greenbelt," says Leah. "We cannot continue to let our cities sprawl. POST is able to harness that perspective, and that's what fuels my excitement about joining the Board." ■



SUZANNE SULLIVAN

Suzanne Sullivan grew up in Fremont and now lives in Saratoga, the base from which she and her husband, Godfrey, have explored nearly all the riding trails in the South Bay. An avid runner and equestrian, she competes regularly in endurance events "We've done roughly 10,000 to 20,000 miles on horseback in the last ten years," says Suzanne.

Local open spaces may be familiar to long-time residents, but Suzanne recognizes the need to reach out to a different demographic—people new to the area, especially young people. She is well prepared to persuade them to get involved, having worked 18 years in communications and marketing at Apple, Inc.

Says Suzanne, "I've watched as trails in my own community have been cut off by development. I've also seen what happens in other areas where long-term planning for open land doesn't exist. If we don't conserve our land now, it will slip away." ■



POST-protected Seven Oaks Hill to be Acquired by Santa Clara County Parks

A 358-acre property of rugged woods and chaparral on the east side of Uvas Reservoir may soon become part of the Santa Clara County park system. POST acquired the Seven Oaks Hill property in February 2013 from owners eager to see their land included in the network of open space taking shape in south Santa Clara County. As *Landscapes* goes to press, Santa Clara County Parks, which has been managing the land for POST since 2013, is seeking board approval to acquire the land by June 2014.

"Seven Oaks Hill is located in the midst of major recreational land, with the potential to link thousands of acres together for use by the public and by wildlife," says POST President Walter T. Moore. "Besides creating a buffer around Uvas Reservoir, an important source of local drinking water, the property features a seasonal tributary to Uvas Creek, a spawning stream for steelhead trout. With drought on everyone's mind, the opportunity to permanently protect watershed land on the shores of a major reservoir cannot come too soon."

POST's acquisition of Seven Oaks Hill last year was aided by funding from the California Coastal Conservancy and the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority. Once transfer of the land is complete, POST's acquisition costs will be reimbursed, freeing these funds for future land protection elsewhere. ■



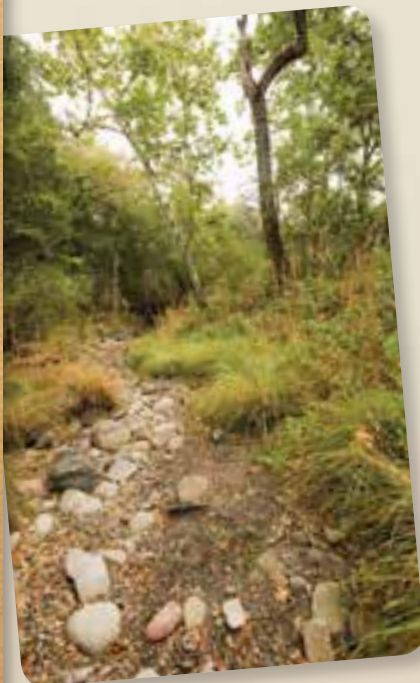
Mount Madonna County Park Expands with POST-protected Triple Buck Ranch Addition

Historic Mount Madonna County Park gained 490 acres on February 19 thanks to POST's early protection of land adjacent to the park's northeastern boundary. POST purchased Triple Buck Ranch in two installments, first in November 2012 and then in January 2014. A combination of funding from the California Coastal Conservancy and Santa Clara County reimburses POST for its total \$3,850,000 purchase price.

Between 1973 and 2002, the acreage was owned by a group of business partners who used it for hunting. One partner became sole owner, and it was his desire to keep the land intact for permanent conservation and public access.

"The property contains a mix of grassland, oak woodland and redwood forest," says POST Vice President of Acquisition Tricia Suvari. "A half mile of Little Arthur Creek winds its way across the landscape. The creek is one of the most productive steelhead spawning sites in Santa Clara County. Preserving Triple Buck Ranch allows POST to protect an important waterway and add to the forest land conserved through our Heart of the Redwoods Campaign."

In addition to its impact on water, scenery and wildlife habitat, the inclusion of this property in the park system will eventually allow for the continuation of Mount Madonna Park's Merry-Go-Round Trail. ■



POST Donates Wicklow Property to San Mateo County to Enlarge Quarry Park

In 2002, Mike and Margaret O'Neill donated the 478-acre Wicklow property overlooking El Granada to POST, with the hope that it would not be subdivided. Mike, a prominent Bay Area builder, purchased the land in 1994 and named it after the county where he grew up in Ireland. Now POST is giving the land to San Mateo County for permanent protection as a natural extension to neighboring Quarry Park.

Up to four luxury estate homes could have been built at Wicklow, which is covered in grassy hillsides and coastal ridges, and offers sweeping views of Montara Mountain, Half Moon Bay, POST-protected Pillar Point and Scarper Peak. The property was originally designed in the early 1900s as a "pleasure park" by renowned architect and city planner Daniel H. Burnham.

"Transfer of the Wicklow property illustrates many things POST does well," says POST President Walter T. Moore. "We work with owners to carry out their wishes for their land, we improve the land during our ownership, and we transfer the land into public ownership on very favorable terms. In this case POST is able to connect existing protected land in ways that make the sum far greater than its individual parts." ■



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Support POST through "Silicon Valley Gives" on May 6

Silicon Valley Community Foundation will host the first-ever day of giving on Tuesday, May 6, to benefit nonprofit organizations in Silicon Valley. The 24-hour event, known as "Silicon Valley Gives," celebrates local nonprofits and encourages donors of all capacities to come together and support deserving groups. In that spirit of togetherness, all donations for the event will be collected through Razoo, an online site that focuses on raising funds from communities for good causes. POST donors can make a gift on the site and watch our progress over the course of the day.

Show your support for POST on May 6!

Visit <http://svgives.razoo.com/story/Peninsula-Open-Space-Trust> to learn how your gift can count on this special day.

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- **Efficient** Reduces our administrative costs, thereby increasing the impact of your gift.
- **Flexible** You can easily adjust your donation amount or cancel at any time.
- **Effective** Provides us with a reliable source of funding that is vital to saving our local landscapes.
- **Easy** Simply enroll online at www.openspacetrust.org/donate or contact Advancement Assistant Sara Rinaldi at (650) 854-7696 x310 or srinaldi@openspacetrust.org.

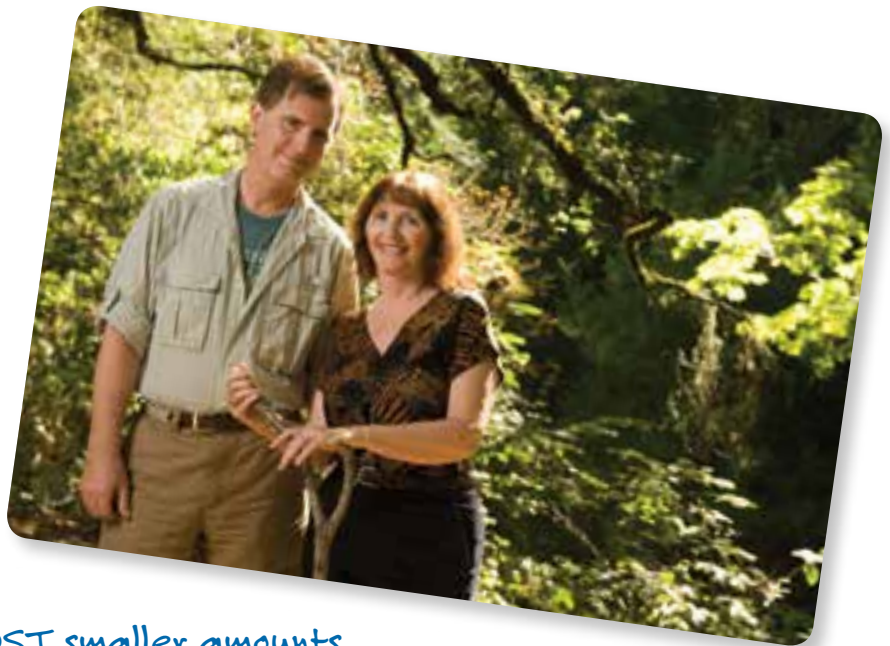
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Become a monthly donor today!

MEET MONTHLY DONORS

GARY MILLER AND KARLA MAREE

"We have a fixed amount we give to all of our charitable organizations every year. Instead of giving large amounts a couple of times a year, we decided to move toward giving POST smaller amounts on a monthly basis. Giving monthly actually allows us to give about 20 percent more annually than we have been because we don't do it in large chunks." Gary Miller





Djerassi Sculpture Tours: Taking Inspiration from the Environment

Nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains on a 580-acre property in Woodside, the Djerassi Resident Artists Program (DRAP) allows artists to take inspiration from the natural beauty of land protected through a POST conservation easement. DRAP is offering three types of property tours for 2014:

- **Director's Tours:** Visit more than 25 sculptures and peek into the Artists' Barn on this 3-mile hike led by DRAP Executive Director Margot H. Knight. \$50 per person, payable to DRAP.
- **Two-mile Tours:** Visit 15 sculptures on this free tour led by DRAP staff.
- **Private Tours:** A limited number of private tours are available for groups of 15-25, with a suggested donation to DRAP.

At press time, the Director and Two-mile tours were full. Contact DRAP for private tour reservations and waiting list or cancellation information for their other tours: www.djerassi.org or (650) 747-1250.

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