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May 29, 2015

Ms. JoAnna Bullock, Senior Regional Planner
Association of Bay Area Governments
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Subject: Submittal of Application to Designate 15 Areas in San Mateo County and Santa Clara County as Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)

Dear Ms. Bullock:

On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) and the partner agencies that we collaborated with, the District is submitting a PCA application for 15 nominated areas within San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Included with the master PCA application are resolutions or letters of support from the District's Board of Directors and elected bodies from the various partner agencies that support the proposed PCA within their jurisdiction.

Also included are the resolutions of support for PCAs nominated by other lead agencies, such as:

- Support to City of Menlo Park for the Palo Alto Baylands PCA which includes lands within the jurisdiction of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and District-owned lands; and
- Support to the California Coastal Conservancy for the California State Coastal Trail PCA and San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail PCA.

The District is also sharing the GIS shape files for the nominated PCAs so that ABAG staff may utilize the GIS data for additional mapping and analyses of the submitted PCAs.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate in contacting Planning Manager Jane Mark, at either (650) 691-1200, or via email at jmark@openspace.org,

Sincerely,

Ana Ruiz
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CC: Marlene Finley, Director, County of San Mateo, Parks Department
Robb Courtney, Director, County of Santa Clara, Parks and Recreation Department
Justin Murphy, Asst Community Development Director, City of Menlo Park
Laurel Prevetti, Asst Town Manager/Community Development Director, Town of Los Gatos

Attachments:

- Master PCA Application for 15 PCAs in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties
- District Board Resolution of Support to City of Menlo Park
- District Board Resolution of Support to Coastal Conservancy for Coastal Trail
- District Board Resolution of Support to Coastal Conservancy for SF Bay Area Water Trail

Priority Conservation Area Application Form

Enter information in the spaces provided. E-mail this completed application form and attachments requested as part of this form to joannab@abag.ca.gov by **May 30, 2015**. If e-mailing is not possible, a hard copy of materials can be mailed to PCA Applications, Association of Bay Area Governments, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604-2050.

PART 1: AREA INFORMATION

Proposed Name	<i>Master PCA Application includes 15 nominated PCAs in two counties (San Mateo County and Santa Clara County). See attached Table 1 for names of the proposed PCAs.</i>
Description	<i>See attached Table 1 for description of proposed PCAs.</i>
Location (include map and text description)	<i>See attached Table 1 for location of proposed PCAs.</i>
Total Acreage	<i>Total acreage of nominated PCAs in San Mateo County is approximately 68,700 acres. Total acreage of nominated PCAs in Santa Clara County is approximately 31,000 acres. See attached Table 1 for individual acreages of proposed PCAs.</i>

PART 2: SPONSOR(S)

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen)
Staff Person	Stephen E. Abbors, General Manager
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Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	<p><i>Public agency partners include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County of Santa Clara • County of San Mateo • City of Saratoga • Town of Los Gatos • Town of Portola Valley • Town of Woodside • California State Coastal Conservancy <p><i>Private and/or non-profit organization partners include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenbelt Alliance • Hidden Villa • Peninsula Open Space Trust



PART 3: DESIGNATION

Selected Designation – Select one or more designation for the proposed PCA

See attached Table 1 for proposed designations for each of the nominated PCAs. See attached Table 2 for proposed designations for previously approved, existing PCAs.

PART 4: BENEFITS

Primary Benefit(s) – Select one or more benefits and co-benefits for the proposed PCA

See attached Table 1 for benefits and co-benefits for proposed PCAs.

PART 5: ATTACHMENTS

Required

1. Copy of adopted resolution by City Council, Board of Supervisors, or Open Space or Park District Board.
2. Attach a map showing the proposed general area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.
3. Provide text, data/maps that demonstrate primary benefit(s) of the relevant designation and co-benefits).
4. Copy of public notification of meeting at which resolution was adopted
5. Copy of notification of PCA nomination to jurisdictions in which PCA is located

Optional

6. Letters of Support from partner agencies or organizations (*not required*)
7. Additional data, maps, supportive local policies (*not required*)

For questions regarding the application form, please contact JoAnna Bullock at 510 464-7968 or joannab@abag.ca.gov.



TABLE 1: Proposed Priority Conservation Areas Nominated by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

County of San Mateo

#	Proposed PCA Name	Affected Jurisdiction(s)	Description and Location	Total Acreage	PCA Designation(s)				Benefits and Co-Benefits
					Natural Landscape	Regional Recreation	Agricultural Lands	Urban Greening	
SM1	Miramontes	County of San Mateo	Coastal foothills, including most of Burleigh Murray Ranch State Park and the eastern end of Miramontes Ridge Open Space Preserve. South of the intersection of Highways 92 and 35. Extending west of Highway 35 to Highway 1.	4,716	X	X	X		<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources • Agricultural Economy <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SM2	North Skyline	County of San Mateo	Forested ridgeline and hillside extending along the west side of Highway 35, , including Purisima Creek Redwoods and El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserves, south of Burleigh Murray Ranch State Park and opposite Huddart and Wunderlich County Parks, south towards Bear Gulch Road West.	4,683	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SM3	Teague Hill	County of San Mateo and Town of Woodside	Forested ridgeline and hillside extending along the east side of Highway 35, including Huddart and Wunderlich County Parks and Teague Hill Open Space Preserve, north of Highway 84 to the Crystal Springs watershed.	5,478	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat • Compact Growth
SM4	Southern San Mateo Coast	County of San Mateo	Coastal foothills west of Highway 35 to Highway 1, including the southwestern areas of Tunitas Creek and La Honda Creek Open Space Preserves. Extending from Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve south to Ano Nuevo State Park to the jurisdictional border of the County of San Mateo.	46,914	X	X	X		<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources • Agricultural Economy <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SM5	Windy Hill	County of San Mateo and Town of Portola Valley	Oak woodland ridgeline and hillside along Highway 35, including portions of Windy Hill and Los Trancos Open Space Preserves. Extending east from Highway 35 towards Town of Portola, south of Highway 84, north of Page Mill Road.	1,508	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i>



									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat • Compact Growth
SM6	South Skyline	County of San Mateo	Oak woodland ridgeline and hillside along Highway 35, including portions of Russian Ridge, Skyline Ridge, and Long Ridge Open Space Preserves. Extending along the west side of Highway 35 north and south of the intersection of Page Mill Road and Highway 35, south to the jurisdictional border of the County of San Mateo.	5,446	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat

County of Santa Clara

#	Proposed PCA Name	Affected Jurisdiction(s)	Description and Location	Total Acreage	PCA Designation(s)					Benefits and Co-Benefits
					Natural Landscape	Regional Recreation	Agricultural Lands	Urban Greening		
SC1	Palo Alto Open Space	Palo Alto	Oak woodland foothills, including Palo Alto Foothills Park and Los Trancos and Monte Bello Open Space Preserve. Extending north and south from the intersection of Page Mill Road and Highway 35, and bisected by Page Mill Road.	4,383	X	X				<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SC2	Hidden Villa / Rancho San Antonio	Los Altos Hills	Hidden Villa and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. Cristo Rey Drive, south of the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Highway 280. Adjacent to Rancho San Antonio County Park.	3,122	X	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat • Compact Growth
SC3	Southeast Rancho San Antonio	County of Santa Clara	Southeastern area of Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve and eastern edge of County Park. Cristo Rey Drive, south of the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Highway 280.	306	X	X				<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SC4	Cupertino Open Space	Cupertino	Rancho San Antonio County Park. Cristo Rey Drive, south of the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Highway 280. Adjacent to Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve.	246	X	X				<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality

									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat • Compact Growth
SC5	Stevens Creek	County of Santa Clara	Ridgeline and hillside along Highway 35, including Upper Stevens Creek County Park and portions of Monte Bello Open Space Preserve. Extending northward from the east side of Highway 35, northwest of the intersection of Highways 35 and 9 and Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve.	1,386	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SC6	Saratoga-to-the-Sea	Saratoga	Northern area of Sanborn-Skyline County Park within City of Saratoga boundary.	230	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SC7	El Sereno / Sierra Azul	Los Gatos	Foothills along eastern portion of El Sereno, northern portion of St. Joseph's Hill and Sierra Azul Open Space Preserves, including the Town's Novitiate Park in Los Gatos.	3,094	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SC8	Critical Wildlife Linkage	County of Santa Clara	Ridgeline and foothills east of Highway 35, including Sanborn-Skyline County Park, and El Sereno and St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserves.	17,356	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat
SC9	Eastern Sierra Azul	San Jose	Foothills along northeastern portion of Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve within City of San Jose's sphere of influence.	1,508	X	X			<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Resilience • Wildlife Habitat

TABLE 2

Proposed Designations for Existing Midpen PCAs

Existing PCAs (2007-08)	Proposed Categories	Benefits and Co-Benefits
Gateway to the San Mateo County Coast	Regional Recreation, Natural Landscapes, Agricultural Lands	<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources • Agricultural Economy <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat
Upper San Gregorio Creek Headwaters	Regional Recreation, Natural Landscapes, Agricultural Lands	<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat
Upper Stevens Creek Watershed Area	Regional Recreation, Natural Landscapes, Agricultural Lands	<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources • Agricultural Economy <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat
Upper Los Gatos Creek Watershed	Regional Recreation, Natural Landscapes	<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat
Lobitos Ridge Corridor (originally nominated by Peninsula Open Space Trust)	Regional Recreation, Natural Landscapes, Agricultural Lands (supported by Peninsula Open Space Trust)	<i>Primary Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial (Land) Ecosystems • Aquatic Ecosystems • Water Supply and Quality • Recreation • Agricultural Resources <i>Co- Benefits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat

