

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**Thursday, April 15, 2021****4:00 – 6:00 pm****Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89675733636>**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Introduction of Guests and Staff
4. Public Comment- The Board will hear comments on items that are not on the agenda. The Board cannot act on an item unless it is an emergency as defined under Government Code Sec. 54954.2.
5. Consent Agenda The Board of Directors approves: 5.1. February 18, 2021 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes 5.2. March 18, 2021 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
6. Regular Agenda 6.1. Forest Health and Fire Resilience Program updates by Sheena Sidhu, Program Manager 6.2. Board will consider Resolution 2021-2: Approval to Enter into Agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the Little Butano Creek Streamflow Improvement Project, Butano State Park. 6.3. Executive Director's report 6.4. NRCS report 6.5. Directors' reports
7. Adjourn Meeting The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be May 20, 2021

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 15, 2021

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

via Zoom teleconference

Directors present: Barbara Kossy, TJ Glauthier, Adrienne Etherton

Associate Directors present: John Keener

RCD staff present: Kellyx Nelson, Lau Hodges, Jarrad Fisher, Amy Kaeser, Sheena Sidhu, Erica Harris, David Cowman, Joe Issel

NRCS staff present: Jim Howard

Guests present: George O. Kolombatovich, Ron Sturgeon, Kyle Newman, Keith Mangold

1. Call to Order

Kossy called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Glauthier moved to approve the agenda, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introductions of Guests and Staff

All in attendance introduced themselves.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Consent Agenda

- Etherton noted the incorrect time on the Draft March 18, 2021 Minutes under agenda item 1. It was recorded as having begun at 4:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.
- Glauthier moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Forest Health and Fire Resilience Program updates by Sheena Sidhu, Program Manager (see attached)

- After the presentation there was discussion regarding the amount of time it takes to accomplish large scale fuel load reduction; the workload of building capacity, managing projects and developing innovative permitting tools, while engaging with the community; County efforts; and post-fire recovery efforts.

6.2 Board will consider recommendation Resolution 2021-2: Approval to Enter into Agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation (WCB) Board for the Little Butano Creek Streamflow Improvement Project, Butano State Park.

- There was discussion about the project benefits to streamflow and upcoming contractor selection.
- **ACTION:** Glauthier moved to enter into agreement with WCB, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Executive Director's Report

- Nelson provided program, project, and administrative updates. The report has been lost due to a crashed computer hard drive.

6.4 NRCS report

- Howard reported:
 - NRCS has taken on the lion's share of the work for the USDA's Farm Service Program; three of which had been implemented in San Mateo County after the CZU Fire to aid in the repair of ponds, tanks, and fencing.
 - Close to approving a National Water Quality Initiative agreement with RCD to address sediment in San Mateo County watersheds; Phase 1 was Noah Katz, San Mateo RCD Water Quality Program Manager, writing an assessment of the watersheds.
 - NRCS had received a lot more applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) across California. NRCS was requesting an additional \$47 million in California.
 - The new USDA Administrative was putting COVID protocols in writing and taking a conservative approach to reopening offices.
 - Howard is also joining the Cascade Council; an advisory group formed to assist with the path of Cascade Ranch regeneration project.

6.5 Directors' reports

- Glauthier reported on his work with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and State Board of Equalization on RCD's boundary expansion.
- He was glad to hear the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget process was underway.
- He asked about the plan to address eucalyptus in El Granada. Nelson noted County Parks prioritization process and RCD staff prioritization of the Quarry Park area.
- Berkeley Labs uses the acronym IDEA (Inclusions, Diversity, Equity and Accountability) as opposed to DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)
- Etherton thanked Glauthier for his work on LAFCO and noted her excitement for the upcoming DEI training.
- Kossy reported that she had traveled through California and found it difficult to see the scars and wounds on lands in the state; it made her that much more proud of the RCD.
- Keener reflected on the water quality relationship between San Pedro Creek and Linda Mar Beach. He looks forward to RCD staff support on the issue.

7 **Adjourn Meeting**

- Kossy adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Collaborative Forest Health and Fire Resiliency for San Mateo County

FHFR Team:

Sheena Sidhu, Program Manager

Erica Harris, Project Manager

David Cowman, Project Manager



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Neighborhood Chipping Program





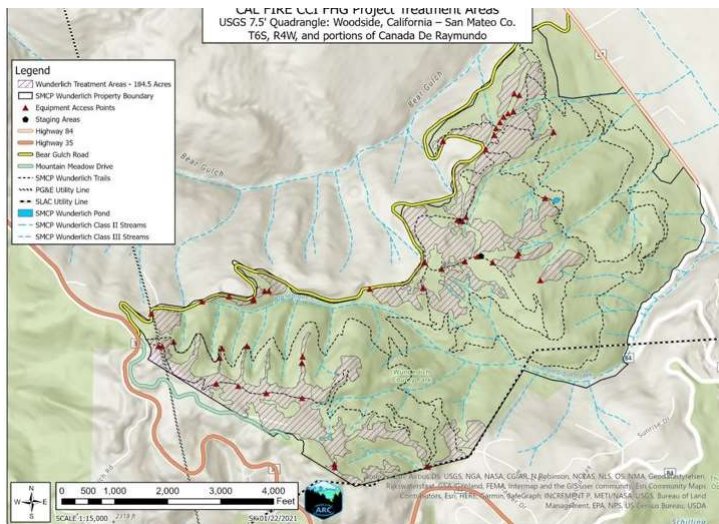
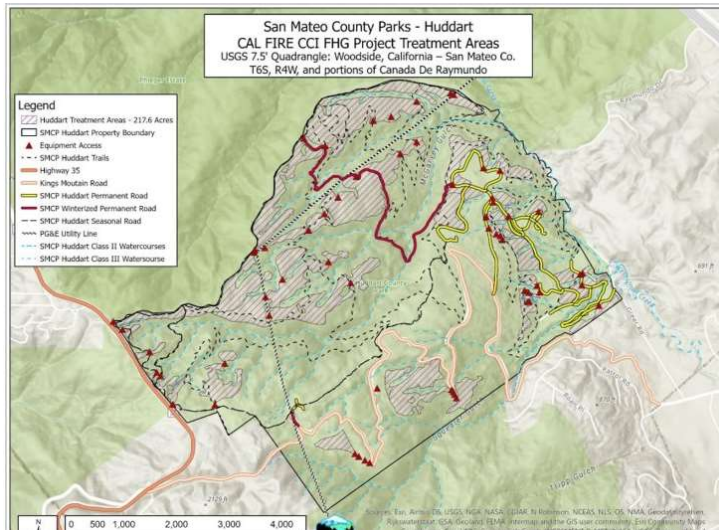
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Prescribed fire and
eradication



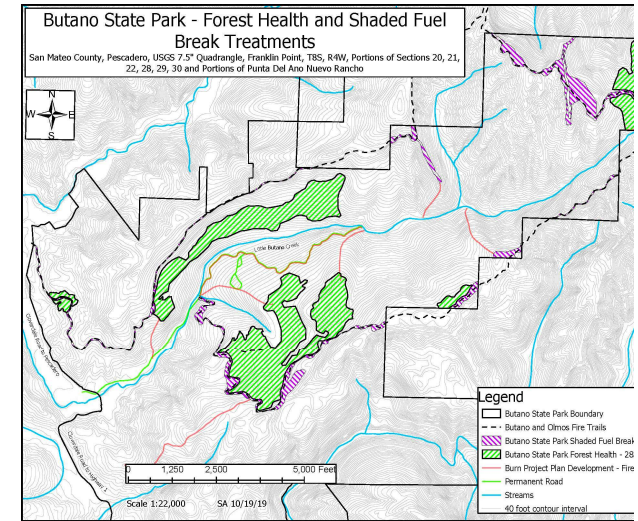
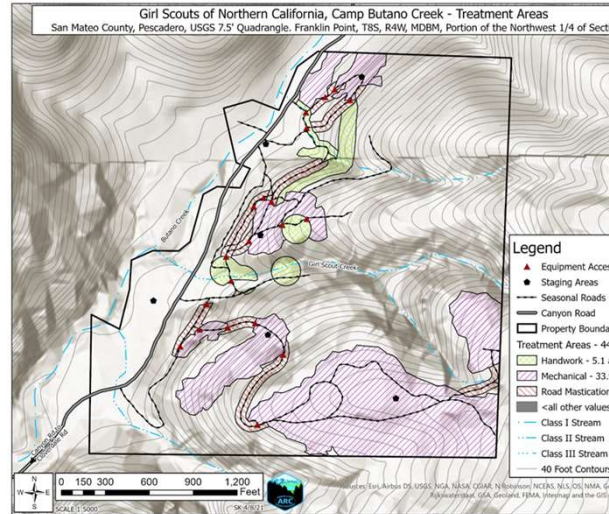
SFPUC Rx Burn

- 775 acre prescribed burn project – targeting grass, shrub, and timber vegetation types
- Dual goals of restoring historic disturbance regimes (low – moderate intensity fire) and developing strategic fuels reduction in WUI areas



Huddart & Wunderlich County Parks

400 acres over two parks
Implementation starting this summer



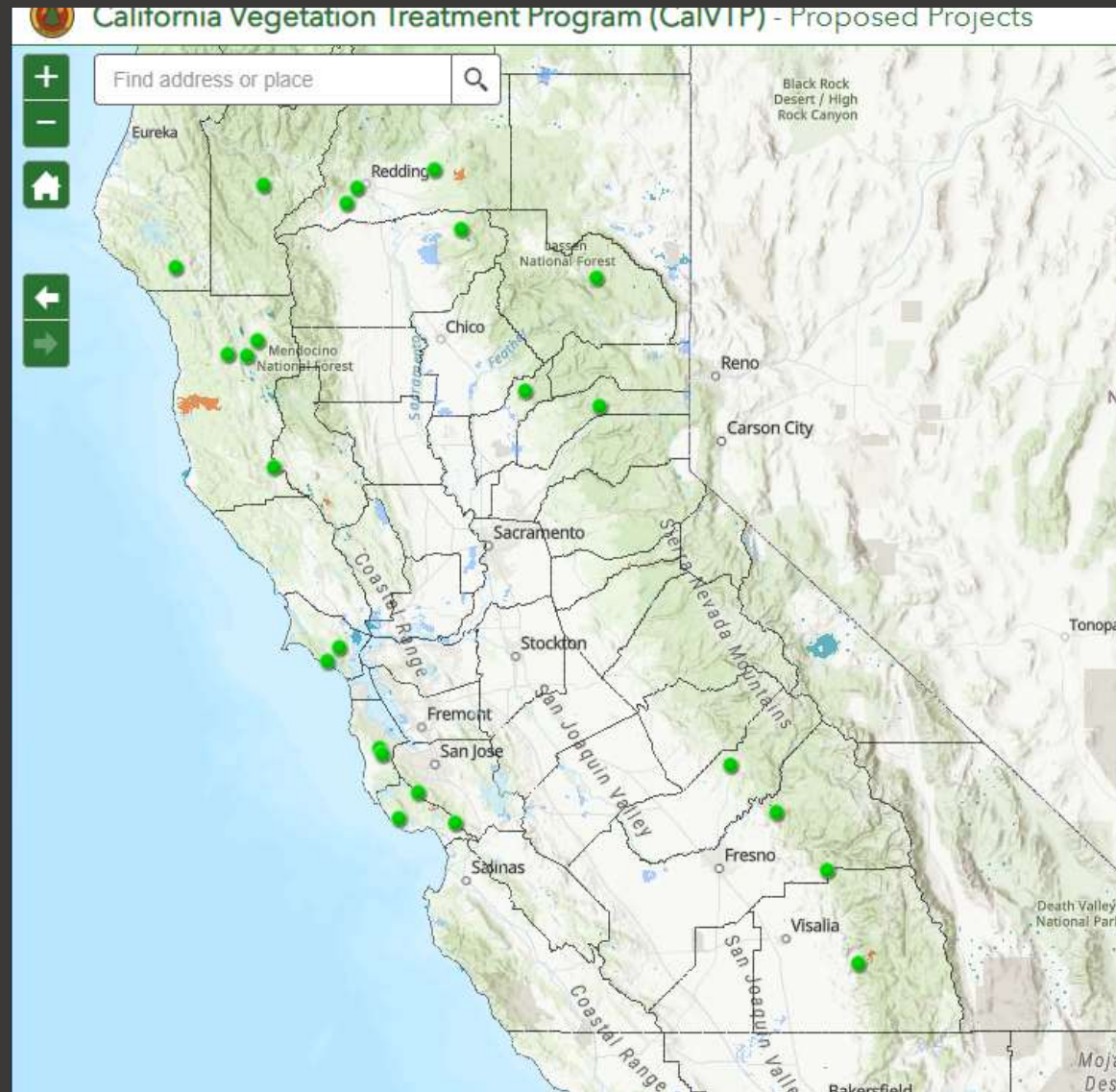
Girl Scout Camp Butano and Butano State Park

Girl Scout Camp Butano – 44 acres

Butano State Park - ~375 acres (planning and permitting)

Permitting Pathways

- California Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Cal VTP PEIR)
 - Project Specific Analysis (PSA)
- Public Works Program (PWP)
 - Coastal California Vegetation Treatment Standards



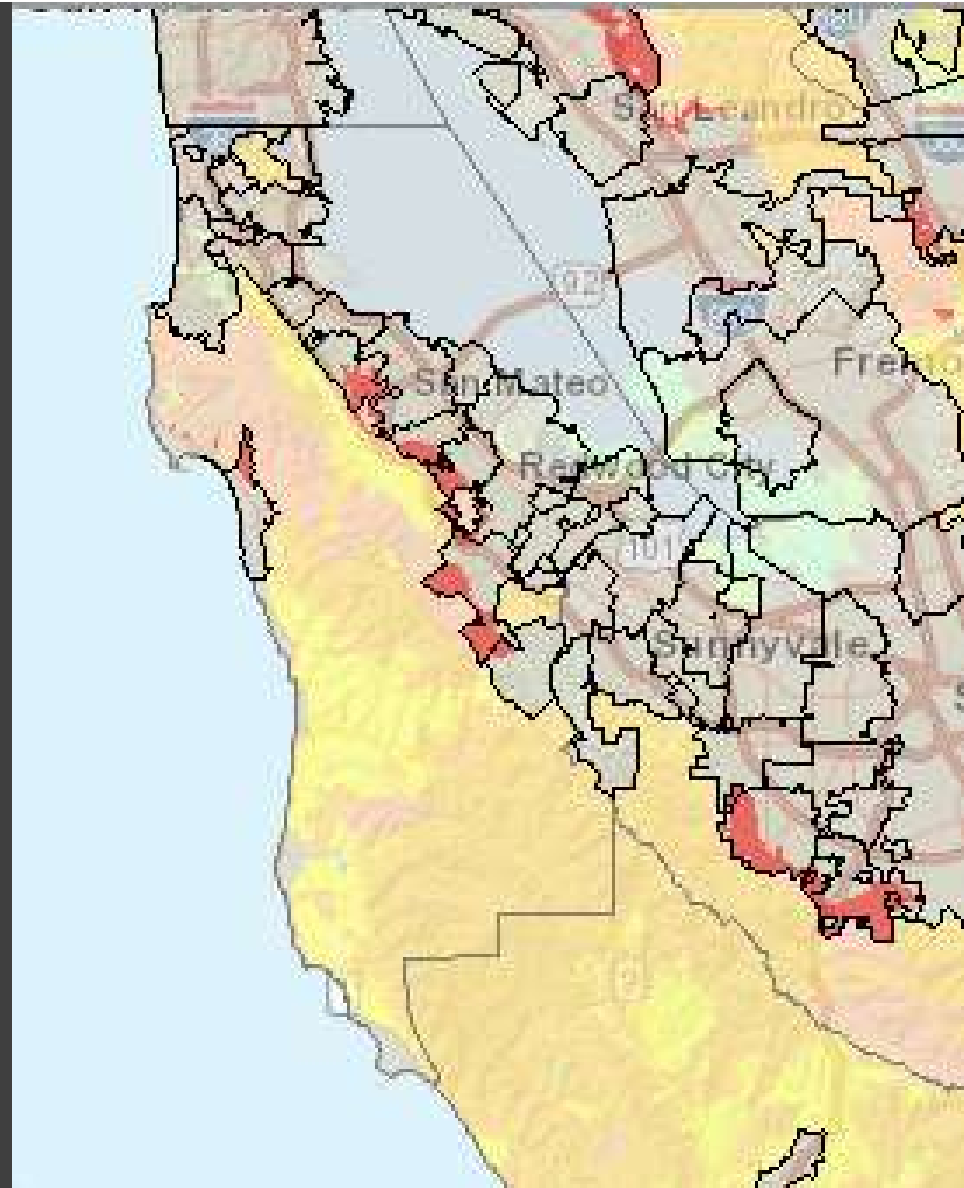


Quiroste Valley Cultural Preserve Vegetation Management

- 115 acre vegetation management project
- Project work started in 2018 as a collaboration between California State Parks, Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT), and the RCD
- 154+ working days, 5500+ person hours

Projects in Development

- Focus on WUI and Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- Project Development funds leveraged for increased funding
- To-date SMC funds have been leveraged to bring in \$4.1M in additional Forest Health and Fire Resiliency funding to the county



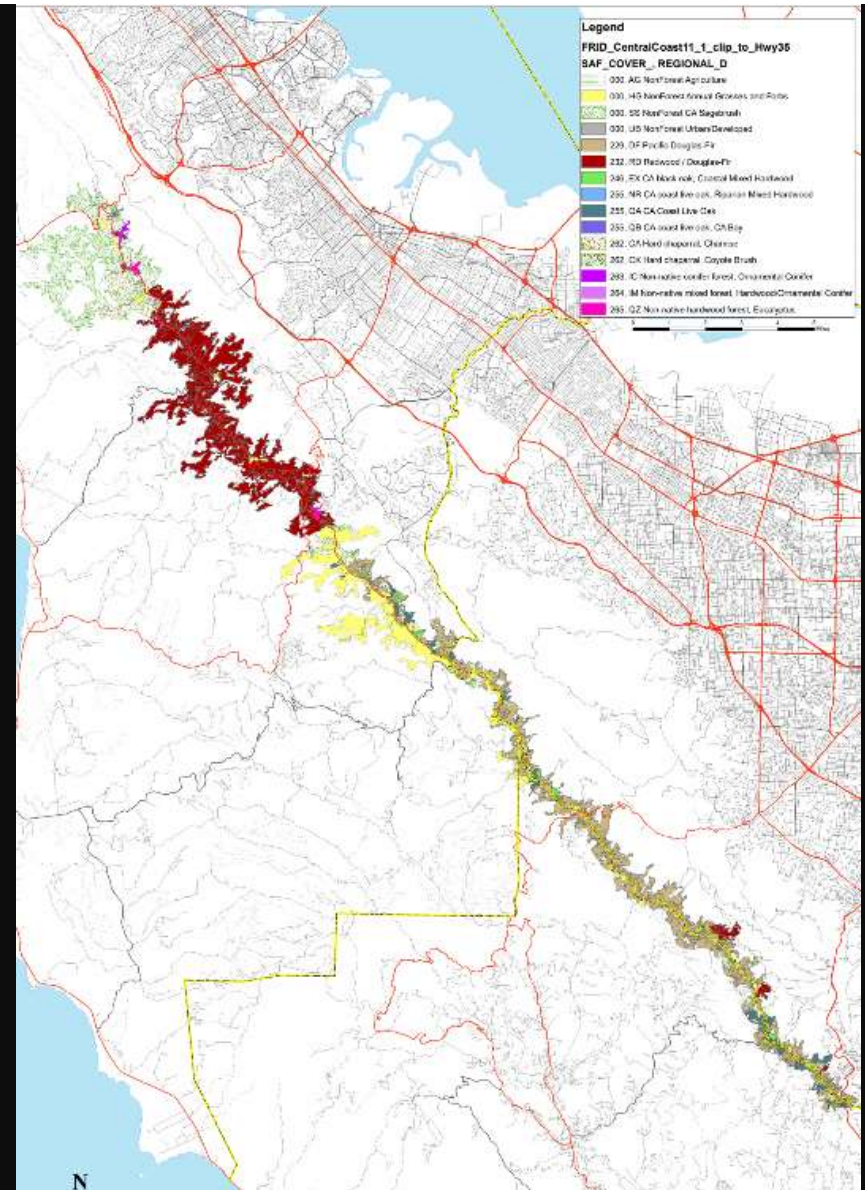
Eucalyptus management

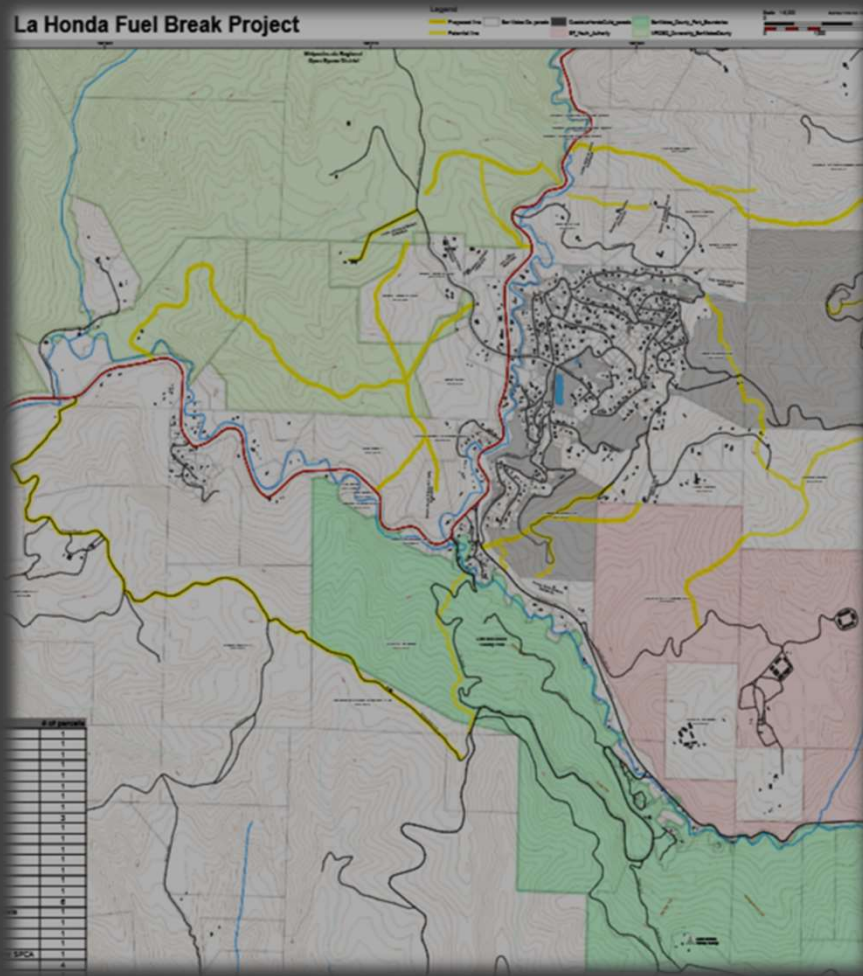
- Responding to community
- Identifying goals and project scope
- Working in partnership with County Parks, CAL FIRE, and the Community



HWY 35

- Large multi-partner collaboration spanning across counties, agencies, and Fire Safe Councils
- Primary project (along right-of-way) and then connecting projects with additional landowners





La Honda Fuel Break

- Large collaborative project – multiagency, organization, and private landowners
- Early project development to get project “shovel ready” for implementation

RESOLUTION 2021-2**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE LITTLE BUTANO CREEK STREAMFLOW
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, BUTANO STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District is a Special District organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code with an original petition granted on July 1, 1939;

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District is defined in Section 3501 of the Government Code as a public agency;

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board through the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) for projects that enhance stream flow;

WHEREAS, San Mateo Resource Conservation District intends to improve water distribution infrastructure and create 100,000 gallons of water storage at Butano State Park to improve water security for park operations and enhance streamflow in Little Butano Creek;

WHEREAS, the California Wildlife Conservation Board may encumber \$2,636,207.78 through the Stream Flow Enhancement Program for the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to implement the Little Butano Creek Stream flow Improvement Project, Butano State Park;

WHEREAS, the California Wildlife Conservation Board requires a resolution from the governing body of the grant recipient authorizing its designee to sign a financial assistance agreement, and any amendments thereto;

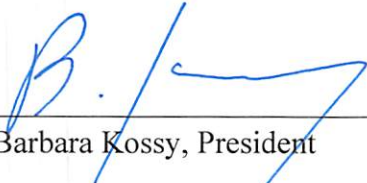
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo Resource Conservation District Board of Directors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board;
2. Authorizes its Executive Director to conduct negotiations, execute, submit, and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment

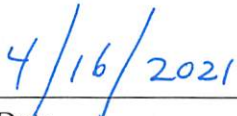
requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project;

3. Certifies that the Resource Conservation District will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
4. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo Resource Conservation District on April 15, 2021.



Barbara Kossy, President



Date