#### COYOTE HIGHLANDS — COYOTE CANYON PLANNING PROCESS

County of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Commission February 2018

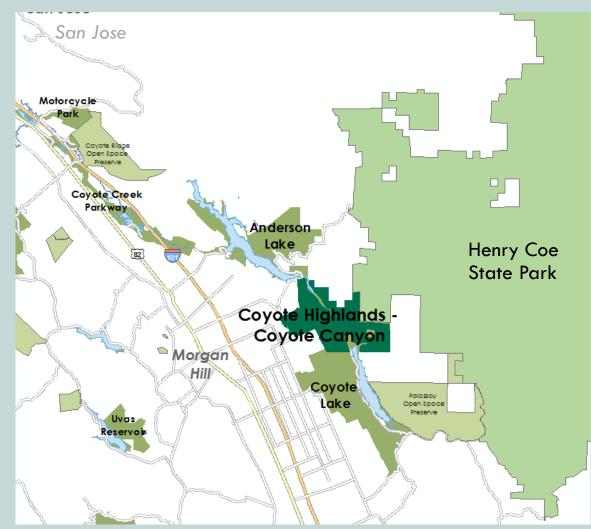


## **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**



## **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











## VIEWS



### PLANNING NEEDED

- Understand the existing conditions, opportunities and constraints to Parks Department management
- 2. Develop informed design recommendations for <u>public access</u>
- 3. Identify goals for maintaining and enhancing <u>natural resources</u>
- 4. Develop a <u>grazing plan</u> to identify infrastructure and improve rangeland management



#### RESOURCE 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
- 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



#### **ACCESS OPTIONS**

- Trail extending between Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park and East Dunne Avenue using existing staging areas
- 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)

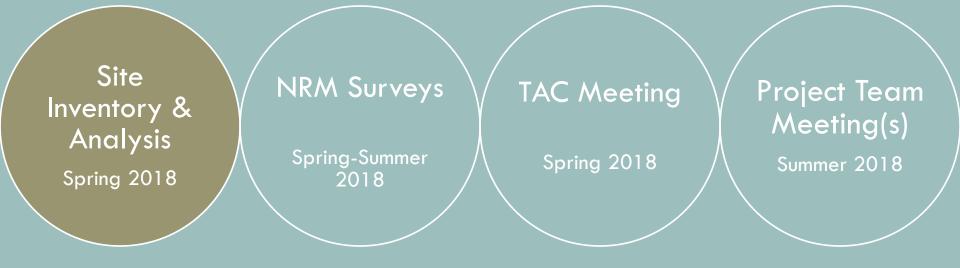


#### CONSULTANT TEAM BFS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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)





# NEXT STEPS

The Goal of the Department is to complete the Plan by December 2018.



# QUESTIONS