



## Notice of Categorical Exemption

**To:** San Mateo County Clerk  
County of San Mateo  
555 County Center, First Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

**From:** Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
5050 El Camino Real  
Los Altos, CA 94022

**Project Title:** Proposed Purchase of Property as an addition to La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve

**Project Location:** Assessor's Parcel Number 072-343-010, 072-343-020, 075-330-100, and 075-340-130 (portion)

**City:** Unincorporated area

**County:** San Mateo

**Description of Project:** The project consists of the purchase of an approximately 96.77-acre property as an addition to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (District) La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and concurrent adoption of a Preliminary Use and Management Plan (PUMP) for the property, including minor erosion control and sediment control measures conducted to prevent erosion. Minor clean-up of vehicles and the remains of a structure will be completed as part of the PUMP. Minor resource management activities may be conducted to control invasive plants. The land would be permanently preserved as open space and maintained in a natural condition.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Same as above

**Exempt Status:** Categorical Exemption

Section 15301 – Repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities

Section 15316 - Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks

Section 15325 - Transfer of Ownership of Interest in land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions

Section 15330 – Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances

### Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Section 15301 exempts the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The PUMP will maintain the Property as status quo with no expansion or changes to its existing uses. The PUMP includes minor erosion control work as necessary, wildland fuel management, and minor natural resource management activities, covered under the District's adopted Resource Management Policies, Integrated Pest Management Program Guidance Manual, Wildland Fire Resiliency Program, the mitigation measures adopted pursuant to Final Environmental Impact Reports of the cited plans and policies, and the District's Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program and Mitigated Negative Declaration, and regulatory permits as applicable.

Section 15316 exempts the acquisition of land to create parks if the land is in a natural condition and the management plan proposes to keep the area in a natural condition. The PUMP specifies that the land will remain in a natural condition and will be designated as an addition to the District's Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve.

Section 15325 exempts transfer of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space. This acquisition will transfer fee ownership of the Property to the District and ensure that the open space will be preserved. The Property will be preserved as open space by incorporating it into the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve.

Section 15330 exempts minor clean-up actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate or eliminate the release of threat or release of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million dollars or less. The PUMP includes clean-up of abandoned vehicles on the property that will not exceed \$1 million dollars in removal costs.

In addition, none of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

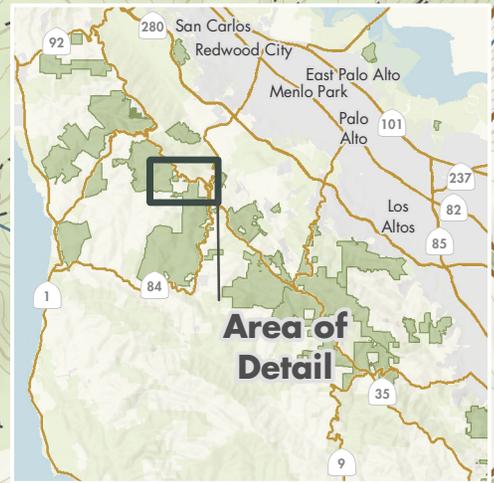
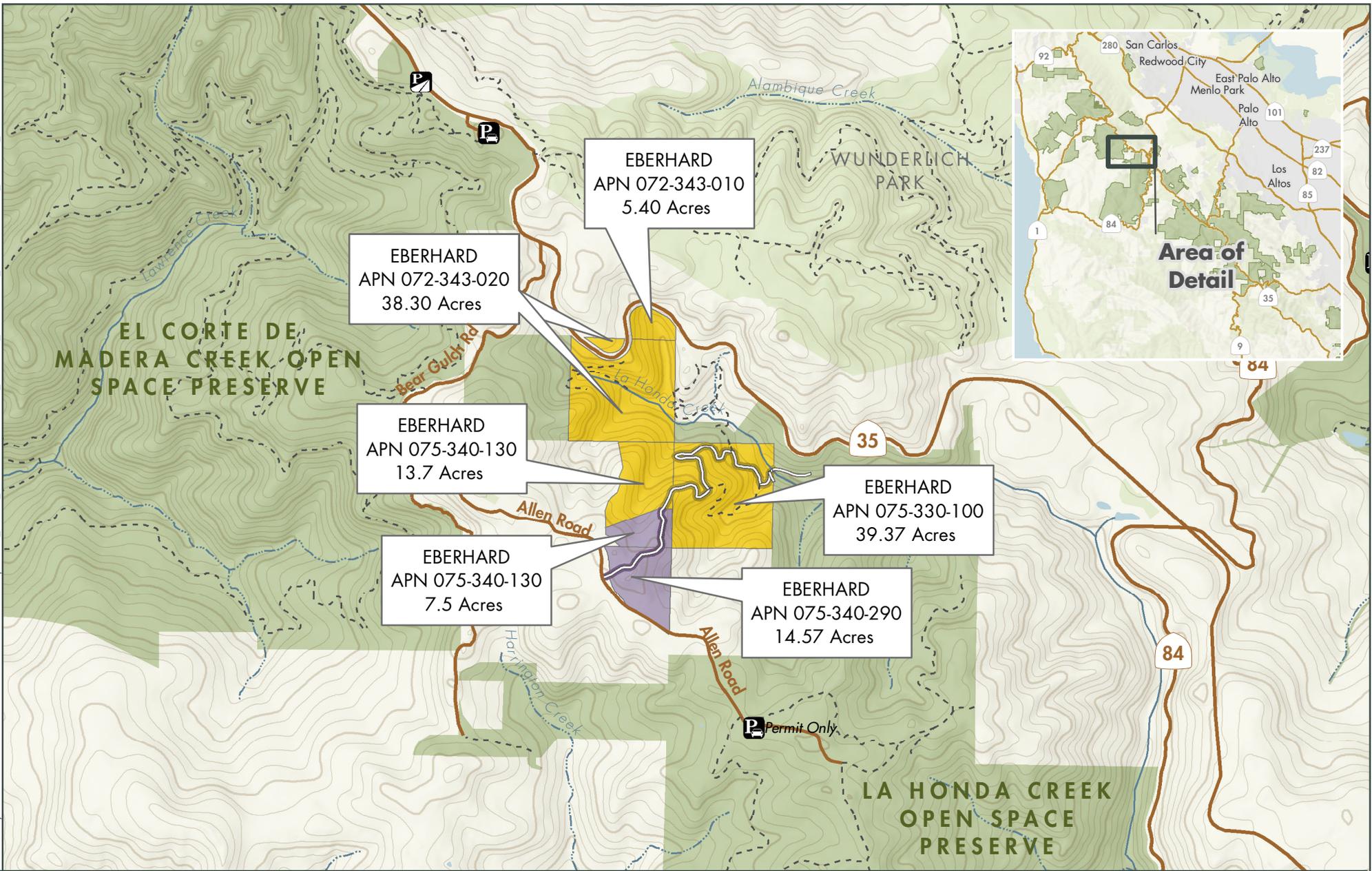
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**Attachments:** Location Map

Signature: *Aaron Peth*

Date: 1/30/2022

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### Eberhard

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|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|  | Midpen preserves      |  | MROSD fee interest  |  | Access easement to Eberhard |
|  | Other protected lands |  | Retained by owner   |  | Access easement to Midpen   |
|  | Private property      |  | Perennial stream    |  | Minor unpaved road          |
|   |                       |  | Intermittent stream |  | Trail (public or private)   |

Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District  
(Midpen)  
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