



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Notice of Categorical Exemption

To: County Clerk Recorder
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

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

Project Title: Proposed Purchase of Property as an addition to Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve

Project Location: Assessor's Parcel Numbers 562-04-006, and 562-04-015

City: Unincorporated area

County: Santa Clara

Description of Project: The project consists of the purchase of an approximately 40-acre property as an addition to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (District) Sierra Azul 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 resource management activities may be conducted to control invasive plants. The adopted PUMP also includes site clean-up and junk removal actions on the Property. 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 Exemptions

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 operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond the existing uses. 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 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 Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program and Mitigated Negative Declaration, and regulatory permits as applicable.

Section 15316 exempts the acquisition of land in order 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 transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space. This acquisition will transfer fee ownership of the property to the District to be preserved as open space and incorporate 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 or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance associated with the former use of the site if removal actions cost \$1 million or less. The PUMP includes clean-up actions on the Property to minimize or eliminate the threat of release of hazardous waste.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

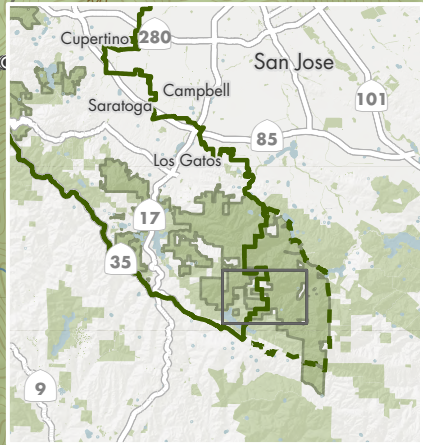
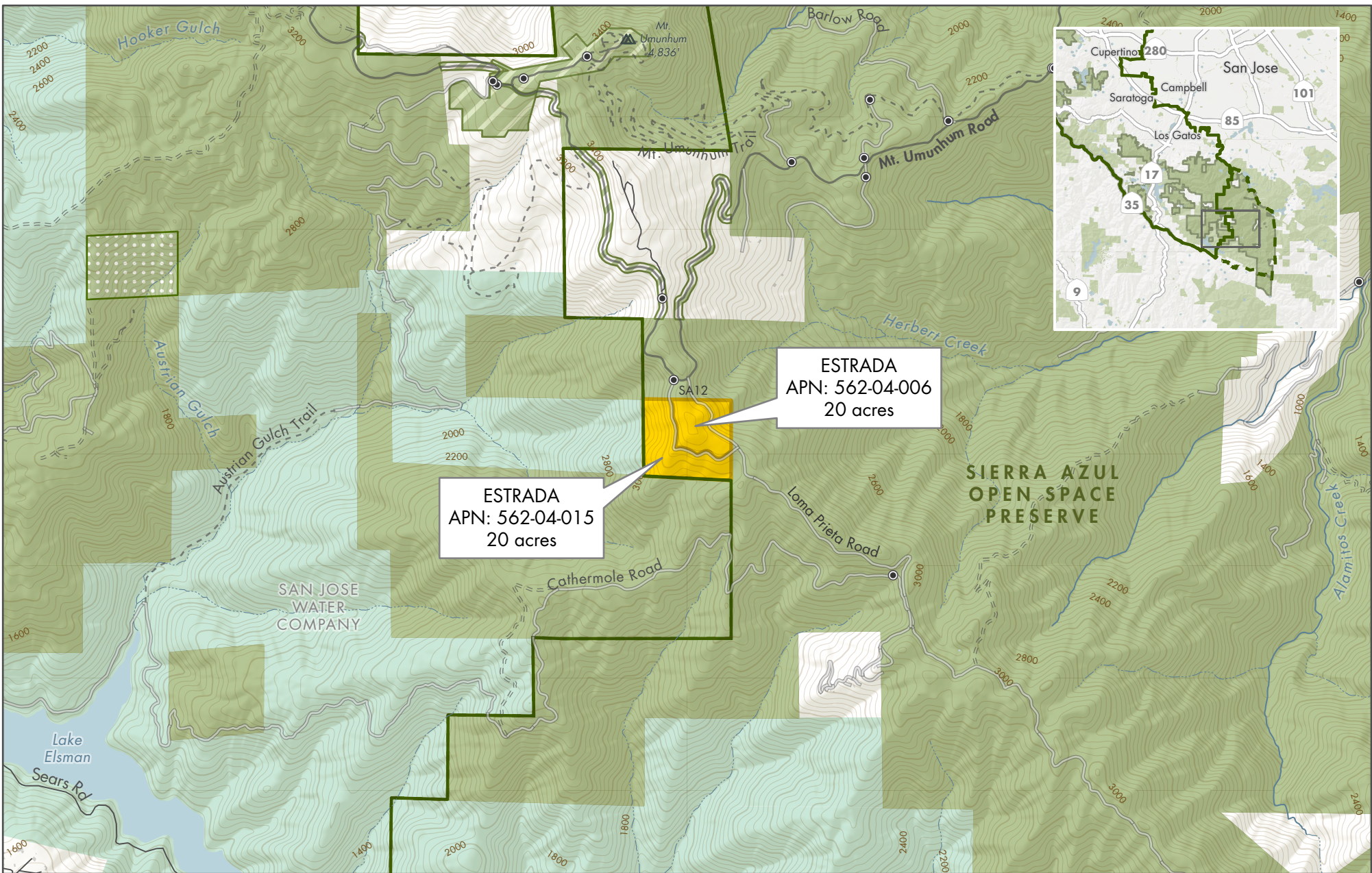
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Attachments: Location Map

Signature: *Aaron Peth*
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APN: 562-04-015
20 acres

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Estrada Property

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| Estrada property | Partial MROSD ownership | Midpen Boundary | Paved road |
| Midpen preserve | Private property | Sphere of influence | Unpaved all-season road |
| Other protected lands | Watershed land | | Unpaved seasonal road |
| | | | Trail |

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