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Deputy Clerk

## Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk  
County of San Mateo

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

**Project Title:** Virtual Cattle-Fencing Study

**Project Location:** Lone Madrone Grazing Unit within La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve

**County:** San Mateo

### Description of Project:

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) is partnering with the University of Nevada, Reno to study the effectiveness of virtual cattle-fencing within the Lone Madrone Grazing Unit (Lone Madrone) in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve. The proposed project would include installation of three base stations that would facilitate operation of radio-wave/GPS capable collars attached to cattle that are part of the existing grazing operation within Lone Madrone (Attachment 1). The collars would use audible cues and physical stimulus to communicate virtual fence positions to cattle to keep them within desired areas or out of undesirable areas.

Temporary base stations would include an approximately 20-foot-tall slim line pole affixed to an electronics equipment box with a solar panel and thin ground rod. Each base station would be secured to the ground using seven stakes. Temporary exclusionary fencing would also be installed around the base station using fourteen t-posts. No sensitive plant species or natural communities would be negatively affected by the proposed project. The duration of the study would be approximately 16 months.

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

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

**Exempt Status:** In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the following sections:

**Section 15303- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures:** Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project includes installation of three small temporary base stations as described herein to support the virtual cattle-fencing study.

**Section 15304- Minor Alterations to Land:** Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The Project will include minor alterations to land to install three temporary virtual cattle-fencing base stations and associated exclusionary fencing. No trees are proposed for removal.



Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project.

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Jane Mark, AICP, Planning Manager

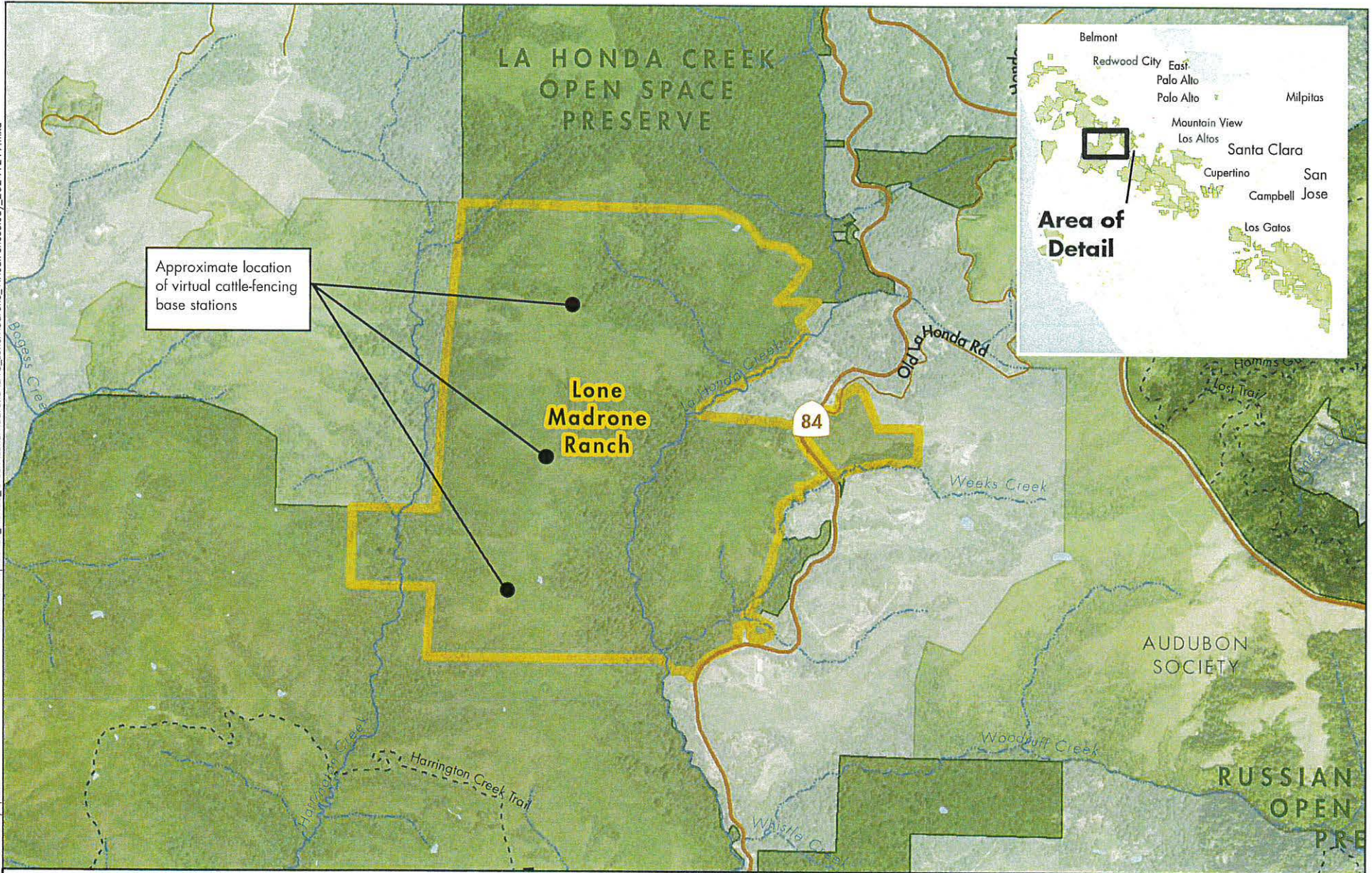
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Attachment: Location Map

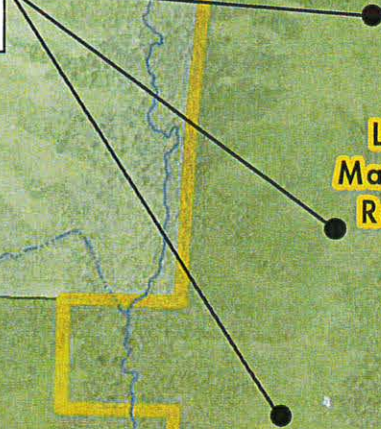


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Approximate location of virtual cattle-fencing base stations



**Lone Madrone Ranch**

-  Midpen preserve
-  Lone Madrone Ranch
-  Other protected land
-  Private property

Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District  
(Midpen)  
12/19/2024



While the District strives to use the best available digital data, these data do not represent a legal survey and are merely a graphic illustration of geographic features.





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**CASH RECEIPT**  
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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 41-12232024-0002  
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LEAD AGENCY MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/23/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN MATEO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 129095	

PROJECT TITLE  
 LONE MADRONE GRAZING UNIT WITHIN LA HONDA CREEK OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **50.00**
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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