



MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2020 Year End Review

Highlights of the major accomplishments:

- ✿ Neared completion of new segment of **Bay Trail** in **Ravenswood**
- ✿ Acquired 540-acre **Gordon Ridge** property near **Tunitas Creek**



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- Responded to rapidly changing county health orders due to COVID-19 that effected public preserve use and District workforce activities
- Completed a new restroom and adjustments to the ADA loop trail at **Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve**
- Made significant progress on the New Administrative Office and South Area Field Office projects





FY20 Year-End Review

Fiscal Year-End Action Plan Project Status

Project Status	FY20		FY19		FY18	
	Total	Total as a %	Total	Total as a %	Total	Total as a %
Complete	41	36%	57	53%	60	46%
In Progress	60	53%	38	36%	55	43%
Deferred or Cancelled	12	11%	12	11%	14	11%
Total	113	100%	107	100%	129	100%



Deferred or Cancelled Projects



- ❖ VPI5-001 Redwood Forest Land Opportunity
- ❖ VP20-002 Highway 17 Land Conservation
- ❖ VP24-001 Sierra Azul Rancho de Guadalupe Land Conservation
- ❖ VP39-001 Lower San Gregorio Creek Watershed Land Conservation



- ❖ VP32-003 Toto Ponds Management Planning



- ❖ Operating Cooley Landing Site Use Agreements
- ❖ VP38-001 Cooley Landing Park Business and Operation Plan



- ❖ 61002 Russian Ridge - Quam Residence Driveway Improvement
- ❖ Operating South Area Outpost Driveway Repaving
- ❖ VP06-001 Hawthorns Historic Complex Partnership and Lease
- ❖ 65406 Radio Replacement for Ranger Staff and Patrol Vehicles
- ❖ Operating Legislative Initiatives



FY20 Year-End Review

Fiscal Year-End Action Plan Project Status

Project Status	FY20			
	Adopted	<i>Added</i>	Total	Total as a %
Complete	40	<i>1</i>	41	36%
In Progress	57	<i>3</i>	60	53%
Deferred	12	<i>0</i>	12	11%
Total	109	<i>4</i>	113	100%



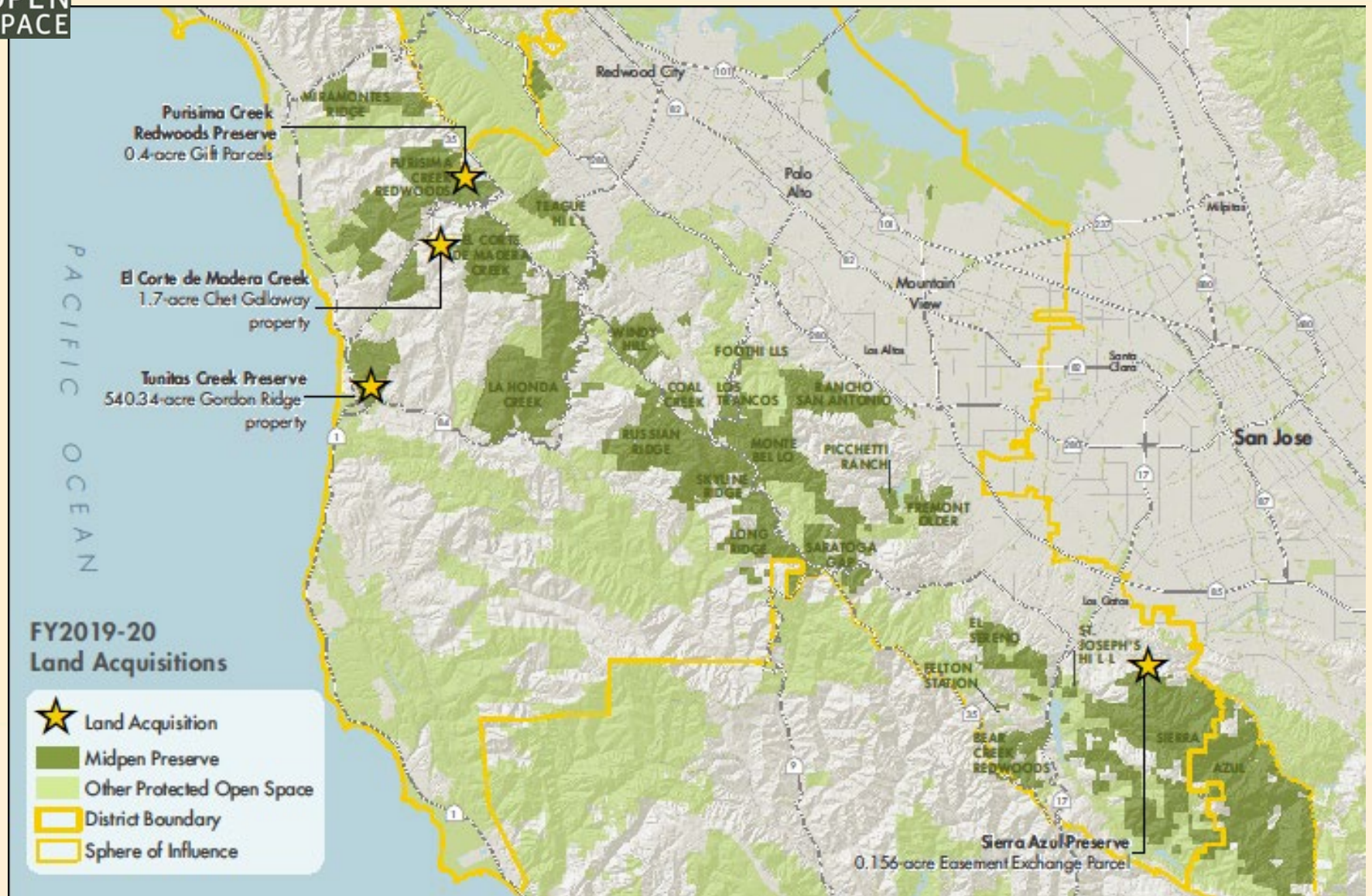
Action Plan Project Status

Added Projects

		MAA04-001	Gallaway Property Purchase	
		Operating	Parking Area Naming Conventions	
		51702	District Wide Fiber Optics	
		61001	Tunitas Creek - Toto Ranch Driveway Improvements	



Land Acquisition & Preservation





Land Acquisition & Preservation

- Purchased, exchanged or received gifts of 542.6 acres of open space lands valued at \$12.668 million dollars, including:
 - Purchase of the 540-acre Gordon Ridge property as an addition to **Tunitas Creek Preserve** – advances land conservation opportunities in Vision Plan Portfolio 32 to support additional watershed preservation and conservation grazing.
 - Purchase of the 1.7-acre Chet Gallaway property as an addition to **El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve** – advances land conservation opportunities in Measure AA portfolio 4 to support recreational trail access and water quality projects.
 - Received three Redwood Park gift parcels totaling 0.4 acres as part of **Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve**.
 - Negotiated an exchange of easements that has secured public access over a portion of private property along a segment of the popular Kennedy Trail in the **Sierra Azul Preserve**.



Gordon Ridge Property



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Chet Gallaway Property



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Natural Resources Protection & Restoration

- ✿ Completed extensive and numerous natural resource protection and restoration projects:
 - Continued work to prevent and prepare for **wildland fires**
 - Released a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, provided a public Scoping Meeting, and received public comment on the developing Wildland Fire Resiliency Program
 - Drafted **Windy Hill** and **Pulgas Ridge preserves** Fire Response Preplans to prepare Midpen and adjacent neighbors for a fire emergency. Completed field verification for five additional preserves
 - **Conservation Grazing** – Completed key steps for the Mindego Pond Improvements project, and completed infrastructure repairs, and held public meetings to refine the proposed Grazing Management Policy Amendment
 - Completed third (and final) year of a stream gauge and sediment study at **El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve**
 - Continued the Highway 17 Wildlife and Regional Trail Crossings Project that will provide a safe wildlife corridor and a separate regional trail crossing across Highway 17





Natural Resources Protection & Restoration



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Public Access, Education & Outreach

- Completed numerous projects expanding public access in:
 - **Ravenswood Preserve:** Neared completion of new 0.6-mile segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail with construction of a new boardwalk and bridge across sensitive bayland wetlands that closes a critical regional trail gap that will create 80 miles of continuous Bay Trail access
 - **Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve:** Completed restroom construction, adjustments to the new ADA-accessible loop trail, and final punch list items as part of the Parking Area construction. Submitted a Notice of Completion to the county for this completed project
 - **El Corte de Madera Preserve:** Completed Phase 3 and 4 of the new Oljon Trail connecting Steam Donkey to the Springboard Trail, including final construction and restoration work associated with the Watershed Protection Program



Ravenswood Open Space Preserve



Mike Kahn/Midpen



El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve



Leigh Ann Gessner/Midpen (3)



District Wide Support of our Mission

- ✿ Supporting Midpen's mission through numerous activities:
 - Continued implementation of critical Financial and Operational Sustainability Model Study recommendations
 - Made significant progress on the **Climate Action Plan** implementation project
 - Avoided approximately 54 tons of carbon dioxide emissions from employee commutes between 3/16/20 and 6/30/20 due to telecommuting during shelter-in-place orders.
 - Made significant progress to bring new Midpen office facilities online for improved administrative functions and delivery of projects and services
 - Completed Mt. Umunhum Road Traffic Study Project, which included the installation of paved bicycle turnouts, repairs to roadside drainage scupper, curb repairs, the application of shared-lane markings, and installation of a solid double yellow centerline



District Wide Support of our Mission



Noll and Tam Architects



Zach Alexander/Midpen



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In Response to COVID-19

- Coordinated extensively to comply with and educate visitors on public health requirements, monitoring county health orders, and implementing preserve and facility closures as needed
- Developed timely and extensive safety protocols, processes, procedures and trainings to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to keep the workforce and the public safe while Midpen continued to work through the pandemic
- Developed a COVID-19 health check web application that streamlines daily reporting of self-health checks for staff, increasing staff and public safety
- Provided technology tools to allow staff to continue being productive at home
- Updated the preserve guide map series to reflect current information on COVID-19 restrictions, closures, and messaging, including the addition of wide trails (6+ feet) and one-way routes to promote social distancing





Grants Completed in FY20

- The Grantmaking Program distributed \$100,000 to three organizations in support of local environmental education programs
- Completed seven successful grant applications totaling \$6,528,211:
 - \$2,895,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency in support of the Phase 2 Trail Improvements, Alma Cultural Landscape Rehabilitation, and Ponds Restoration and Water Rights projects at Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve.
 - \$1,960,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Gordon Ridge Property Land Conservation project at Tunitas Creek Preserve.



Grants Completed in FY20 Continued

- \$700,000 from Caltrans for the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection project at Ravenswood Preserve.
- \$301,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy in support of the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail & Staging Area Feasibility and Planning project at Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve.
- \$272,211 from the County of Santa Clara in Stanford Recreation Mitigation Funds for Alpine Road Regional Trail at Coal Creek Preserve.
- \$200,000 from the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department's Historic Grant Program for the Alma Cultural Landscape Restoration Plan at Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve.
- \$200,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Habitat Conservation Fund in support of the Mindego Pond Improvement project at Russian Ridge Preserve



Awards Received in FY20

- Received the 2019 Municipal Information Systems Association of California Technology Innovation Award for SharePoint Project Central: An Innovative Project Management System
- Received the Leadership in Technology Award from the Special Districts West for Project Central and mobile technology integration
- Received the Talent Action Program Award from the Cal-ICMA for overall excellence in attracting and recruiting and developing talent by the Human Resources department
- Awarded the "Innovation in Green Community Planning" from the Northern Section of American Planning Association for Midpen's Climate Action Plan



Awards Received in FY20

- Received annual budget awards from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO).
- Applied for the CAFR and PAFR Reporting Award from both GFOA and CSMFO.

