

Portfolio 24

Sierra Azul Rancho de Guadalupe Family Recreation



Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve (Basim Jaber)

DESCRIPTION

- Open Rancho de Guadalupe to public access.
- Develop accessible multiuse trails with amenities such as parking and family recreation.
- Restore habitat for rare species.
- Protect cultural and natural resources.

Portfolio Allocation: \$10,078,000

Portfolio Expenditures Through 6/30/2023: \$1,591,996

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAA24-001 Barth Property Purchase

Prior Years

Purchased 4-acre Barth property improving access into the preserve from Hicks Road.

MAA24-002 Petersen Property Acquisition

Prior Years

Purchased the 23.41-acre Petersen property to protect grassland habitat and water quality in the Guadalupe Creek watershed.

MAA24-003 Property Exchange Navid/Bagher

Prior Years

Negotiated a property exchange with Navid/Bagher covering 3.42 acres, further improving access from Hicks Road to the preserve.

MAA24-004 Kahn Property Acquisition

Prior Years

Purchased the 24.01-acre Kahn property for open space and watershed protection.

In Support of MAA24

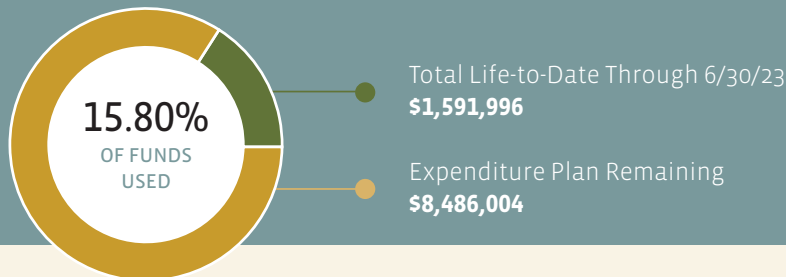
Prior Years

Staff further consulted with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe on a cultural site that relates to a Valley Water exchange agreement within the Rancho de Guadalupe Area of Sierra Azul Preserve.

Staff met with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe to discuss the protection of a cultural site in the vicinity of Valley Water's proposed staging area.

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Project	Expenditure Plan	Total Through Prior Period 6/30/22	Current Period 7/1/22 Through 6/30/23	Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23	Expenditure Plan Remaining	Percent Expended
Total Portfolio Allocation	\$10,078,000					
24-001—Barth Property Purchase		\$300,035	\$0	\$300,035		
24-002—Petersen Property Acquisition		\$700,603	\$0	\$700,603		
24-003—Property Exchange Navid/Bagher		\$39,184	\$0	\$39,184		
24-004—Kahn Property Acquisition		\$552,174	\$0	\$552,174		
Grand Total	\$10,078,000	\$1,591,996	\$0	\$1,591,996	\$8,486,004	15.80%



Midpen discussed buffer areas with Valley Water for a proposed staging area.

Staff worked with Santa Clara County Planning Department and the Open Space Authority to propose amendment to Santa Clara County zoning ordinance for permitting exemptions for low intensity park and open space parking and trail improvements. Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved Zoning Ordinance Amendment allowing exemptions from land use permitting.

Valley Water conducted a natural resources assessment of a potential construction staging area on Midpen property that can be subsequently repurposed into a new public use staging area to access the Rancho de Guadalupe area of the preserve in May 2020.

Pursued land conservation opportunities by continuing to work with a landowner and consulting with County of Santa Clara planning department about possible lot line adjustments or remainder lot legalization along Pheasant Creek.

Continued to negotiate with Valley Water about a land exchange to facilitate widening of Hicks Road near Guadalupe Reservoir and construction of a potential new parking area for the preserve.

PROJECT CHALLENGES

Land acquisition requires a willing seller.

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

Continue negotiations for potential land acquisition.

Complete western pond turtle studies.