Coyote Hills (Patterson) Restoration and Public Access Project

Coyote Hills Regional Park

Community Workshop 1 Meeting Summary

- 1. Promotion and Outreach
- 2. Meeting Notice
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- 4. Sign-in Sheet
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- 6. Meeting Notes and Photos
- 7. Survey



Workshop #1 Promotion and Outreach

The East Bay Regional Park District utilized different methods to promote the workshop and engage the public. See summary table below:

MEETING/ENGAGEMENT	PURPOSE	FORMAT	MEETING MATERIALS/PRODUCTS	PROMOTION/OUTREACH			
STAGE 1: PROJECT INITIATIO	STAGE 1: PROJECT INITIATION						
Workshop #1 (Public Meeting) Date: August 14, 2017, 7-9pm Fremont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Boulevard	 Promote awareness of the project Introduce the project Educate on the planning and development process and relevant project issues Share and explain findings of Existing Conditions, Opportunities and Constraints Analysis Seek input to help identify initial program considerations and inform Stage 2 concepts and schematic designs 	 Presentation Facilitated discussion Break-out groups 	 Agenda / sign-in sheets PowerPoint presentation Program questionnaire Comment cards and Program Questionnaire (electronic and paper) Meeting comment summary (for web posting) 	 Press release following workshop Social Media – a few days prior to workshop EBRPD website posting – one month prior to workshop Email or USPS notification (project mailing list) – 1-2 weeks prior to workshop Physical Posting (In- park) – 3 weeks prior to workshop 			



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Karla Cuero Project Coordinator kcuero@ebparks.org (510)544-2622 ¡Queremos escuchar de ti! El Distrito de Parques Regionales del Este de la Bahía tendrá una reunión pública para presentar y proporcionar información sobre el Proyecto de Acceso Público y Restauración de Coyote Hills. Este proyecto incluye un área de 296 acres que ampliará el límite del parque hasta el Paseo Padre Parkway. Las oportunidades de desarrollo incluyen la restauración del hábitat, las conexiones de senderos, y el estacionamiento. Agradecemos sus sugerencias y comentarios en nuestro esfuerzo continuo para mejorar su experiencia en Coyote Hills.

我们想听听你的看法!

东湾区域公园正在举行 公开会议的介绍和提供有关恢复Coyote Hills的资料 和公共访问项目。这个项目,以296英亩的面积将其扩大 公园边界至Paseo Padre Parkway。 发展机遇包括栖息地恢复,步道连接, 和停车场。我们欢迎你的建议 和反馈帮助我们不断努力提高你的体验在Coyote Hills。

कोयोट हिल्स बहाली और सार्वजनिक पहुंच परियोजना के बारे में जानकारी देने और पेश करने के लिए ईस्ट बे रीजनल पार्क डिस्ट्रिक्ट एक सार्वजनिक बैठक आयोजित कर रहा है। इस परियोजना में एक 296 एकड़ का क्षेत्र शामिल है जो पार्क सीमा को पसेओ पाट्रे पार्कवे तक बढ़ा देगा। विकास के लिए अवसरों में आवास पुनर्स्थापना, निशान कनेक्शन, और पार्किंग शामिल हैं कोयोट हिल्स में अपने अनुभव को बढाने के लिए हम आपके

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Coyote Hills Regional Park

Public Access and Habitat Project

Community Workshop #1

Agenda

(August 14, 2017)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Presentation
- 3. Questions and Answers
- 4. Review Project Maps
- 5. Wrap-up and Summary





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Sign-in Sheet



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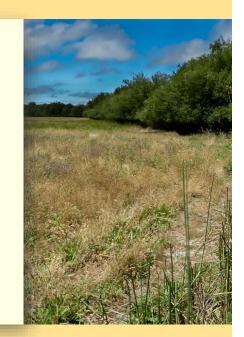
- 1. Welcome and Introductions
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- 3. General Questions
- 4. Review Project Maps (Group Discussion)
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GROUND RULES



- Listen
- Keep It Short
- Don't Interrupt
- Take Turns
- Be Polite





PRESENTATION



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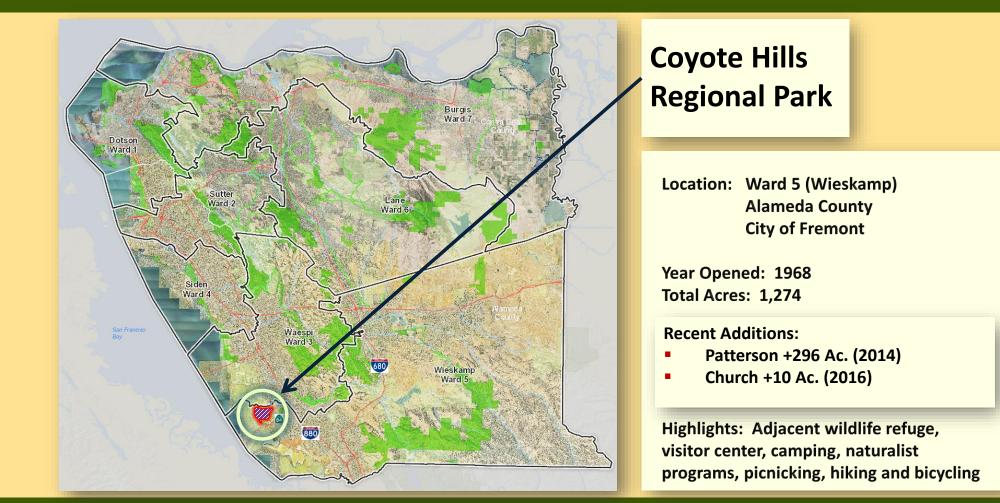
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PROJECT LOCATION



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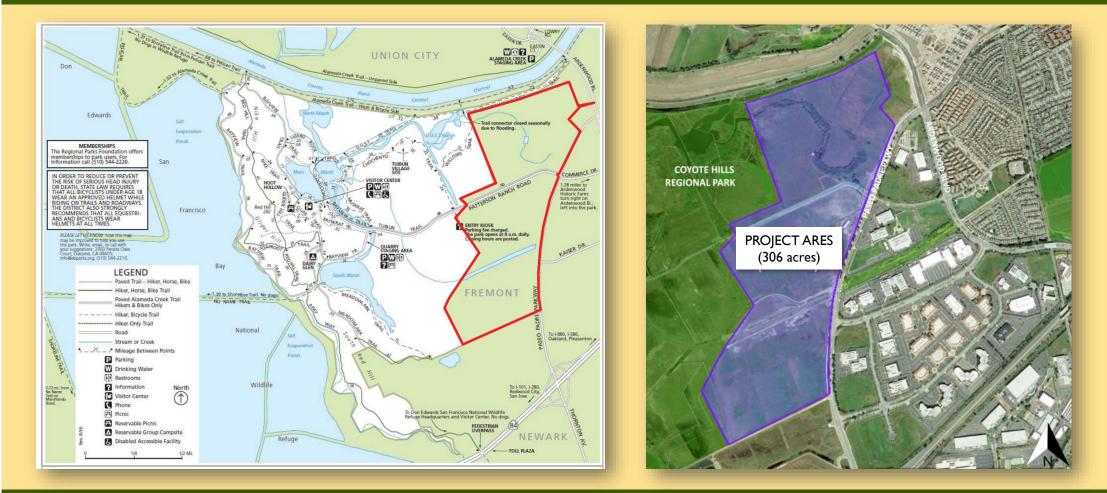
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HISTORY & BACKGROUND

- ☑ 1967 Property Acquired (446 ac.)
- ☑ 1972 Land Use Plan (LUP) Adopted
- ☑ 1983-1984 Alameda County Flood Control Lease (472 ac.)
- ☑ 1974-1992 Other Acquisitions (56 ac.)
- ☑ 2005 Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA), CEQA, Public Review
- ☑ 2014 Patterson Ranch Donation (296 ac.)
- ☑ 2016 "Church" Acquisition (10 ac.)

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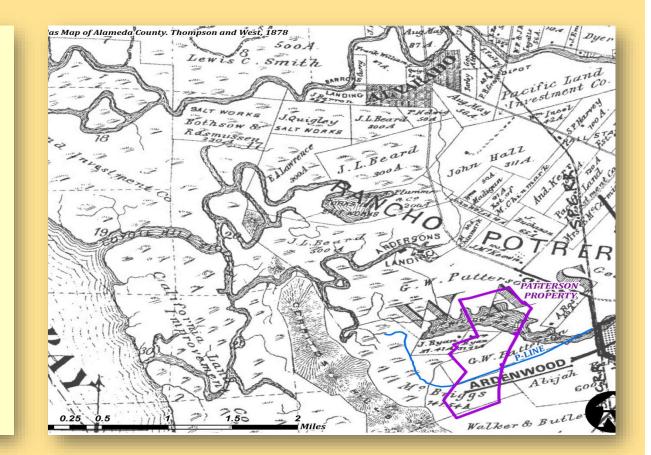


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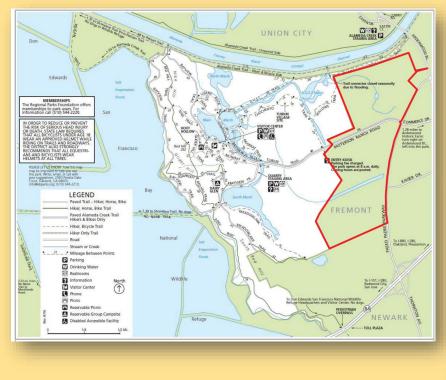


CONTEXT: RELATED PLANS AND PROJECTS

- 2005 Coyote Hills Land Use Plan
- DUST Marsh Implementation
- Adjacent Patterson Ranch Development
- Agriculture and Open Space Easements
- ACFCWCD Flood Control Projects



2005 LAND USE PLAN PROGRAM





- Maintain and Expand Habitat Diversity
 - Willow Marsh
 - Riparian
 - Seasonal Wetlands
 - Coastal Prairie

2005 LAND USE PLAN PROGRAM



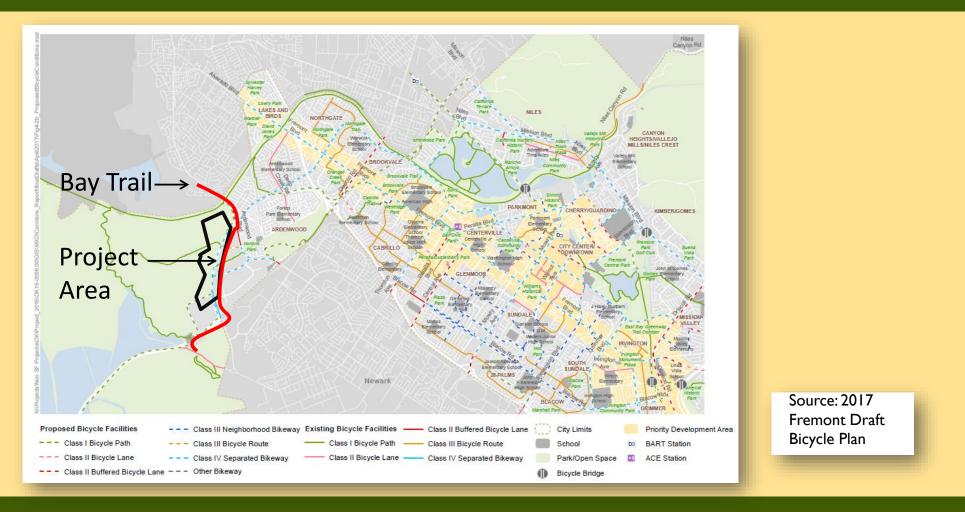
 Provide a New Picnicking Area with Parking

Relocate Park Entrance Kiosk



Existing Informal Parking

TRAIL CONNECTIONS

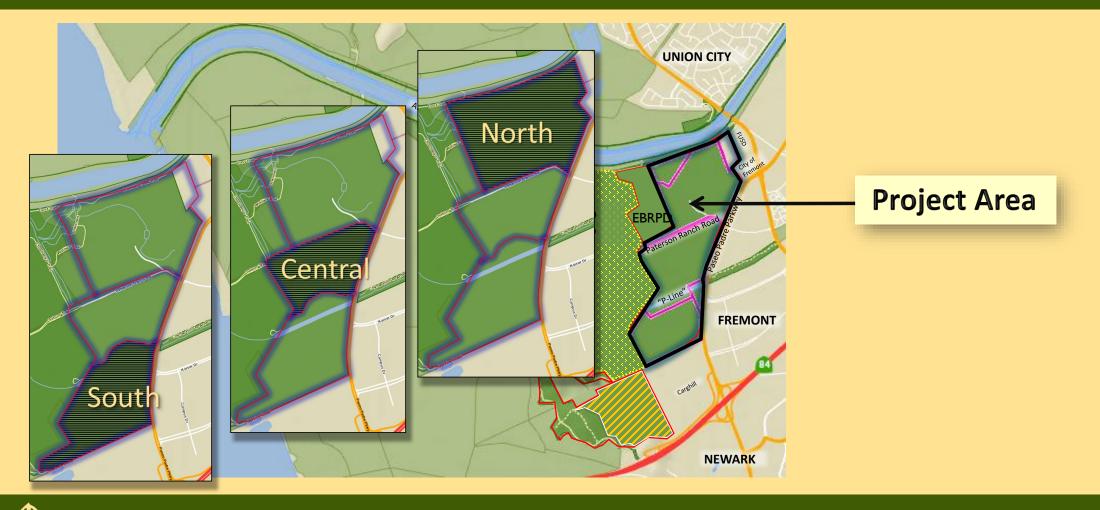


PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

- LAND USE PLAN: For new acquisition to Coyote Hills Regional Park
- SIZE: Approximately 306 acres, formerly part of Patterson Ranch
- FOCUS: Opportunities for outdoor recreation, restoration and urban agriculture
- PROJECT COMPONENTS:
 - Community Engagement
 - Concepts and Schematic Designs
 - Land Use Plan Amendment & Design Development
 - Environmental Document



PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS



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Presentation

ARDENWOOD CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT



AGENDA



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Build on Plans and Policies of Local and Regional Agencies:

- EBRPD
- Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals
- California State Wildlife Action Plan
- City of Fremont
- Alameda County
- ABAG Bay Trail Plan
- Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge





Public Access

- Provide a more prominent park entrance
- Improve staging/parking, trails and connections, habitat buffers, *Climate Smart Park* interpretive exhibits





Habitat Restoration

- Restore and enhance riparian, wetland and grassland habitats
- Design habitats to increase plant and animal diversity



Urban Agriculture

 Provide opportunities to continue organic farming, seek synergistic partnerships between agriculture, restoration and climate smart features



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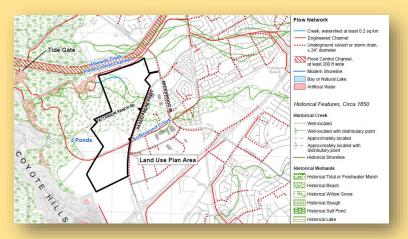


SITE CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

- Historic Landscape Conditions
- Agriculture and Open Space Easements
- Soils / Geology
- Watershed/Hydrology
- Flood Hazard Areas

- s Wetlands
 - Wildlife Species
 - Plant Communities
 - Sea Level Rise Elevations
 - Cultural Resources
 - Trail Connections

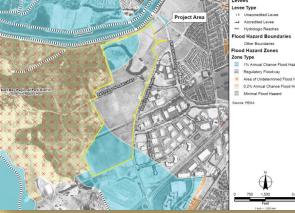
HISTORIC LANDSCAPE



WATERSHED **HYDROLOGY**



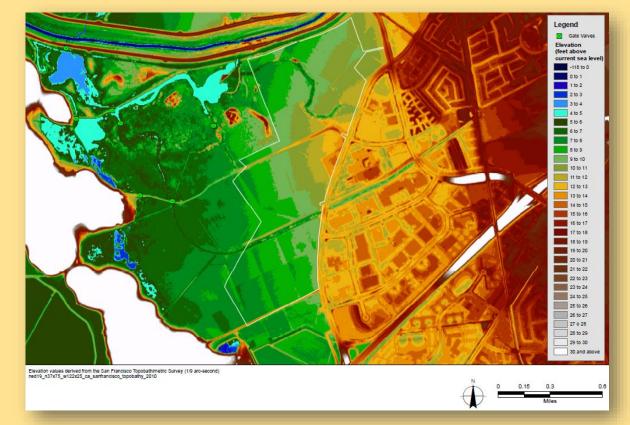
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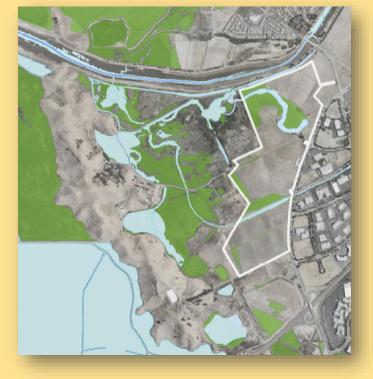
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ELEVATIONS, FLOODING, AND SEA LEVEL RISE





SEA LEVEL RISE: CURRENT



SEA LEVEL RISE: + 2' (2070)



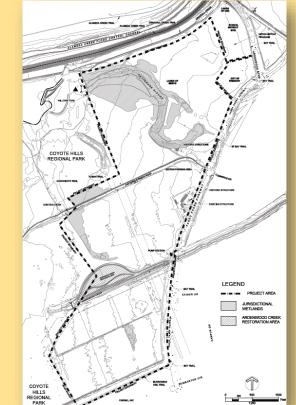
SEA LEVEL RISE: + 5' (2100)



GROUNDWATER DEPTH



WETLANDS



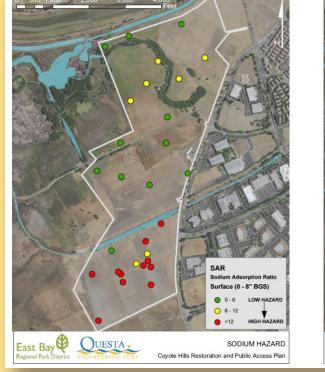
Patterson Slough Riparian Area

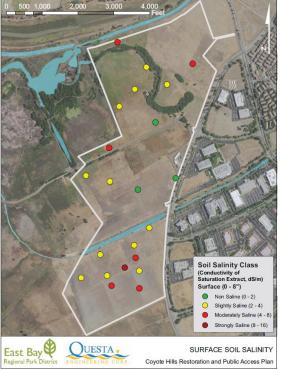
- Freshwater and Seasonal Wetlands
- Western Seasonal Wetlands
- Ardenwood Creek
 Flood Control and
 Restoration Project

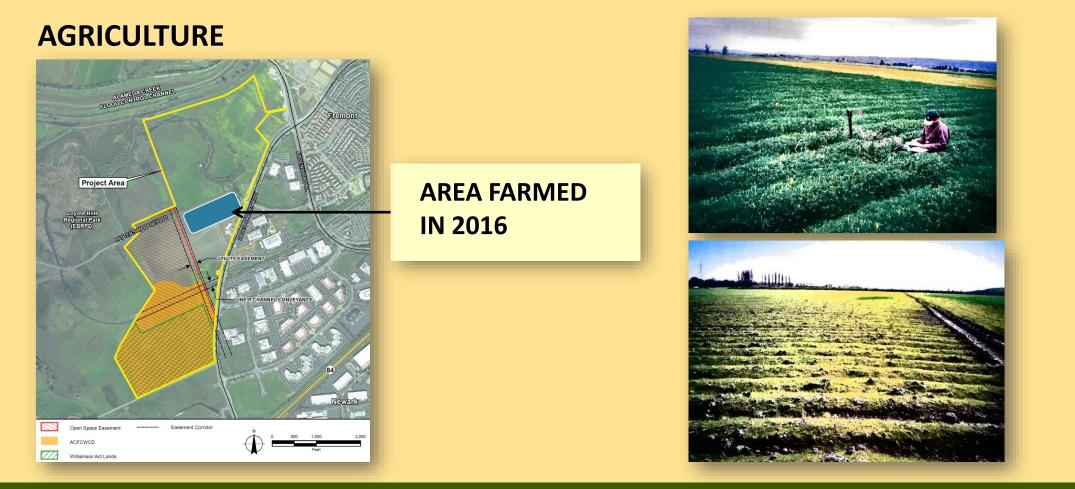
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SOIL CONDITIONS



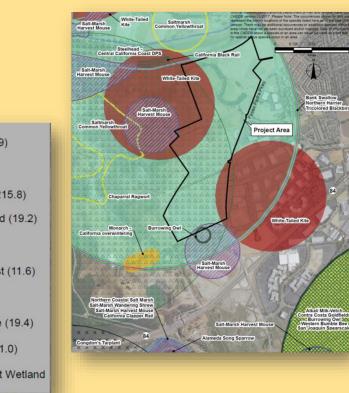






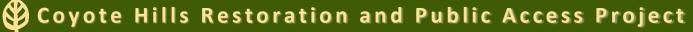
PLANT COMMUNITIES



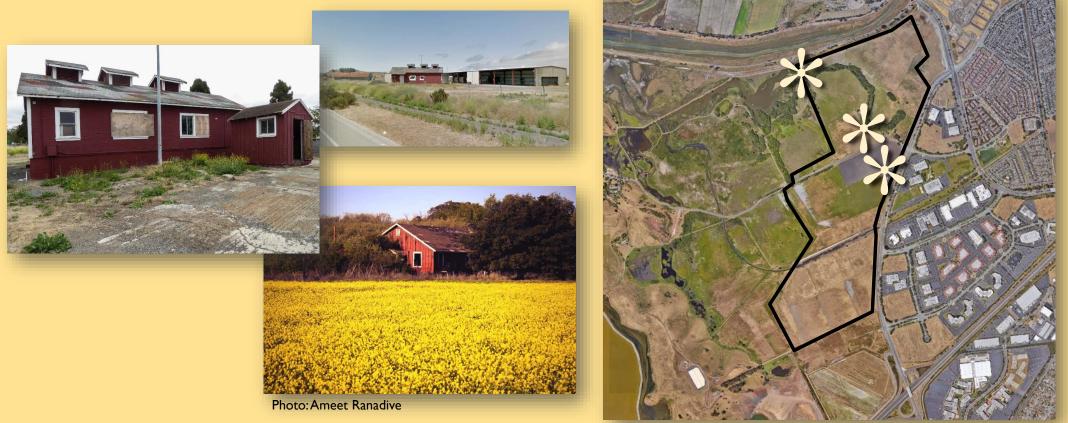


WILDLIFE SPECIES

- Riparian Areas / Seasonal Wetlands / Grasslands
- White-tailed Kite
- Northern Harrier
- Burrowing Owl
- Bank Swallow
- Tri-Colored Blackbird



CULTURAL RESOURCES

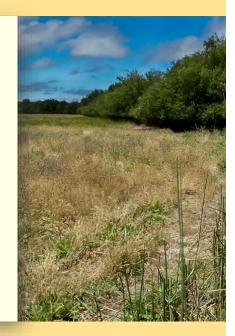




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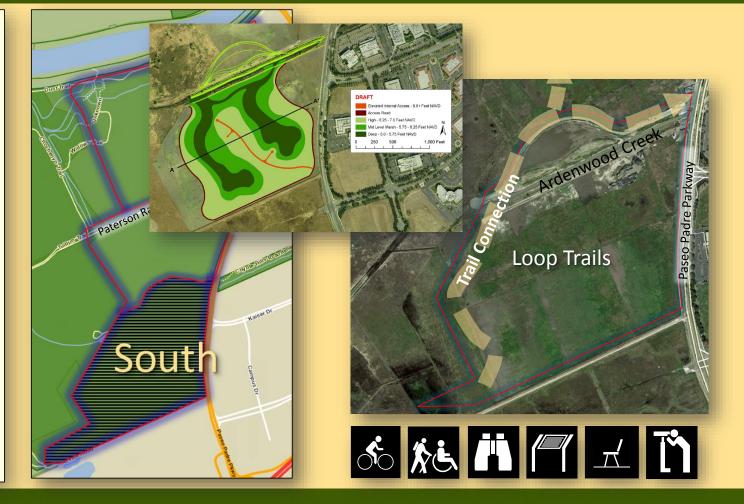






EMPHASIS: FLOOD CONTROL

- Trails & Connections
- Wildlife Viewing
- Wetland Restoration/Mitigation
- Sea Level Rise, Flood Resiliency
- Interpretation
- Climate Smart Park





- Planned Flood
 Management Facility
- ACFCWCD Mitigation/Agreement
- Sensitive Habitat
- Bridge for Trail
 Connectivity
- Poor Drainage and Saline Soils
- Existing Utilities





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EMPHASIS: AGRICULTURE

- Staging, Park Entry, Picnic
- Trails & Connections
- Wildlife Viewing
- Habitat (roosting/trees)
- Sea Level Rise, Flood Resiliency
- Visual Access/Aesthetics
- Interpretation
- Climate Smart Park





- Active Farming and Lease
- Sensitive Habitat
- Traffic Ingress/Egress
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Poor Drainage and Saline Soils





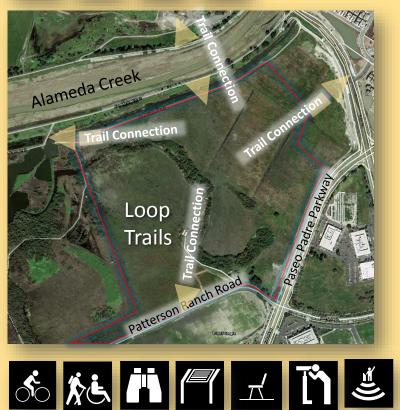
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EMPHASIS: HABITAT AND PUBLIC ACCESS

- Wetland, Riparian, and **Grassland Restoration**
- Re-establish Historic Creek Channels
- Sea Level Rise, Flood Resiliency
- Trails & Connections
- Picnic Area
- Wildlife Viewing
- Raptor Habitat (roosting/trees)
- Cultural and Historic Resource Interpretation
- Climate Smart Park







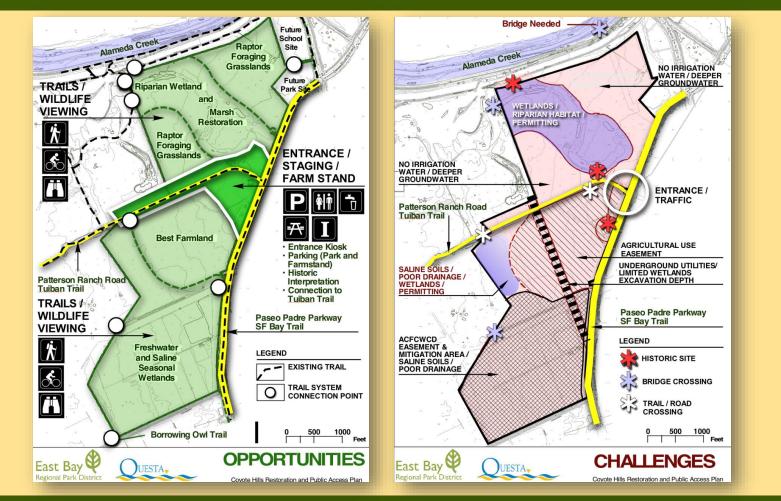
- Cultural Resources
- Sensitive Habitat
- Saline Soils
- Water Supply for Agriculture
- Adjacent Land Uses: School and **Park Coordination**





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OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES SUMMARY



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GENERAL QUESTIONS



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BREAK-OUT GROUPS (20 Minutes)



- What public access features mentioned in the presentation are most important?
- What public access features were not mentioned in the presentation that should be considered?
- What priority order should be given to:
 - Improving bird habitat
 - Additional parking and trails
 - Additional picnic areas
 - Other
- What is the most important habitat association to enhance?
- What else could be done to improve the visitor experience in the project area?





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OUTCOMES

Land Use Plan Amendment

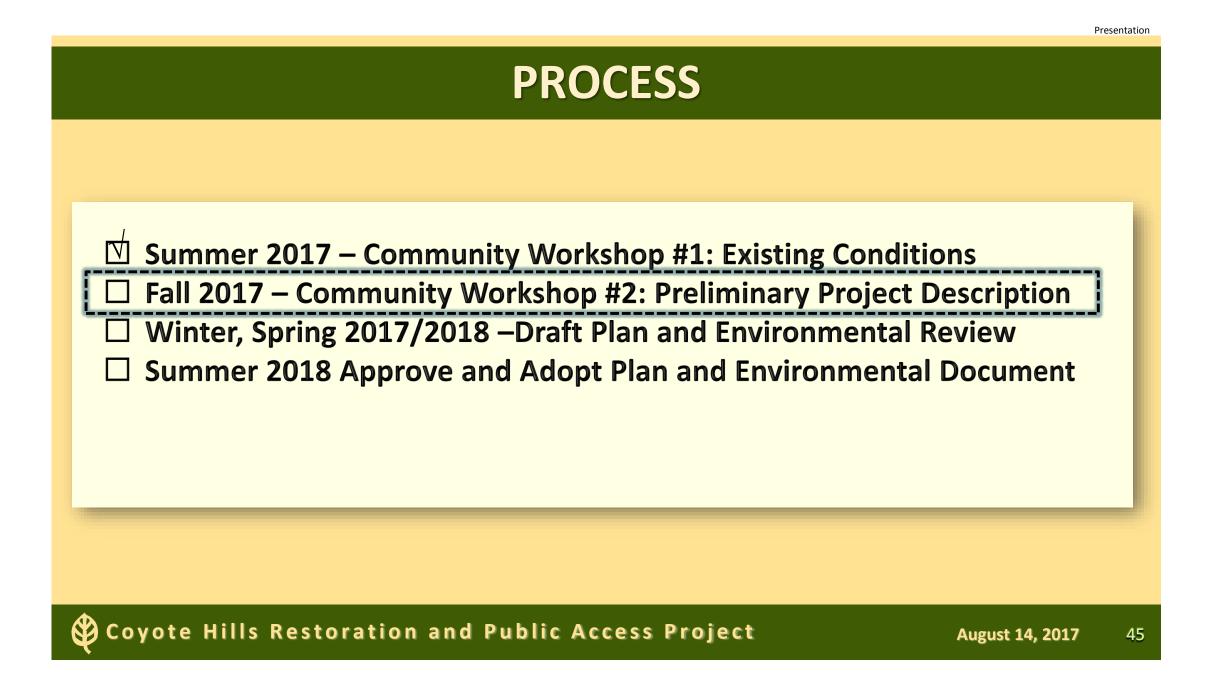
- District
- Stakeholders
- Community

Environmental Document (CEQA)

- Project concept and strategy for permitting
- Mitigation incorporated into project

Park Development Plan

- Phase implementation
- Design within budget
- Work with partnerships and funding strategies

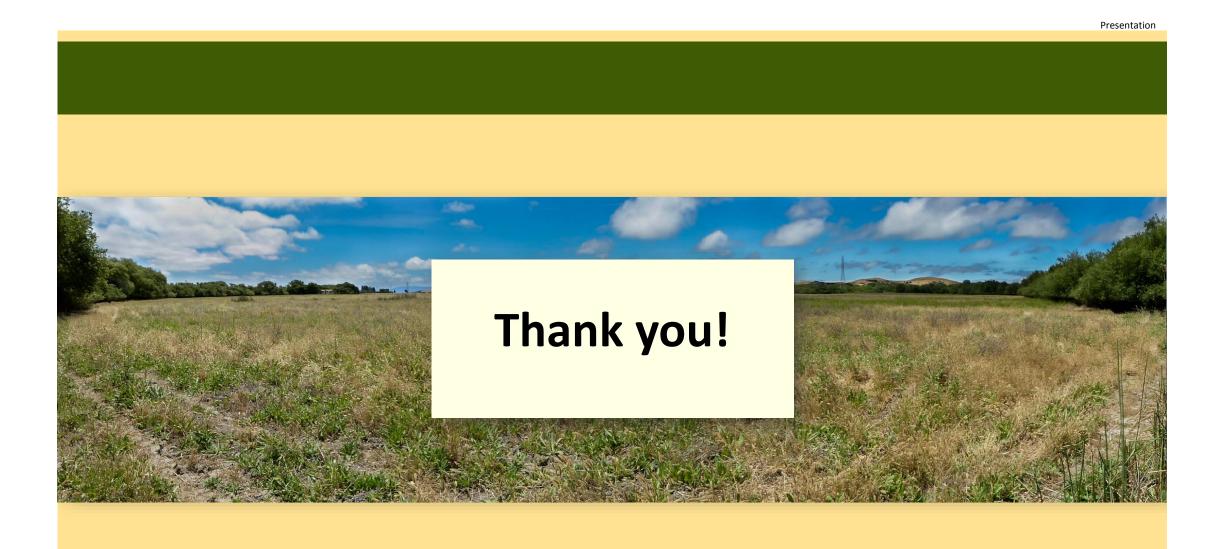


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General Questions:

- 1. Who owns the church parcel?
 - a. EBRPD.
- 2. Agricultural Lease: Who is the lease with, and how long is it effective?
 - a. Perry Family Farms.
 - b. Lease is two years with a five-year option for extension.
- 3. Who owns the property at the corner of Paseo Padre and Ardenwood Blvd.?
 - a. City of Fremont, designated park.
- 4. When will raptor habitat occur? What is the timeline?
 - a. Improvements to provide raptor habitat will be a part of the Land Use Plan planning and implementation process.
- 5. Why is agriculture not being planned north or south of the central site area?
 - a. To the north, there is no existing water supply.
 - b. The south portion of the site is Flood Control District lands and will be used for wetlands restoration and flood storage.
 - c. Agriculture in the central portion of the site can be expanded.
 - d. Some areas of the site are saline, so have limited agricultural potential.
- 6. There are cultural resources at the site.
 - a. Archeology sites have been identified, and appropriate avoidance measures will be incorporated into the Plan.
 - b. Native American consultation is a part of the process.
 - c. Human remains have been found at the site in the past, and District has worked with the Most Likely Descendent.
- 7. Does the Agriculture designation affect expansion of willow groves on the site, especially in the central area? (Can willows be planted here?)
 - a. No, the western portion of the central area is lower and has shallow groundwater, so is not suited for agriculture.
 - b. The agricultural field is a few feet higher, and the groundwater depth is greater, so it is less ideal for willows.
 - c. There is a willow planting project being implemented now in the current Park area (west of the project area), and will not be affected. They are located in low-lying areas similar to Patterson Slough.

- d. With variable groundwater, salinity, climate changes and other environmental conditions, we are trying to figure out the appropriate vegetation mosaic for the site.
- 8. What is the general planning time horizon?
 - a. Another Community Workshop will be held in the fall, with environmental evaluation and plan development; goal is to complete the planning process in the summer of 2018.
 - b. Please refer to the Outreach Program Overview for more information on opportunities to provide project input.
- 9. What is the District-wide policy regarding agricultural use of District lands?
 - a. There is an existing agricultural easement on the property and will be part of the project.
- 10. Does the District have goals regarding Urban Agriculture?
 - a. TBD
- 11. What is happening with the school site?
 - a. At this time, the Fremont Unified School District has not shared with the District its current plans, but has asked that any planning in the immediate area of the school site be deferred until a decision is made by the school district regarding site use and configuration.
- 12. Who built the trail by the school site?
 - a. KB Homes, the residential property developer, was required to extend the Bay Trail south along Paseo Padre Parkway, and that is the wide sidewalk on the west side of the street.

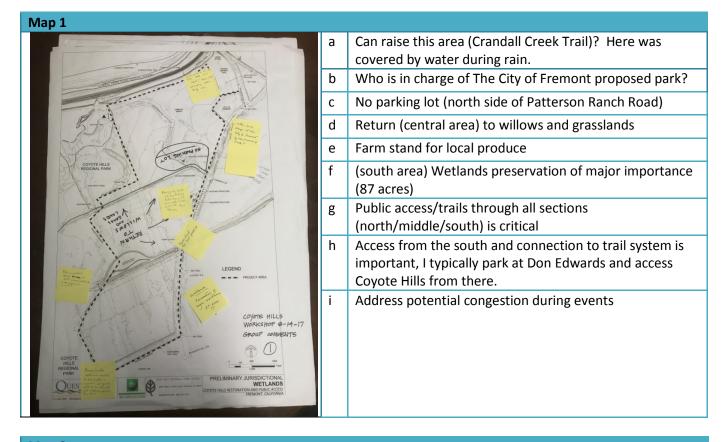
Summary of comments from Breakout Sessions:

- 1. Expand existing Oak grove at site entry
- 2. Provide elevated bird observation platforms
- 3. Keep parking on the south side of Patterson Ranch Road
- 4. Use the hilly area (west of study area) for a higher elevation trail to get better views
- 5. Provide a community garden and farm stand
- 6. Provide a better information kiosk
- 7. Provide water stations
- 8. Fix problem with traffic stacking
- 9. Provide areas for willow expansion
- 10. Area on north side for habitat is okay
- 11. Consider viability of agriculture as it relates to Sea Level Rise, 2060-2080
- 12. What does a picnic area include? (tables, BBQs, trash, etc. but no play structures)
- 13. Parking should be spread out north and south
- 14. Trails should be wide enough for multi-use
- 15. Balance public access—through, around or elevated as needed
- 16. The existing gravel parking lot is too close to the road
- 17. Parking should be free
- 18. There should be safety speed bumps or other traffic slowing along Patterson Ranch Road
- 19. Highlight the park entrance
- 20. Fix traffic back up issues
- 21. In north area, limit trails and provide raised viewing platforms

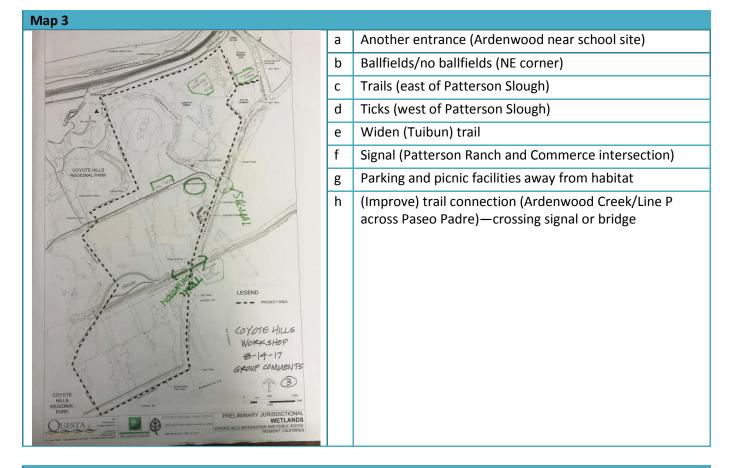
Next Steps:

- Alternatives, concept and implementation strategies
- Workshop 2
- All workshop materials will be placed on District website

Break out session map notes and comments:



Map 2		
	а	Bridge (over Alameda Creek)
	b	Improved bridge (Willows Trail)
the state of the s	С	Adjoining trails: manicured to rugged. Trails well wedded with natural habitat.
the second second second	d	Observation trails, bird blinds, benches
ARTICLE LAND	е	Connect trail across Patterson Slough
E - mainten - market	f	Fix (Tuibun) trail- widen, elevate, separation from road
The state of the s	g	Kiosk plus center, parking on south side, more parking
	h	Picnic area and expand the oaks at entrance
	i	Visitor center and community facilities at entry
COYOTE HILLS	j	Community garden
Workshop 8-14-17	k	More welcoming entrance
COTORE	Ι	More water stations
	m	Farm stand



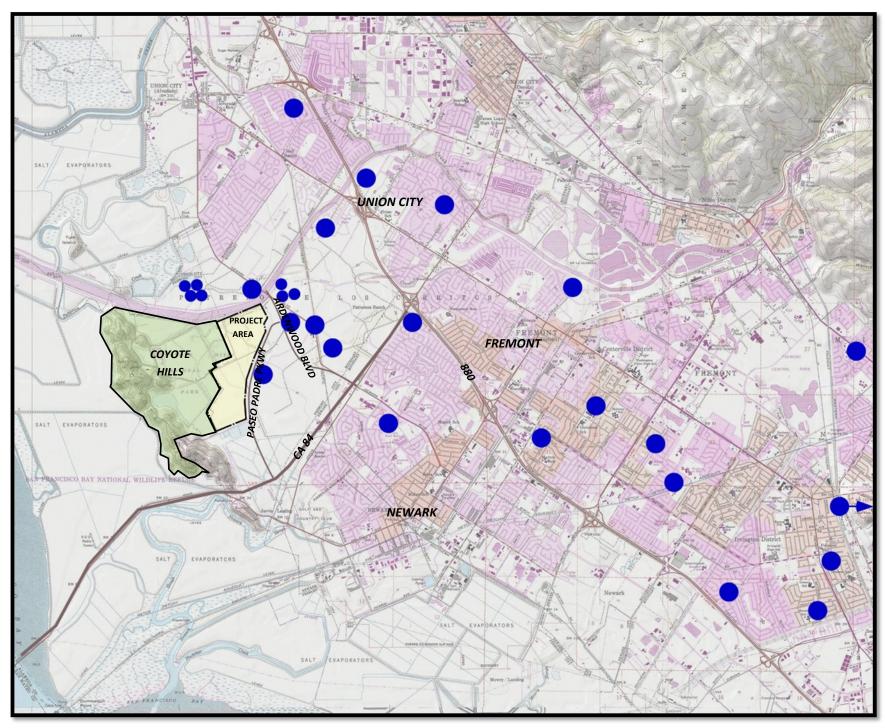
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а	Not only do school site and city park site offer opportunities, but also risks to aesthetics and wildlife
b	Split parking between north and south side (of Patterson Ranch Road)
С	Don't get too far into urban ag on this acreage. Plan for ending ag lease

	d	Make sure enough access track to assure multi use (pedestrian, bike)				
Map 5						
<complex-block></complex-block>	а	Viewing Platform, Habitat restoration, Few trails through restored areas				
	b	Viewing Platform instead of trails. DO we really need a picnic area in this project area? Better to leave it natural				
	С	Gravel lot not as close to road				
	d	Highlighting entrance				
	e	If you move the kiosk closer to Paseo Padre, will traffic back up to Paseo Padre?				
	f	Speed bumps – pedestrian crossing				

Workshop participants identified where they live in relation to Coyote Hills on a map:



Photos from meeting:



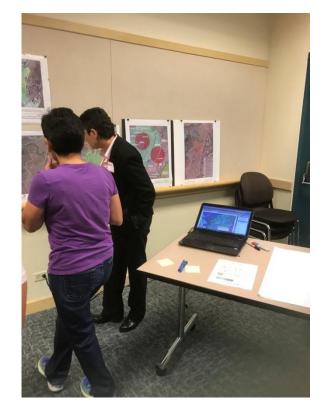


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- I. Where do you live?
 - a) Fremont
 - b) Newark
 - c) Union City
 - d) Other_____
- 2. How often do you visit Coyote Hills Regional Park?
 - a) Several times per week
 - b) At least once per week
 - c) At least once per month
 - d) 4-10 times per year
 - e) I-3 times per year
 - f) Never
- 3. When you visit the park, how long do you usually stay?
 - a) More than 3 hours
 - b) Between I-3 hours
 - c) I hour or less
- 4. When visiting the park, what activities do you take part in? (select all that apply)
 - a) Hiking/walking
 - b) Running
 - c) Biking
 - d) Bird watching
 - e) Nature photography
 - f) Picnicking
 - g) Other_____
- 5. The last time you visited the park, what mode of transportation did you use to get there?
 - a) Drove personal vehicle
 - b) Used public transportation
 - c) Bicycled
 - d) Walked
 - e) Other_____
- 6. If you drive to the park, where do you usually park your vehicle?
 - a) In the paid parking lot (after the kiosk)
 - b) In the informal gravel lot at Paseo Padre Pkwy. and Patterson Ranch Rd.
 - c) On the street
 - d) Other_____

- 7. How much do you think improving the park entrance and parking lot will improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists?
 - a) Very significantly
 - b) Significantly
 - c) Less than significantly
 - d) No change
- 8. What amenities, additions, or improvements would you be most interested in seeing at the park, within the project area? (select all that apply)
 - a) Picnic tables
 - b) More trails/trail connections
 - c) Interpretive exhibits
 - d) Raised nature viewing platforms
 - e) Restrooms
 - f) Parking
- 9. Coyote Hills Regional Park may be at risk in the future to the effects of climate change and sea level rise. How important to you is it that the park be managed for climate change?
 - a) Very important
 - b) Somewhat important
 - c) Uncertain
 - d) Not important
- 10. The project presents an opportunity to restore wetlands. Would you support wetland restoration, with some parts of the area off-limits to visitors to create a balance between restoration and public access?
 - a) Yes, I'd support wetland restoration with some areas off-limits to visitors
 - b) Uncertain
 - c) No, minimize wetland restoration and allow public access to more areas
- 11. Coyote Hills Regional Park is one of the most popular bird watching locations in northern California. Do you support habitat restoration efforts to increase use of the park by birds and other wildlife, including attracting wildlife for the enjoyment of park visitors?
 - a) Strongly support habitat improvement for birds and other wildlife
 - b) Somewhat support habitat improvement for birds and other wildlife
 - c) Uncertain
 - d) Do not support habitat improvement make more of the land available for public use
- 12. How important is bird watching to you? Do you support efforts to make better bird watching facilities such as screened and elevated bird watching platforms and provision of bird identification materials?
 - a) Bird watching and nature photography is very important provide platforms and materials
 - b) Bird watching is somewhat important
 - c) Uncertain
 - d) Bird watching is not that important use the resources for parking and trails