



# SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### COYOTE VALLEY OPEN SPACE PRESERVE PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**Date:** August 11, 2023

**To:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Persons

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project (project) Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. An initial study has been prepared to assess the project's potential effects on the environment and the significance of those effects. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project would clearly not have any significant effects on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures.

Agencies and interested parties are invited to provide the Authority with written and/or email comments on the Initial Study during the 30-day public review period that begins on August 14, 2023, and ends on September 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

## PROJECT LOCATION

The 0.30-acre project area is located within the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve (CVAL), in unincorporated Santa Clara County, on the west side of the Coyote Valley, approximately 1 mile south of Baily Avenue and approximately 3 miles north of the City of Morgan Hill. Direct access to the project area is provided by Palm Avenue.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Authority proposes to develop the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project, which includes resurfacing the existing 0.25-mile Heart's Delight Trail to provide an accessible connection from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking area and restrooms to other visitor use areas within CVAL. The project includes reconfiguring entry areas into the preserve by replacing existing shade structures, adding seating, decommissioning redundant

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trails, and updating preserve informational and wayfinding signage; developing two small overlooks along the Heart's Delight Trail to provide additional seating for interpretation and nature viewing; improvements to an existing pedestrian bridge along Heart's Delight Trail; and regrading the ADA parking area. Improvements would require localized excavation for footings and minor regrading of trails to meet accessibility guidelines. Trail and visitor amenity areas would be designed to meet United States Access Board Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas standards.

No hazardous materials sites listed on the State Water Resource Control Board's GeoTracker database or the Department of Toxic Substances Control's EnviroStor database are present within the project area or within 1,000 feet of the project area.

## DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Initial Study and supporting documents are available for review online at: <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/our-work/current-projects/coyote-valley-open-space-preserve.html> as well as at the Authority's Administrative offices at 33 Las Colinas Lane in San Jose, CA 95119.

## PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

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Please send all comments by mail or email to:

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Comments provided by email should include "CVAL Public Access IS/MND Comment" in the subject line.