

RESOLUTION 25-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OR ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER TO APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SANTA CLARA COUNTY REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW FOR COYOTE VALLEY OPEN SPACE PRESERVE PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) manages and provides opportunities for recreation on its open space preserves to connect people to nature; and,

WHEREAS, the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project (project) would provide accessibility improvements to the Heart's Delight Trail and other facilities at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve; and,

WHEREAS, In August 2024, the Authority received Federal Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Project. The funds will be distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under HUD regulations, recipients of HUD assistance must complete an environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before the release of funds; and,

WHEREAS, HUD regulations specify that when a Community Project Funding recipient is not a state, a unit of general local government, or a tribe, the "responsible entity" for conducting the NEPA environmental review is the unit of general local government that exercises land use authority over the area where the project is located; and,

WHEREAS, Because the County exercises land use authority over the unincorporated county—including Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve—the Authority has requested that the County serve as the responsible entity for the NEPA review. The County has agreed to do so; and,

WHEREAS, The County and the Authority are seeking to enter a MOU to formalize this arrangement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the General Manager / an Assistant General Manager to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Clara County Regarding the Environmental Review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Authority and in its name, to execute and deliver such other documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of the above resolution.

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on June 26, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

Helen Chapman, Chairperson
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

William P. Parkin, Legal Counsel

Caroline Hernandez, Clerk of the Board