

Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Statement of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

The Authority values Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Access in our work to preserve the natural environment, support agriculture, and connect people to nature:

We have **Accessible, Collaborative, and Accountable** processes to engage the diverse communities we serve in our programs, projects, careers, and governance opportunities.

We have **Respect** for the land and all people in our community.

We are **Inclusive** and acknowledge current and historic land stewards.

We **Empower** future generations of conservation leaders.

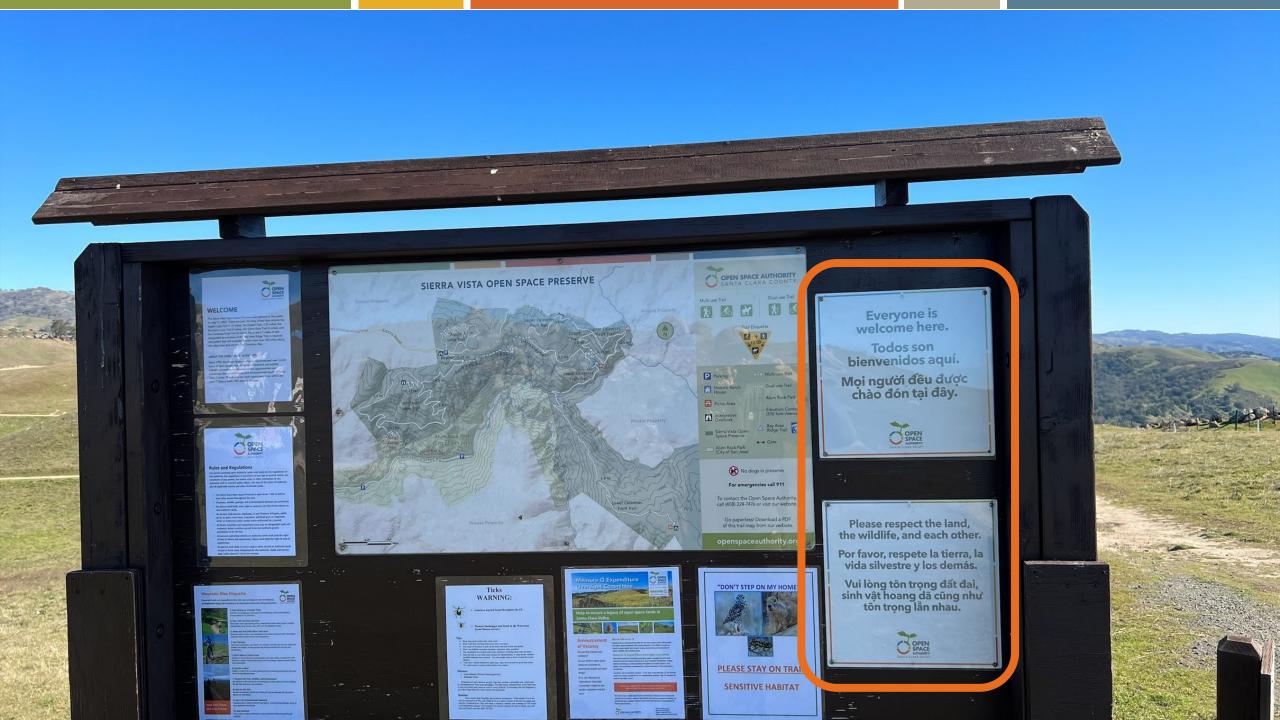
We invite everyone to join and connect to nature with us.





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Translation of Authority Materials

Translated to Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese

- Webpages
- Webinars
- Surveys

Discovering Coyote Valley Webinar Recordings



RESUMEN DEL AÑO

para la protección,

restauración y resiliencia de los espacios abiertos



22 eventos de voluntarios administradores de tierras

para la limpieza de espacios abiertos y la restauración del hábitat natural



 $3_{I}339$ horas

de servicio prestado por voluntarios

para restaurar espacios abiertos y conectar a las personas con la naturaleza

2021 Year in Review Webpage



The History and Conservation of Coyote Ridge with Dr. Stu Weiss

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Celebrating Scales: Slippery Fish and Slithery Snakes!

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Bonkers for Bones!

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Cats, Cats, Cats!

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Nocturnal Animals of the Santa Clara Valley

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The Secret Life of Ants

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A Virtual Exploration of Ulistac Natural Area

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Teri Rogoway & Mark Hehir Present

A Wheelchair Exploration of Ulistac Natural Area



TUNE IN FOR VIRTUAL NATURE **PROGRAMS!**



The Open Space Authority and its partners are bringing you a full calendar of virtual, livestreamed outdoor events and programs to keep you connected to nature during these unprecedented times. Join us for tours of parks, preserves, and urban open spaces, mental wellness activities, outdoor art lessons, live animal presentations, native plant walks, and more!

These are livestreamed programs that you can tune in to from the comfort of your own home! All you need is computer, phone, or iPad and your love of nature. Click on each event title below to learn more and get the livestream link. Be sure to check back on this page as we continue to add events!















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open_space_authority "A world of grief and pain Flowers bloom -Even then"

- Kobayashi Issa

Sharing this nature poem in celebration of #WorldPoetryDay.

Do you have a favorite poem about nature? Let us know in the comments (just title and poet's name if the poem is long), and we'll share some of them on our story this week.

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: @ivettesj408

[Image description: Green hillside covered in orange California poppies with large oak tree in the distance]

#springhikes #openspaceauthority #bayareanature #superbloom #wildflowers #hikecalifornia #californiahills #wildflowerseason #wildflowerhike #sanjosetrails #santaclaracounty #naturalpark #californiawildflowers





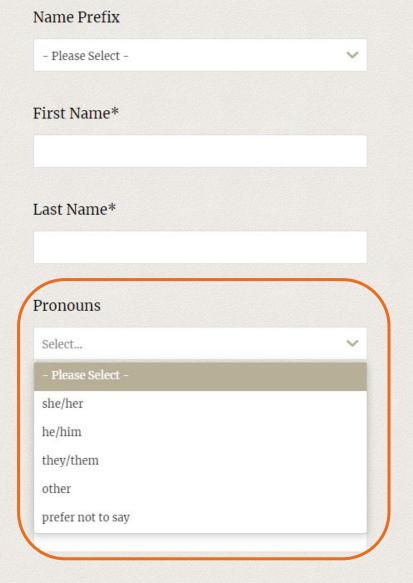






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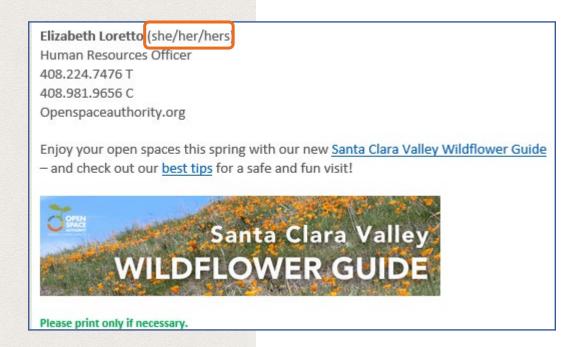
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Tribal Partnership and Land Acknowledgement Statement

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority carries out its mission to protect, restore, and connect people to the land in the Santa Clara Valley and surrounding Santa Cruz and Diablo Range Mountains. These lands are the ancestral and unceded territories of the Awaswas-, Chochenyo-, Mutsun-, Tamien-, and Yokut-speaking peoples. As a public agency, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the historically documented violence and injustice that occurred as local tribal groups were forcibly displaced from these lands.

We also acknowledge and respect Indigenous Peoples of this place, including the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, who work today to restore and protect their culture and connect to the land.

GOALS:

Our Tribal partners are actively engaged in conservation work and we have many shared goals for land, wildlife, and natural resources. Through their active research programs, Tribes play an important role as land management partners by employing traditional ecological knowledge to sustainably manage open spaces and to help address climate challenges such as fire, flood, and drought.

The Open Space Authority acknowledges our responsibility to:

- Acknowledge and learn from the past, and listen to current and future Indigenous voices and perspectives
- Make sure Tribal partners have a voice in public processes that affect open spaces within the Authority's jurisdiction
- O Provide Tribes with access to culturally significant lands
- Identify opportunities to support Tribal stewardship of these lands in the future
- Amplify the voices of Indigenous Peoples and their role as leaders in conservation in our region and the Bay Area





Additional Accomplishments

- Living Wage Commitment
- Recruitment Distribution
- Removal of Barriers
- Community Engagement in Planning Projects





Coming Soon!

- Regional State of Trails Survey
- Board Engagement
- Language Access Plan
- Inclusive Language Guide
- ADA Transition Plan

