



Máyyan 'Ooyákma - Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve Co-Naming Proposal

Use and Management Committee Meeting

July 28, 2022

Land Acknowledgement

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-*, *Thámien*, 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.



Makkin Mak Nommo

We are Still Here

Who are the Muwekma Ohlone today?

- Lineages from Missions Dolores, Santa Clara, and San José
- Historic federally recognized Verona Band of Alameda County
- 600+ members
- Chairperson Charlene Nijmeh
- Stewarding Chochenyo language
- Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation



Building a Partnership with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

- Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve
- Coyote Valley Conservation Areas Master Plan
- Land Acknowledgement
- Federal Recognition
- Events
- Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve

Photo: Katie Simon

Muwekma Ohlone Language Committee Recommendations

Máyyan 'Ooyákma = Coyote Ridge

Máyyan Wáayi = Coyote Valley

Máyyan Rúmmey = Coyote Creek

Thámien Warep = Lands of Thámien

Yákmuy Húyyakma = East Mountains

Matalan Warep = Lands of the Matalan



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COYOTE RIDGE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE





Authority Naming Policy

The permanent name shall be based on topographic, geographic, natural, historic, cultural, or Native American characteristics of the area.

The Board will adopt a name during a public hearing.

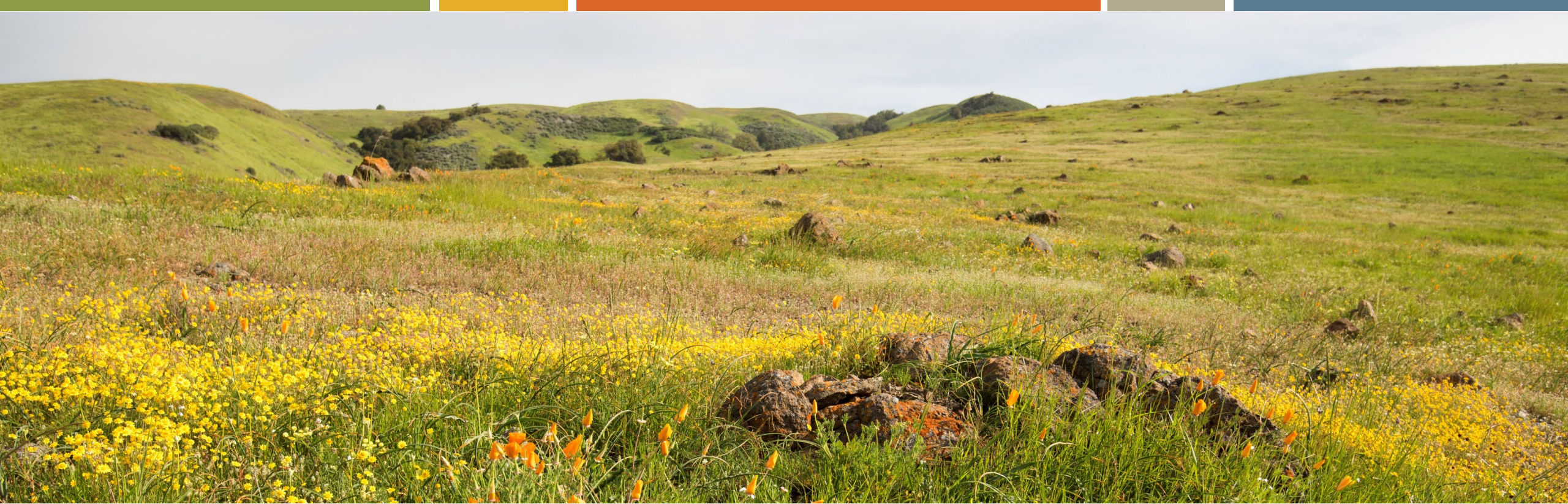
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Co-Naming Process

- ✓ Review name proposal with Muwekma Ohlone Tribe
- Seek feedback from Use and Management Committee
- Board review and approval
- Signage and materials development
- Preserve opening

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Discussion and Feedback

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