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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE	jhart@openspace.org	10/15/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SANTA CLARA	

PROJECT TITLE

STEVENS CREEK NATURE TRAIL REVITALIZATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
JARED HART		(650)625-6535

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
5050 EL CAMINO REAL	LOS ALTOS	CA	94022

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X N. Khamphilath	Nina Khamphilath, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT COPY - CDFW/ASB COPY - LEAD AGENCY COPY - COUNTY CLERK DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

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By: Nina Khamphilath, Deputy Clerk-Recorder

SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

THIS SPACE FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk
TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  - ☐ Filing Fee (new project)
  - ☐ Previously Paid F&W **(must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match)**
  - ☐ No Effect Determination **(F&W letter must be attached)**
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
  - ☐ Filing Fee (new project)
  - ☐ Previously Paid F&W **(must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match)**
  - ☐ No Effect Determination **(F&W letter must be attached)**
- ☑ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: jhart@openspace.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Stevens Creek Nature Trail Revitalization Project
4. APPLICANT NAME: Jared Hart PHONE: (650) 625-6535
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: jhart@openspace.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 5050 El Camino Real, Los Altos, CA 94022
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: ☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☑ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

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Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of Santa Clara

From: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
5050 El Camino Real
Los Altos, CA 94022

Project Title: Stevens Creek Nature Trail Revitalization Project

Project Location: Monte Bello Open Space Preserve (APN: 351-06-025)

City: Unincorporated **County:** Santa Clara County

Description of Project: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) proposes the installation of amenities including a picnic table and a series of interpretive sign panels in the Monte Bello Open Space Preserve (Preserve) along the Stevens Creek Nature Trail Loop (attachment 1). Fourteen existing interpretive panels alongside the Stevens Creek Nature Loop Trail would be replaced, and one new picnic table would be installed at the junction of Canyon Trail and Stevens Creek Nature Trail. The existing panels are weathered and faded, thus requiring replacement. All proposed interpretive panels would require new posts to be installed. Each post would be installed into a hole 28" deep with an 8" diameter that would be backfilled with gravel and concrete. The picnic table would be affixed to the ground with standard footings, requiring some minor digging. No major trenching or soil disturbance is anticipated. Six of the proposed interpretive panel locations are within the riparian zone of Stevens Creek but are proposed for installation outside of the ordinary high-water mark. No major clearing of vegetation will be required. Some trimming of branches may occur at the time of installation, and for future routine maintenance of sightlines.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Same

CEQA Compliance: The District has determined that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines as outlined below:

> **Section 15301 – Existing Facilities:** Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project would include the replacement of 14 existing interpretive panels located along the Stevens Creek Nature Loop Trail in Monte Bello Open Space Preserve. There would be no expansion of existing or former uses in the Preserve.
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> **Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land:** Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The proposed project would include minor alterations to land for installation of interpretive signage and a picnic table on the subject property. No trees are proposed for removal.

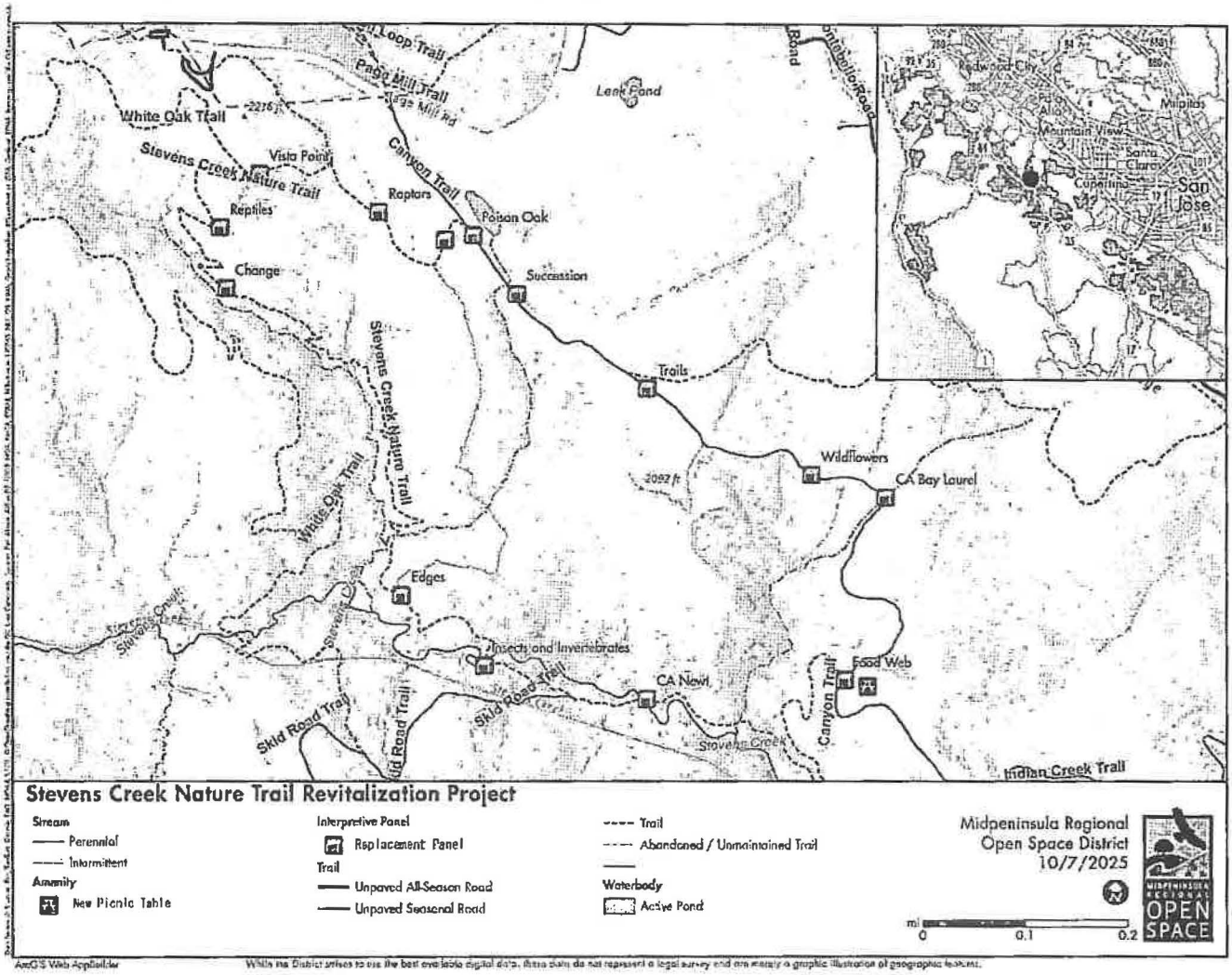
No exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines are applicable to the proposed project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sophie Christel, Natural Resources Management Analyst II
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Telephone: (650) 625-6588

Attachments: Project Vicinity Map

Signature: _____ Date: *10/10/25*

Jane Mark, AICP, Planning Manager

Notice of Exemption Attachment 1: Project Vicinity Map