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Open Space Authority Appoints New Director

San Jose, CA March 9, 2007 – The Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) at its March 8 meeting appointed Dr. Kulwant Gill to serve as the Director representing District 7.

Dr. Gill, a 20-year resident of the Evergreen area, is a member of the San Jose Human Rights Commission, the Indian Sport Club and other community organizations. He holds advanced degrees in engineering and language and has been an executive in silicon valley's high tech industry.

“I believe we have a duty to our children and future generations in making sure the beauty of our valley is preserved through well thought out and planned open space,” Dr. Gill said. He would like to get the public more involved in OSA's planning process and looks forward to serving as a bridge between the agency and the community.

A visit to OSA's Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve helped Dr. Gill realize all that open space has to offer. “You can enjoy the whole of nature there,” he said. “When I'm there I feel like a poet.”

Dr. Gill will serve as the District 7 representative until the next general election, which will be held in 2008. He fills the seat vacated by the resignation of former Director Craig Edgerton.

District 7 encompasses an area in southern San Jose east of Monterey Highway that includes portions of the Edenvale and Evergreen areas.

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A digital head shot of Dr. Gill is available upon request. The image is color, 300dpi, Photoshop tiff.

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The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) is an independent special district created in 1993 to help preserve, protect and manage urban and non-urban open space in the areas of Campbell, Milpitas, Santa Clara, San Jose, Morgan Hill, and southern Santa Clara County. The OSA has protected over 10,000 acres of land through purchase or easement and contributed to conservation easements covering an additional 2,180 acres.

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