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Santa Clara County Open Space Authority General Manager Retires

San Jose, CA September 29, 2010 – Patrick Congdon, the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority’s General Manager, has informed the Authority’s Board of Directors that he will not seek to renew his Employment Agreement expiring on June 30, 2011.

The Authority Board wishes to involve a new General Manager as soon as possible in the new Strategic Planning Process that it initiated on September 23, 2010, and has agreed to release Mr. Congdon from his Employment Agreement. Mr. Congdon has held the executive position since October 2002. Prior to that time, he served the Open Space Authority as a Resource Manager.

In the time that Mr. Congdon was the head of the Open Space Authority, it preserved more than 7500 acres of valuable open space and farmland, and opened numerous trails to the public which have seen dramatic use.

“Patrick leaves an amazing legacy for the Open Space Authority, the citizens of Santa Clara County and future generations,” said Sequoia Hall, Chair of the Board of Directors. “Patrick is a brilliant land manager and was well liked and respected both inside and outside the agency. His retirement is a loss for the OSA.”

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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. OSA has protected over 12,000 acres of land through purchase or easement and contributed to conservation easements covering an additional 2,500 acres.

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