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Andrea Mackenzie Appointed as General Manager of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

San Jose, CA March 15, 2011 – The seven-member Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Board has unanimously voted to appoint Andrea Mackenzie as the Authority's next General Manager.

Ms. Mackenzie has a long history in the protection and preservation of open space. For the past 25 years, she has been working on regional land use planning, open space protection and conservation policy challenges in California. Uniquely qualified to head the Open Space Authority, she is the former General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (2000-2009) and in 2006 led the successful effort to reauthorize the District's funding, which was overwhelmingly approved by 76 percent of the voters.

Ms. Mackenzie has worked for resource conservation districts, the National Park Service, the City and County of San Francisco and the East Bay Regional Park District. Most recently, she served as project director to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to develop a blueprint for conserving the county's most important biological and water resources, farmlands and recreational areas. She is the current President of the Bay Area Open Space Council, a membership-based organization representing more than 60 public and non-profit land conservation entities, counties and cities working together to protect and steward the San

Francisco Bay Region's parks, open space, trails and agricultural lands. She is a past fellow of the National Conservation Leadership Institute in Shepherdstown, W. VA.

Ms. Mackenzie has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from U.C. Santa Barbara and a master's degree in Urban Planning and Natural Resources from U.C.L.A.

Ms. Mackenzie will take the helm as General Manager of the Open Space Authority on Monday, April 18th.

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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 preserved over 15,000 acres of land through purchase or easement. For more information, visit www.OpenSpaceAuthority.org.