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The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Announces the Opening of Its Inaugural Open Space Preserve: Rancho Canada del Oro

San Jose, CA July 30, 2004 – The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority announced the opening of its first open space preserve: Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve.

Tucked into the western foothills of Santa Clara County, Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve boasts beautiful oak woodlands, native grassland areas, and spectacular scenic views. The Open Space Authority's goal of preservation, protection, and management is evident as the 2,800-acre preserve carefully balances limited public access with preservation of sensitive serpentine habitat, watershed, and riparian zones.

"We're excited about opening the preserve and being able to offer the public a chance to experience the unique beauty that exists at Rancho Canada del Oro," said General Manager, Patrick Congdon.

Located adjacent to Santa Clara County Parks' Calero Park, Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve is host to two trails; Longwall Canyon Trail (2.7 miles) and Bald Peaks Trail (1.1 miles). The trails can only be accessed from Calero County Parks' Bald Peaks Trail or Serpentine Loop Trail and are open to hikers and equestrians. The new preserve will be open to visitors from dawn to dusk.

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The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority 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, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Southern Santa Clara County. The Authority has preserved over 9,000 acres of land and manages over 1,000 acres of conservation easements and mitigation lands.
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