About the Open Space Authority

Since 1993, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority has protected over 28,000 acres of open space, natural areas, watersheds and wildlife habitat — preserving the natural beauty and environmental health of Santa Clara Valley and providing outdoor recreation opportunities.

Mission and Vision

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority conserves the natural environment, supports agriculture, and connects people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations.

The Authority envisions the Santa Clara Valley and its surrounding hillsides as a beautiful place where a vibrant network of interconnected open spaces, trails, wildlife habitats, and thriving agricultural lands enrich the region’s cities and make it an exceptional and healthy place to live, work, learn, and play.

Board of Directors

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General Manager

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Founded in 1993
Over 28,000 acres protected
Over 30 miles of trails
1.4 million residents in jurisdiction
$22,960,594 budget

Workplan highlights

Celebrate the Authority’s 30th Anniversary
Prioritize management of wildlife and natural lands and waters for adaptation and climate resilience
Complete construction of the Llagas Creek Bridge and Day Use Area at Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve
Begin a restoration pilot project at North Laguna Seca to inform future, larger projects in North Coyote Valley

Budget in Brief Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Expenses

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Budget process Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30

December
Strategic Priorities

Jan - Feb
Work Plan

March
Board Workshop

April
Report Compilation

May
Committee Review

June
Budget Adopted