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**National Park Service Certifies the
Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve's Arrowhead Trail
As an official interpretive site of the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail**

San Jose, CA, August 18, 2015: On August 13th, the Open Space Authority's Board of Directors approved the National Park Service certification of the Arrowhead Trail at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve as an official interpretive site of the historic Juan Bautista de Anza Trail. Matt Freeman, the Authority's Assistant General Manager, stated, "This certification recognizes the rich historical significance of the Coyote Valley and reflects the *Valley Greenprint* objective of connecting miles of trails throughout the Bay Area."

Superintendent Naomi Torres from the National Park Service said, "We are pleased to recognize Coyote Valley as a certified interpretive site of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, with its outstanding opportunity to view the valley in which the Anza Expedition traveled. We look forward to many years of Anza Trail programming and collaboration with the Open Space Authority."

Juan Bautista de Anza and his expedition were the first non-native settlers to come to the Bay Area and to what is now called Coyote Valley. Coyote Valley had been inhabited for some 6,000 years by Amah Mutsun Native Americans and served as their village and ceremonial site. The de Anza expedition marks a significant historical part of the valley's past and the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve is well-positioned to serve as an important interpretive site to tell the story of the expedition and how it changed the culture and landscape of the Valley.

The Open Space Authority will partner with the National Park Service and provide programming and interpretive signage to designate where the expedition traveled. The certification and partnership provides an opportunity for the Open Space Authority to share its mission of protecting open space lands, farmland, water resources, and wildlife with expanded audiences.

The 4-mile long Arrowhead Loop Trail leads to a ridgetop with stunning views of Mount Hamilton, Mount Umunhum and the entire Coyote Valley. Visitors can hike, cycle or ride horses throughout the scenic trail. Parking, picnic areas and a restroom are also provided for use at the preserve.

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Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Directions: 550 Palm Avenue, Morgan Hill - From Highway 101, exit Bailey Ave. Turn right on Bailey, left on Santa Teresa Blvd., and right on Palm Ave.; the preserve entrance is at the end of Palm Avenue.

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. Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected more than 16,000 acres of open space, preserving the region's scenic beauty, protecting water resources and other natural capital, and providing outdoor recreation opportunities for Santa Clara County residents.