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## Tour of Silicon Valley Highlights Power of Natural Lands in Addressing Climate Change

*A Tale of Three Valleys organized in affiliation with the International Global Climate Action Summit*

**San Jose, Calif. (August 30, 2018)** – In affiliation with Governor Jerry Brown’s Global Climate Action Summit, the [Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority](http://www.openspaceauthority.org) (Authority) is hosting a day-long Silicon Valley tour to showcase how multiple groups across the world are working together to build landscape-level climate mitigation and resilience in high growth areas.

A *Tale of Three Valleys* tour takes place on Tuesday, September 11 and includes a visit to San Jose City Hall where **San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo** will highlight the City of San Jose’s Climate Smart plan and how transit, jobs, housing, and nature all can be integrated into comprehensive land use strategies.

The outing includes a tour of the 7,400-acre **Coyote Valley**, just south of downtown San Jose, where participants will learn how natural infrastructure, including open space conservation and agricultural preservation on the urban edge, can be an indispensable part of Silicon Valley’s climate smart future.

During the tour, participants will hear about complementary projects being carried out internationally by [Terre et Cité](http://www.terre-et-cite.org) in France’s very own “Silicon Valley” - the Plateau de Saclay region, located just south of Paris - and the support it is receiving from local governments and the agricultural community.

“We view open space as necessary infrastructure and one of the smartest long-term investments we can make in the fight against climate change,” said **Andrea Mackenzie**, General Manager of the Authority. “Protecting interconnected landscapes like Coyote Valley can build resilience for both natural and human communities to adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. This tour will provide insight into the tools and strategies we’re using and demonstrate how local actions can have a global impact.”

The tour is sponsored by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), and organized in partnership with City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, the League of Women Voters, and the Authority's international partner *Terre et Cité*.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with pick up from Moscone Center in Downtown San Francisco. A half-day option departing from San Jose City Hall is available as well. Summit participants can sign-up to attend the event [here](#). Cost: \$20 per person.

***Note to media: Registration fee waived for working press. Please contact Craig MacLellan with Landis Communications, Inc. (415-359-2306) to reserve your place.***

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### **About the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority**

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 Authority has protected over 22,000 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 Valley residents. Visit [openspaceauthority.org](https://www.openspaceauthority.org) for more information.

### **About the Peninsula Open Space Trust**

POST protects open space, farms and parkland for communities in and around Silicon Valley. As a private nonprofit land trust, POST has been responsible for saving more than 75,700 acres over the last 40 years. POST works with private landowners and public agencies to connect people and nature for the benefit of all. Visit [openspacetrust.org](https://www.openspacetrust.org) for more information.

### **About Terre et Cité**

Based outside of Paris, Terre et Cité brings together farmers, communities, associations, companies, research and teaching institutes and individuals to promote agriculture in the Saclay area. Through dialogue and support of projects, they contribute to the emergence of a new mode of relationship between city and agriculture, sustainable and shared. Visit [terreetcite.org](https://www.terreetcite.org) for more information.

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