

# Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

## CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITION DESCRIPTION

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### TRAILS MEMBER

#### **Purpose:**

*The Legislation that created the Open Space Authority requires the Board to establish a Citizens Advisory Committee whose members should be selected based on criteria that provides a broad representation of interests within the OSA's jurisdiction. (California Public Resources Code 35171(a). The Trails Member brings a trail perspective to the deliberations of the Citizens Advisory Committee.*

#### **Qualifications:**

- The Trails Member should have a background in using or maintaining trails as well as a knowledge of Santa Clara County trails and trail issues, preferably within the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority boundaries.
- The Trails Member should have attended a trails related workshop, seminar or conference in the past or plan to attend one in the near future.
- A willingness to participate in deliberations and evaluations of proposals regarding acquisitions, funding, policies, procedures and other issues.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Represent the CAC when trails are planned in the Open Space Authority lands and report status to CAC.
- Actively communicate with other trail advocates regarding such areas as The County Wide Trails Master Plan, The Bay Area Ridge Trail, The Participating Cities Trail Plans and trail plans by adjoining open space districts.
- Read the Citizens Advisory Committee Handbook, the Open Space Authority 5-Year Plan, and other documentation to become familiar with current issues and their background.
- Attend CAC training sessions, support Open Space Authority at several of the community volunteer activities scheduled during the year and attend other meetings as needed.
- When speaking in public make it clear that the opinions you are expressing are your own unless you are specifically authorized by the Board to represent the Open Space Authority.
- Regularly participate in CAC Meetings and subcommittee task groups as established by the CAC and the Board.
- Be alert to issues, problems and needs that are expressed by the trail community, and the general public as related to open space.