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**Open Space Authority Acquires Pristine Acreage  
In Southern Santa Cruz Mountain Region**

*Its preservation will help protect water resources and preserve ridgetop views*

**San Jose, CA – June 27, 2016:** The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority has finalized its purchase of 50 pristine acres located in the foothills of the Southern Santa Cruz Mountains, west of Bailey Avenue and McKean Road in south Santa Clara County. The land will become part of the Authority's Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve, which comprises nearly 4,000 acres with more than 8 miles of trails winding through woodlands, meadows and meandering creeks.

This region of the Santa Cruz Mountains receives the highest amount of rainfall in Santa Clara County. Allison Canyon runs through the western portion of the newly acquired 50 acres and drains into Llagas Creek. The property is part of the Llagas Creek watershed, where it serves the vital role of capturing rainfall and conveying it to surrounding streams and downstream reservoirs. The property also features stunning views of Uvas Canyon to the southeast and rolling hills and ranchland to the northeast.

The Authority purchased the 50-acre property for \$100,000.

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*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 nearly 20,000 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. Visit [openspaceauthority.org](http://openspaceauthority.org) or call 408-224-7476.*