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COYOTE CREEK PARKWAY COUNTY PARK
INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MASTER PLAN

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PRELIMINARY INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN



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1.0 Introduction

DEPARTMENT MISSION:

The mission of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect and preserve regional parklands for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

DEPARTMENT VISION

We create a growing and diverse system of regional parks, trails, and open spaces of Countywide significance that connects people with the natural environment, offers visitor experiences that renew the human spirit, and balances recreation opportunities with resource protection.

1.1 PARKWAY VISION

The Coyote Creek Parkway is an outstanding example of a regionally significant riparian habitat. It is significant in its physical scope, natural beauty, diversity of species, and extent to which the corridor has been preserved in public ownership. It offers unique recreation and interpretation opportunities for all park visitors. Resource conservation and stewardship values will guide management and development to assure the sustenance of a quality riparian habitat corridor both now and in the future.

1.2 PURPOSE OF THE PRELIMINARY INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN

This summary of staff recommendations for the Preliminary Integrated Master Plan (the Preliminary Plan) has been prepared for review and comment by the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission at its June, 2006 meeting. After that meeting, this plan may be revised to reflect the guidance provided by the Commission. The Preliminary Plan will become the Project Description used in the Notice of Preparation to be prepared in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

1.3 BACKGROUND

The Coyote Creek Parkway County Park Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and Master Plan is to balance the long-term resource management of the Coyote Creek Parkway County Park (the Parkway) corridor with its recreation use in a way that directly reflects the Mission and Vision of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department (the Department). By doing so, the resulting landscape and the recreation and educational opportunities it affords will benefit all the residents of Santa Clara County for generations to come. The Integrated Plan is to portray how the Parkway can realistically be managed and how public access can be facilitated in a 10 to 20-year timeframe to most