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Please see our attached letter in support of the staff recommendation on this item. We urge you to accept the Natural and Working Lands Element and direct staff to incorporate it into the Climate Smart San José plan.

Diane McNutt, President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara

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May 1, 2023

To: Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Torres, Cohen, Ortiz, Dvis, Doan, Candelas, Foley, and Batra

cc: San Jose City Clerk

Subject: **Climate Smart San Jose Natural and Working Lands Element:** Item: 6.4; File # 23-625:of City Council Meeting May 2.

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara is **pleased to see the staff recommendation to accept the Natural and Working Lands (NWL) Element and to incorporate it into Climate Smart San Jose.** In a letter sent on June 13, 2022, we urged the City to include natural carbon sequestration, as outlined in the Natural and Working Lands Element and the Community Forest Management Plans as a key strategy in the "Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030."

The League has strong positions on the management of natural resources and on the importance of combating climate change.

We understand that San Jose's proposed NWL Element would be the first NWL greenhouse gas reduction plan in California adopted at the local level, and we're proud of our City's leadership in combating climate change.

Sincerely,

Diane McNutt, President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara

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Please see the attached comment letter regarding Item 4.6 on tomorrow's City Council agenda.

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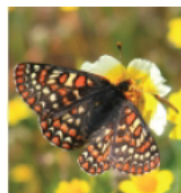
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Cheers to 30 years of protecting nature together, forever. [Click here](#) to join the celebration and learn more about the Open Space Authority's 30th Anniversary.



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May 2, 2023

San José Mayor & City Council
City of San José
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Subject: Support for Item 6.4 Acceptance of the Natural and Working Lands Element into Climate Smart San José

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Open Space Authority), I am pleased to share our support for the *Natural and Working Lands Element* (NWL Element) and its inclusion into Climate Smart San José. The Authority was eager to co-fund and advise on the NWL Element to help catalyze the local integration of nature-based solutions and ultimately support the type of bold actions called for by the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Open Space Authority is a public, independent special district created by the California State Legislature in 1993 to conserve the natural environment, support agriculture, and connect people to nature by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations.

Through this guidance, the Council has the opportunity to become the first city in California to adopt a natural and working lands greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction plan into its climate action plan and climate resilience strategies. Following the adoption of Climate Smart San José in 2018, the San José City Council set an aspirational goal in November 2021 for the City to become carbon neutral by 2030. According to the findings of the NWL Element, San Jose's natural and working lands have the potential to make an important contribution to these GHG reduction goals, as they are "directly linked to the health of our climate and our communities" (page 7).

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) *Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy* and *Pathways to 30x30* are two examples of the growing policy, programmatic, and funding support for nature-based solutions to climate change, of which natural and working lands are a "cornerstone." Solutions that work with and enhance nature are critical to delivering on our climate change goals, protecting public health, securing food and water supplies, and achieving greater equity across California. The Havana Midfield Pocket Park, funded by the Open Space Authority Urban Grant Program, is just one local example of building social and environmental equity through NWL investments.

The Open Space Authority looks forward to continued partnership and collaboration with the City to implement the strategies and recommendations of the NWL Element.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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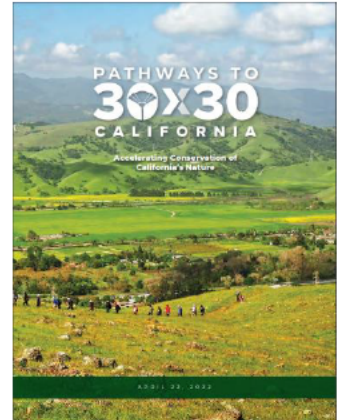


Figure 1. In 2022, Coyote Valley was featured on the cover for the California Department of Conservation's "Pathways to 30x30" report – the state's strategy for conserving 30% of our lands and coastal waters by 2030.