



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

**La Honda Creek Parking Feasibility Study
Homework from December 12, 2019 Meeting
Project Goals and Objectives – Assessment of Sites**

Project Specific Site Assessment Criterion	Red Barn – Behind Ranger Residence	Red Barn – Area Near White Shed	Preserve Gate LH15
Establish new public access in the central portion of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve	Would provide access to central portion of the Preserve	Would provide access to central portion of the Preserve	Would provide access that is further than the most central part of the Preserve.
Design elements to reflect the rural character of the site and the Red Barn	The rural character of the site could be maintained here if kept on a small scale	The site would have to be hidden behind the curtain of trees that already exists and kept to a small scale in order to maintain the rural character of the area.	Not close to the Red Barn, so less relevant
Provide safe public access	Access to this site from Hwy 84 would not be safe, as speeding and accidents are already a frequent occurrence here. Also complicated by the presence of Old La Honda Road directly across the road from this site.	Access to this site from Hwy 84 would not be safe, as speeding and accidents are already a frequent occurrence here. Also complicated by the presence of Old La Honda Road directly across the road from this site.	Use of Sears Ranch Road to this site makes this the safest spot along Hwy 84 in which to access the Preserve.
Balance public access with grazing activities and other uses	I don't know enough about the grazing agreement with the ranchers to know how development of a site here would impact their operations. It is sure to have some impact, but I would have to	I don't know enough about the grazing agreement with the ranchers to know how development of a site here would impact their operations. It is sure to have some impact, but I would have to	It would seem that development here would have minimal impact on grazing operations since it is adjacent to already existing grazing areas that are open and spacious.

	learn more about their operations to know how much of an impact.	learn more about their operations to know how much of an impact.	
Include amenities that facilitate environmental education	Likely to be easy to add signage etc for environmental education at this site.	Likely to be easy to add signage etc for environmental education at this site.	Likely to be easy to add signage etc for environmental education at this site, and since there is already signage further up the road, the educational materials could be more limited.
Protect scenic views of and from the site	This site could be well hidden from Hwy 84 and it offers beautiful views of the Red Barn and the surrounding hills. However, unless very limited in size, it could be very visible to hikers in the Preserve.	If hidden behind the existing screen of trees and kept very modest in size, this area could shield much of the site from passersby on Hwy 84. The views of the scenery from the site are lovely.	Since this is an open area, it is likely that it will be very visible to the rest of La Honda and the school. The views from the site are nice if you want to look toward La Honda, but limited otherwise.

Notes:
