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Open Space Authority Board Appoints Mike Flaughter as Director for District 2

San Jose, CA: July 24, 2014 – The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Board of Directors appointed Mike Flaughter as director for District 2. In this role, Director Flaughter will represent communities from North San Jose, Berryessa, and the City of Milpitas.

“I believe that open space and natural resources are key to a balanced and livable environment,” said Flaughter. “I began my work and advocacy with the Penitencia Creek and Trail, working with county parks, the water district, City of San Jose Parks, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I see the District 2 board position as a way to continue this important work.”

Mike Flaughter recently served on the Open Space Authority’s Citizens Advisory Committee and has served in leadership roles for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council, Berryessa Business Association, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinating Committee, and the City of San Jose Parks and Recreation and Neighborhood Services Commission.

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Mr. Flaughter fills the seat vacated by Jim Foran and will serve as Director for District 2 until the general election in November 2014.

About the Open Space Authority

The Open Space Authority was founded over 20 years ago to balance urbanization in Santa Clara County. The Authority has protected over 16,000 acres of beautiful open space, agricultural lands, watersheds, and wildlife habitat. We operate preserves with trails that are open to the public 365 days a year. We take pride in our role as stewards of the region’s natural capital – our air, water, and soil – which supports over 1.8 million people.