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Subject: Re: Acquisition Priority
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Frank,

You are right, protecting that corridor is very important. The GMP cites the strong interests of the conservation community in those lands in two BAOSC studies: Priority Conservation Areas and Upland Goals. Darren Fong was instrumental in the Upland Goals process. Below is what we say in the Boundary Adjustment chapter.

Let us know if you have any suggestions. There is a good window for making those right now.

Brian

POTENTIAL FUTURE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS

Four areas adjacent to the park were identified as Priority Conservation Areas through a regional planning effort led by the Association of Bay Area Governments and documented in Golden Lands, Golden Opportunities (Bay Area Open Space Council, 2009). Multiple strategies and multiple land managers could have a role in managing these lands. At this time, no specific boundary adjustments are proposed by the park in these areas. However, anticipated studies would evaluate which specific properties within these areas would be most appropriately managed by the National Park Service.

[Pacifica Conservation Area \(*South of Mussel Rock to McNee Ranch*\), San Mateo County](#)

[Disconnected, undeveloped parcels at the fringes of the Pacifica community could enhance continuity of existing Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands, including the park's trail links to the California Coastal Trail and Bay Area Ridge Trail, and improve natural resource corridors.](#)

UPLAND GOALS CONSERVATION AREAS

A science-based approach towards identifying biologically important lands for protection in the San Francisco Bay Area was developed by the Bay Area Open Space Council (Weiss et al. 2008), with participation of NPS staff. The result is a network of conservation areas based on computer models that strives to achieve conservation goals for targeted vegetation types and individual species along with assessments of viability, ecological integrity, and level of connectivity of conservation lands. The model output identifies lands adjacent to the park that would help sustain diverse and healthy communities of plant, fish, and wildlife resources in the nine-county Bay Area. Some of these areas overlap with Priority Conservation Areas.

[Mori-Milagra-Sweeney Connector](#)

Currently undeveloped lands in the Pacifica area have been identified as essential conservation areas; their protection would help the park increase the long-term resiliency of small natural areas such as Milagra Ridge as well as secure important habitat corridors to facilitate species and community movements over time and space.

On Thu, Feb 14, 2013 at 5:48 PM, Francis Dean <frank_dean@nps.gov> wrote:

Nancy and Brian,

Was thinking the acquisition of the private land corridor between Milagra and Sharp is a strategic connection we should consider despite being out of the boundary. Higher priority long term than the dynamic coastal bluffs...let's discuss sometime. Might want to reference in GMP for future air cover though. I know....

Frank

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