

COYOTE VALLEY SITE TOUR

MARCH 13, 2004

1



Heading South on Santa Teresa Blvd. This is one of the three main arterials linking Coyote Valley to San Jose. It is also the expected route of an extension of the VTA's light rail line from its current terminus at the Baypointe-Santa Teresa Station. Santa Teresa Blvd. rises over a pass between Santa Teresa Hills and Tulare Hill that separates the community of Coyote Valley from the Santa Teresa neighborhood to the north.

9



Turning East on Tilton Ave. Returning north on Monterey Road which is the principle roadway passing through Coyote Valley, a mix of land uses can be seen. It was an aboriginal trail and the old stage coach route.

2



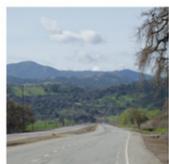
Laguna Seca First stop is at the Laguna Seca. While much of this historical lake area will likely look dry, it is planned to retain a large amount of water during a flood condition. Hydrology and flood control is a defining planning consideration for Coyote Valley. This was an extensive marshy area until it was reclaimed for farming in the 1920s.

10



Heading Back West on Live Oak Traveling north on Dougherty Ave., the most densely developed portion of the Coyote Valley Greenbelt is visible.

3



Heading South on Santa Teresa Blvd. Turning west on Bailey Ave., we cross Fisher Creek. Note that it has been a wet winter and there is a pretty good flow. Note Spreckles Hill on the left. Also, look up the road to the west and enjoy one of the Valley's great assets; the nearby views to open hills.

11



Turning East on Palm Ave. Re-entering the Urban Reserve, heading north on Monterey Road, there is Ken Saso's cherry stand.

4



IBM Facility The IBM facility, which was built in the mid-1970s, gives us a good vantage point to scan the lands of the northern Coyote Valley. It also serves as a reminder of Coyote Valley's policy and development history.

12



Heading North on Monterey Road Travel east off Monterey Road to Coyote Creek. Crossing the creek, note the very well utilized regional bike trail. This is a delightful trail that is well worth returning to for a ride or walk on another day. Also, note the spectacular mature sycamore trees along the creek.

5



Leaving IBM Facility Proceeding east on Bailey Ave., scan the land to the south and east. Note the valley to hill interface and notice the scatterings of mature, beautiful oak trees.

13



Coyote Creek Golf Club Head to southwest side of the golf club towards the southern freeway access point for Coyote Valley. There is a vantage point that offers a good overlook of the Coyote Creek percolation ponds as well as the whole valley and western hills.

6



Heading South Again on Santa Teresa Blvd. Get a sense of the scale of the land parcels. These are generally large parcels in various kinds of agricultural use, with a few interesting anomalies. Look east down Laguna Ave., there is a small neighborhood of homes on 2-acre lots. At Richmond Ave., note the golf driving range with portable building facilities; a good interim uses.

14



Heading Back North on Monterey Road At this location note the new Bailey Ave. interchange construction site. Bailey Ave., between Monterey Road and Santa Teresa could be Coyote Valley's main street. The vista from the Monterey Road over-crossing could be spectacular.

7



Continuing East on Scheller Ave. Traveling south on Dougherty Ave. and west on Palm Ave., note another enclave of estate homes on 2-acre parcels, adjacent to sod farms. Palm Ave. demarks the boundary between the Coyote Urban Reserve (North of Palm) and the Coyote Greenbelt (South of Palm).

15



Heading North again on Monterey Road This is the Hamlet of Coyote. During the early American settlement period (1848-1900), Coyote served as a stage stop and later as a train stop for nearby farms and ranches. The nucleus of the community was the Twelve Mile House which included an inn, saloon, and general store dating from the 1850s.

8



Continuing South on Santa Teresa Blvd. Note that the parcel sizes are smaller (some as small as 1 acre) in the Greenbelt area and the agricultural character becomes more intense (greenhouses, mushroom growing). This area is intended to provide an open space and rural character buffer between San Jose and Morgan Hill. Further south at the Morgan Hill boundary, suburban development is taking place.

16



Heading North on Monterey Road Note the Metcalf Energy Center under construction on your left, the PG&E substation and the Metcalf Percolation ponds on your right.