



# Taylor Mountain Master Plan



## Public Outreach Message July 20, 2010

### Mission Statement: Celebrating and Protecting the Natural Wonders of Taylor Mountain

#### Acquisition of Land

In 2005, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (the District) completed the purchase of the last of four parcels totaling 1100 acres on what is known as Taylor Mountain, the major backdrop to the City of Santa Rosa. The properties were purchased to ensure the land remains open and scenic while preserving a dominant viewshed and significant geographic feature.

#### Taylor Mountain Open Space Park Master Plan

Sonoma County Regional Parks (Regional Parks) and the District, along with their team of consultants, are leading the effort to prepare a master plan and resource management plan for the land acquired on Taylor Mountain. Together, these documents will provide the vision, technical studies, conceptual plans, and implementation strategies to guide the development and long-term stewardship of Taylor Mountain that provides for a wide range of outdoor experiences while protecting the conservation and open space values of the land.

The key steps in developing the master plan for Taylor Mountain include the following:

1. Land Acquisition - complete
2. Interim Access to Taylor Mountain - underway since 2007 & ongoing
3. Natural and Cultural Resource studies - 2010
4. Public Input - 2010-2011
5. Master Plan and Resource Management Plans - 2010- 2011
6. Environmental Review (CEQA analysis) - 2011
7. Implementation of the Master Plan, includes design and construction of improvements, probably completed in phases as funding allows - 2011 and beyond

#### Public Engagement

The District, Regional Parks, and consulting team will engage the community in an extensive outreach effort to help determine which outdoor experiences and uses are appropriate for Taylor Mountain and how Taylor Mountain will be developed. There will be a variety of opportunities for the public to provide input at several project-specific community events, including a goal setting workshop on August 19 at the Vets Hall and "Taylor Mountain Day" on October 16, local events such as the Santa Rosa Downtown Market, and also through Regional Parks' website. The Master Plan and the Resource Management Plan will provide guidance for future improvements to the property, and the public input received will directly inform both these documents. These events will provide an excellent opportunity for interested individuals and groups to participate and be involved in the planning process from the beginning.