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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	County Clerk	From:	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
	County of Santa Clara		5050 El Camino Real
			Los Altos, CA 94022

Project Title: Groundwater Well Decommissioning in Midpeninsula Open Space Preserves

Project Location: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Preserves

City: Unincorporated County: Santa Clara County & San Mateo County

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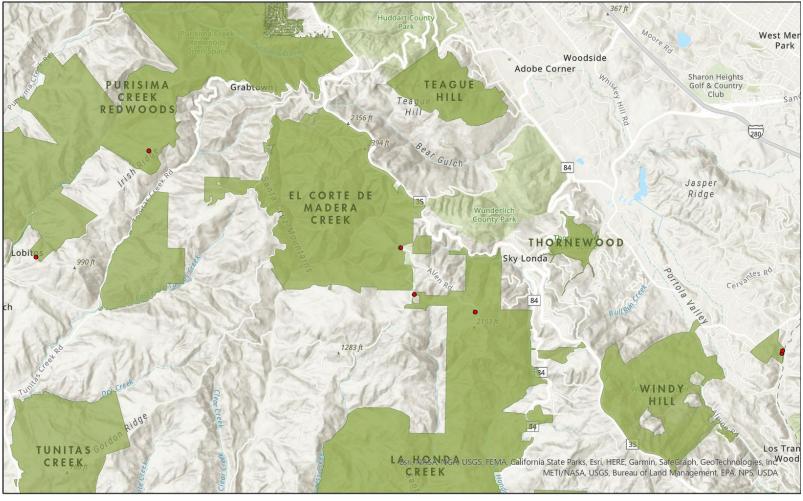
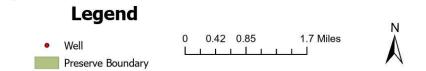
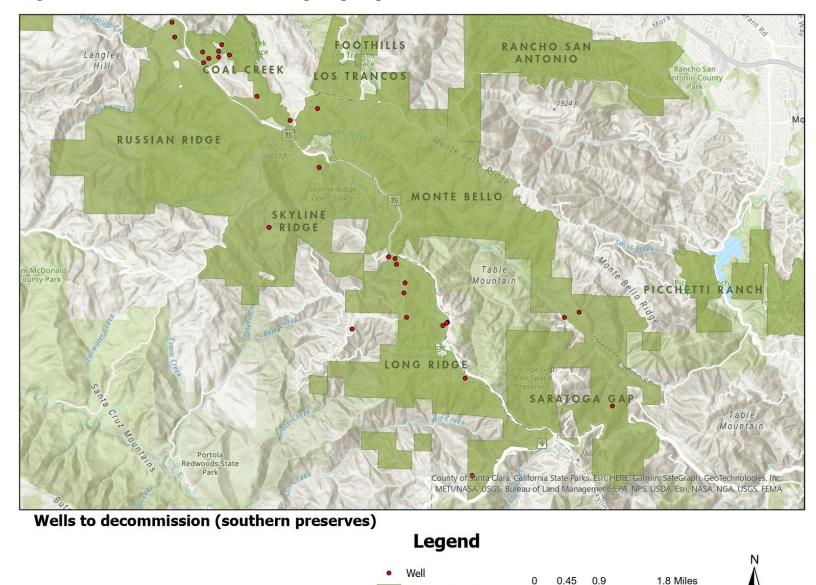


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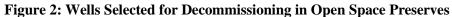




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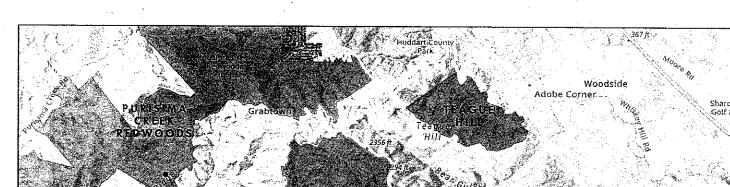
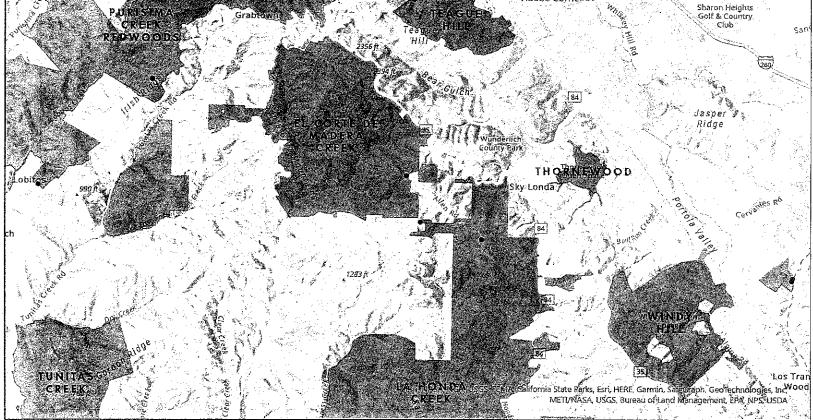


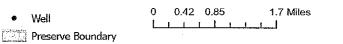
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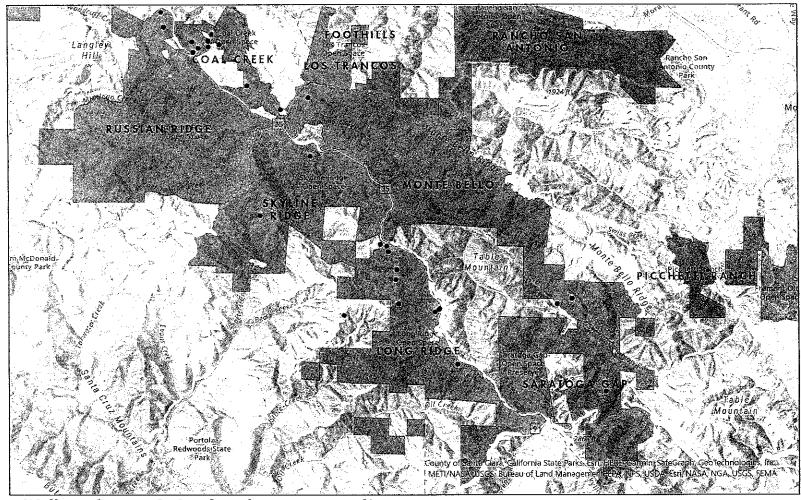


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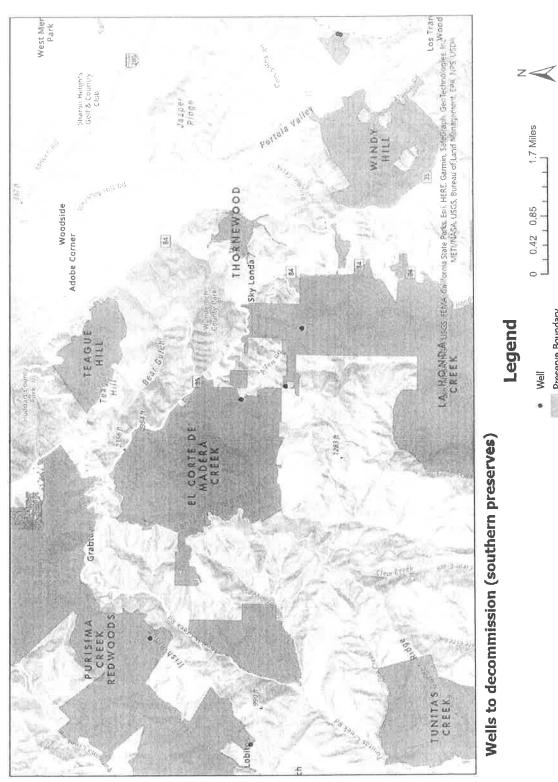
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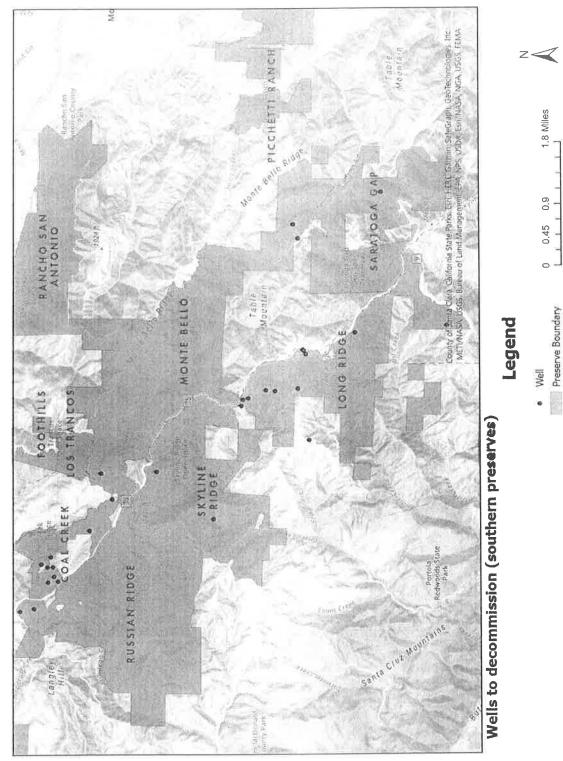
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