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The new accessible Hidden Meadow Trail at Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve is now open for all to enjoy. This project was made possible with \$1.12M in funding from State Parks' Per Capita Program and is an example of how the Open Space Authority is investing in nature. On June 8, 2024, the Open Space Authority's ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the new bridge and trail, bringing together Bay Area Older Adults, dedicated volunteers and excited visitors.



A group from Bay Area Older Adults arrived early for a unique sensory program to experience the new bridge and Hidden Meadow Trail. (Photo: Lanny Nguyen Photography)



Open Space Authority volunteer Emily Chao gave remarks about the importance of accessible outdoor experiences for people with disabilities. As a person who is visually impaired, she emphasized that no one should have to pay a high price to enjoy nature. (Photo: David Mauk)



Dr. Nusrat Khaleeli, Chief Operating Officer for Bay Area Older Adults, spoke about the importance of empowering adults of all abilities to take charge of their health, embrace diversity and become change agents for environmental sustainability. Bay Area Older Adults programs help reduce barriers to nature exploration, and their flagship program is multisensory educational nature walks for visually, mobility and cognitively impaired adults and their caregivers. (Photo: David Mauk)



Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager of the Open Space Authority, welcomes the crowd and gives a sneak preview of what lies ahead for regional trail connections at Rancho Cañada del Oro. In the fall of 2024, 5 miles of existing trails will be dedicated as part of the official Bay Area Ridge Trail in