

## **Special Mandates & Administrative Commitments Watershed Easements**

On Jan. 15, 1969, the City/County of San Francisco granted two easements to the United State of America, accepted by the Secretary of the Interior.

### **Scenic Easement**

The primary purpose of the easement is to preserve the property in its natural state while expressly permitting “the collection, storage and transmission of water and protection of water quality for human consumption.” The scenic easement generally includes all lands (and waters) west of the eastern shorelines of the Crystal Springs and San Andreas Reservoirs.

#### **Restrictions**

- Land shall be preserved in its present natural state.
- No structures allowed other than those directly related to water collection, storage, and transmission. No mobile trailer allowed as substitute for caretaker’s residential building. The design and location of all buildings, except water utilities buildings and appurtenances, shall be subject to the concurrence of a regional representative of the Dept. of Interior to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior (it is presumed that this is GGNRA).
- No dumping.
- No signs, billboards or advertisements.
- SFPUC shall not allow further encroachment on watershed lands by adjacent landowners, except as authorized by a regional representative of the Dept. of Interior to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior (it is presumed that this is GGNRA).
- General topography of the land shall be maintained- no substantial excavation- unless it is with concurrence of a regional representative of the Dept. of Interior to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior (it is presumed that this is GGNRA).
- No cutting or removal of timber or brush without concurrence, in writing, by a regional representative of the Dept. of Interior to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior (it is presumed that this is GGNRA).

Note: Concurrence shall be deemed to have been granted if there is no response within 60 days from request.

### **Scenic & Recreation Easement**

The primary purpose of the easement is to preserve the property in its natural state while expressly permitting “the collection, storage and transmission of water and protection of water quality for human consumption; outdoor recreation; and other [compatible] uses.” The scenic and recreation easement generally includes all lands east of the eastern shorelines of the Crystal Springs and San Andreas Reservoirs.

#### **Restrictions**

- Contains the same restrictions (as listed above) on property use as the Scenic Easement, *except* for expressly allowing the general public “the right, subject to rules and regulations as may be imposed and published by [the Public Utilities Commission], to enter the premises for recreational purposes.”

Special Note: A golf course is not mandate in either of the easements...and in May 1999, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, as owners of the fee-simple land interest, prohibited the building of any new golf courses on the Peninsula Watershed lands.