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April 15, 2020

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Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
P.O. Box 5272, Galt, CA 95632

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Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista  
789 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062

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Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan  
P.O. Box 28, Hollister, CA 95024

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Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area  
20885 Redwood Road, Suite 232, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Dear Honorable Monica Arellano, Chairperson:

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North Valley Yokuts Tribe  
P.O. Box 717, Linden, CA 95236

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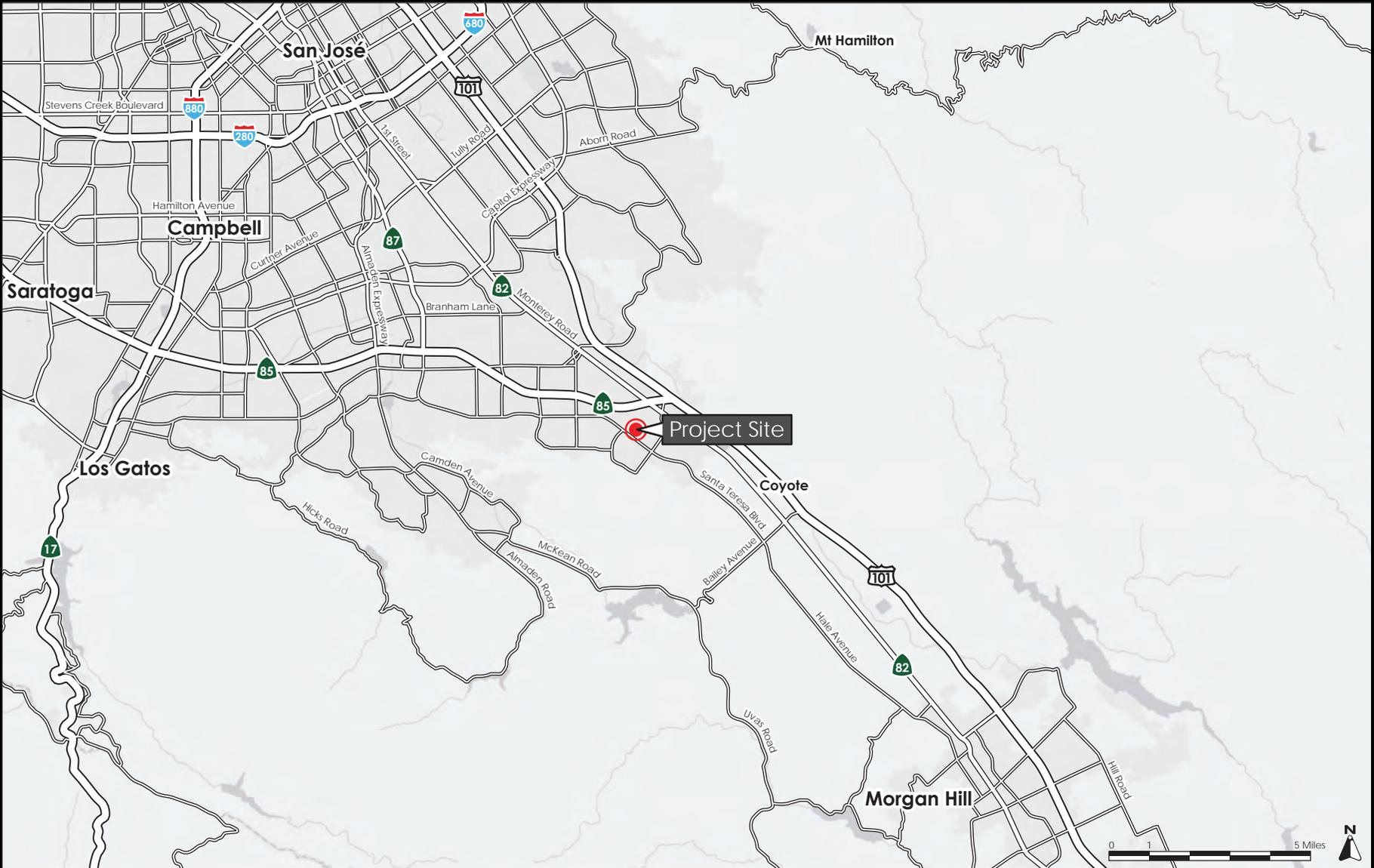
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**Regional Map**

Sources: SV1 2020a

**Project Boundary**



0' 100' 500' 1000'

Aerial Source: Google Earth Pro, Nov. 15, 2019 | Photo Date: May 2018



**Figure 1.1-3**  
**Aerial Photograph and**  
**Surrounding Land Uses**