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NEWS RELEASE

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Environmental Education Center and Blacksmith Shop Grand Opening

CUPERTINO, CA – On Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 4pm, the Cupertino City Council officially opened the new Environmental Education Center and renovated Blacksmith Shop at the McClellan Ranch Preserve in Cupertino.

“Cupertino is famous for its continued dedication to education and environmental sustainability. This new Environmental Education Center is another example of our commitment to education and an investment in a sustainable future for our city and its residents.” said Cupertino Mayor Rod Sinks.

“This is a beautiful place where our community can connect with nature and also with one another,” said Cupertino City Naturalist Barbara Banfield.

The groundbreaking for the Environmental Education Center was on May 21, 2014.

The Baer Blacksmith Shop was originally at the intersection of De Anza and Stevens Creek Boulevard, an area then known as the West Side Crossroads. It was established by William Baer in 1888. The new replica is a blacksmith forge for demonstrations and other educational opportunities.

For more information on this project visit www.cupertino.org/McClellanRanch

Cupertino, CA, is on the western edge of Silicon Valley against the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. With a population of 62,000 within 13 square miles, Cupertino is 42 miles south of San Francisco and home to many high-tech companies, most notably Apple, Inc.

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