



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Parks Department



**DATE:** May 24, 2016

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2016

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner, AICP

**SUBJECT:** Park Planning Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Read report.

**BACKGROUND:**

This report covers park planning activities since the Commission's April 7, 2016 meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Coyote Point Marina Dredging**

The Coyote Point Marina was last dredged in 2010. According to a recent bathometric survey, it is currently filling in at a rate of ½ feet a year and is in need of another dredging episode, which is a more frequent interval than had been anticipated. TranSystem Engineering was selected as the contractor to prepare plans, specifications, assist in securing permits and provide construction management for the next dredging episode. Ten-year permits from regulatory agencies will be pursued to address this, and future episodes of dredging as needed. The Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the TranSystem contract at their June 28, 2016 meeting.

**Coyote Point Owl Installation**

The County Office of Sustainability has commissioned two virtual reality "Owl" viewfinders to show what sea level rise will look like. These "Owls" will be temporarily installed for 6 months south of the concessionaire building at the promenade. A Bay Conservation and Development Commission Permit has been applied for, and when approved the County Parks Department will issue an Encroachment Permit for the improvements.

**Fitzgerald Master Plan Assessment**

County Park staff have prepared a draft assessment of the 2004 Master's Plan implementation. Park staff met with the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and shared some of the preliminary findings, and the Friends asked to complete their own

assessment and make recommendations. At the next Friends meeting, we will exchange our respective assessment findings.

### **Granada Community Services District (GCSD)**

At their March 17, 2016 meeting, the GCSD Board approved their Park Advisory Committee's recommendations to ask County Parks to develop a trail plan for the El Granada medians, and assist in plans and permits for construction of active recreation improvements on two specific medians. A Request for Proposals was solicited to County Park's on call Landscape Architects and three proposals were received from Gates and Associates, Alta Planning and Design, and MIG/TRA. The GCSD Board subsequently asked that review of the proposals be put on hold until the responsibility for planning and making improvements and long-term responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the medians is clarified between the GCSD Board and the County.

### **Green Infrastructure**

A new initiative is being proposed through the County Office of Sustainability to encourage County departments to implement green infrastructure into their existing infrastructure and as part of capital improvement projects. There are expected to be funding opportunities as a result of this assessment of opportunities.

### **Multi-Modal Trail**

30% design plans have been completed that will be the basis of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Coastal Development Permit and permits from wetland agencies. A portion of the Trail will be located on the Mirada Surf East property.

A Request for Proposal is being drafted by the County Planning Department, who are taking the lead for the project, which will involve development of 60%, 90% and 100% design plans and specifications, and a NEPA environmental document because Federal funding for the project is anticipated.

### **Peninsula Working Group**

A subcommittee of the Peninsula Working Group is focused on regional trail development and interagency coordination. Strategies are being developed with recommended goals and objectives for the next 5 years.

### **Pillar Point Marsh Parking Lot Improvements**

Permits have been secured to regrade and rock the parking lot for erosion and sediment control.

### **Portola Trail Committee**

The next meeting of the Committee is set for June 8, 2016 and will focus on recognition of the indigenous Indian settlements and trail network, developing wayfaring signage, and completion of certain sections of the California Coastal Trail that overlap with the Portola Trail.

### **Pedro Point Headlands**

At their May 25, 2016 meeting, the County Planning Commission approved certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and issuance of the Coastal Development, Resource Development, and Grading Permits to improve trails and restore degraded areas from prior use as a motorcycle park. Following the closure of the California Coastal Commission appeal period in mid-June the project can initiate. The approved Mitigated Negative Declaration will now be used for the City of Pacifica to approve issuance of permits to complete work within their jurisdiction.

### **Programmatic Permits**

The proposal manual of best management practices permits for Public Works and Parks operations and maintenance projects involving creeks and wetlands is being updated. This manual will become the basis of environmental review and five-year permits from Federal and State agencies, and the County Planning Department.

### **Quarry Park Trail Planning**

A number of projects are being proposed by District IV staff that will be the subject of a single Coastal Development Permit application including: 1) a storage area, 2) moving a gardener's shed to the community garden, 3) construction of a new trail to the top of the Quarry Park property, and 4) replacement of road culverts and installation of rolling dips for drainage improvements.

### **Reimagine Flood County Park**

A Programmatic Environmental Impact Report will be prepared for the Master Plan. A Request for Proposals from our on call environmental review contractors is being prepared.

### **Skyline Trail**

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is proposing that the Skyline Trail, an equestrian and pedestrian section of the Ridge Trail, be improved as a multi-modal trail to facilitate bicycle access. Park staff is reviewing this proposal.

### **Sustainability Plan**

The Sustainability Circle has completed a 3-minute video highlighting the San Mateo County Parks Department's Sustainability Plan. The video has been posted on our respective websites. A six-month assessment of implementation of the Sustainability Plan is being completed.

### **Trail Planning and Restoration at Pillar Point Bluffs**

The bluffs have experienced significant erosion this past winter. County Parks is soliciting a Geotechnical Hazard Consultant to assist County Parks in assessing the stability of the bluffs for trail overlooks, bluff trails, the future California Coastal Trail location, and fencing for protecting public safety.

**Wunderlich Park Carriage House Improvements**

Plans for a deck and unisex ADA bathroom were reviewed May 18, 2016, by the County's Historic Resources Advisory Committee and were unanimously approved. The plans are being finalized and then a Building Permit will be secured by the County's Architect.