

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: November 20, 2014

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: December 4, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Report on Park Planning Activities

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:

This report covers park planning activities since the Commission's October 2, 2014 regular meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Coyote Point Marina Fuel Dock

A low bid was received for the work from Paradiso Mechanical Inc., who submitted a bid of \$215,500 which was lower than the engineers estimate of \$231,000. Work is expected to be completed by the end of January 2015. A preconstruction meeting took place November 19, 2014.

Crystal Springs Trail South of Dam

Much of the grading and paving, fencing, bathroom installation and signage have been constructed or installed. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the week of December 5, 2014.

Crystal Springs Trail South of Highway 92

The project is still undergoing Federal NEPA compliance review (involving historic, cultural and environmental resources), and following completion revised plans and specifications will be prepared for Public Works review. A new contractor will be selected to complete the design and specifications and update the cost estimate incorporating the NEPA mitigations. The project is likely to be constructed in the summer of 2015.

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Cypress Grove Management

The County Planning Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit for this work at their October 8, 2014 meeting.

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Parking Lot

The project construction is estimated to be completed by November 21, 2014. Construction management, biological monitoring and surveying staked design features have been contracted

14 Acre Property South of Pigeon Point Lighthouse

The guardrail and fencing project is under construction by Parks staff. The CalTrans Encroachment Permit has been extended to complete project by no later than the end of February 2015. Additional time for monitoring will take place in the spring of 2015 and restoration in the fall of 2015.

Memorial Water Storage

The Resource Conservation District has secured State Department of Water Resources funding for County Parks to construct up to two million gallons in water storage capacity in Memorial Park for year round use. A kick off meeting for project construction was held October 28, 2014.

Memorial Park Fish Migration Barrier Removal Project

The Resource Conservation District has secured California Department of Fish and Wildlife Service funding to remediate the fish migration barriers at Sequoia Flat and at the Flashboard Dam at Memorial County Park. A kick off meeting for project construction was held October 28, 2014.

Midcoast Park Planning

Granada Community Services District will be using County Park staff as contractors to assist with their Midcoast Park planning effort. I attended the first meeting to discuss their efforts October 16, 2014. A follow up meeting with the General Manager took place November 19, 2014. The focus is on developing a survey of the community to gage future park needs and focus. The survey results would be completed in February 2015/

Montara Trail

A meeting was held with CalTrans, GGNRA, and POST staff to discuss the future trail opportunities within the former Devil's Slide Bypass October 28, 2014. A three mile long 25-foot trail easement is being discussed. The holder of the future trail easement is still being discussed.

Highway 1 Multi-Modal Trail

Served on a Review Committee November 20, 2014 interviewing a consultant being considered to perform this work that will be managed by the County Planning Department.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Midcoast Parking Demand Study
Participated in two meetings October 27 and November 4, 2014 with GGNRA staff, their consultants, Supervisor Horsley's office, and State Parks to discuss a study to identify future transit needs, and shared parking and trailhead opportunities

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Maintenance Projects

Another Encroachment Permit for raising a tower on San Bruno Mountain was approved to raise power lines. Park staff has been working with PG&E to improve existing service roads along the Ridge for emergency access purposes.

Performance Measures

Evaluated potential future park performance measures currently used by other County departments for which County Parks is performing similar work, so that we can similarly measure our progress, which may also create opportunities for increased funding.

Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Designations

PCA's designations have the possibility of attracting funding for park habitat and regional trail improvements among other classifications. There are future deadlines for designations recommendations. I attended two meetings October 16 and November 17, 2014 to discuss with the Greenbelt Alliance and Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District to coordinate potential future PCA designations in San Mateo County.

San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (SBM HCP)

The Natural Resource Manager is assuming most of the daily responsibilities associated with SBM HCP, and I will be providing staff support for planning and permitting responsibilities. The audit of the Trust Fund from FY2009-13 is being completed. A preliminary meeting on findings took place November 19, 2014. The Draft Assessment of 30 Years of Habitat Management on San Bruno Mountain has been received and will be shared with the Technical Advisory Committee at their December meeting. There is dialogue with developers and City's approving dedications of lands to County Parks per the Habitat Conservation Plan: 1) McKesson lands (Brisbane), 2) Callippe Hill (Brisbane), and 3) Rio Verde Estates (Daly City).

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Coordination Meetings

Attended two coordination meetings November 3 and November 20, 2014 with SFPUC staff about cooperation regarding regional trail development and maintenance on lands under areas of SFPUC ownership and by County Trail Easement.

Scientific Collection Permits

The results of eight years of research conducted based on past issued Scientific Collection Permits has been collected and is being digitally stored based on parks where the research took place. The Natural Resource Manager is assuming future responsibilities related to issuing these permits.

Trail Projects under Construction

A summary of trail projects under construction was provided to staff.

Water and Waste Water Infrastructure Assessment

A summary is being developed based on park plans and maps, and staff knowledge of needs.