



MINUTES

In-Person Only

Thursday, April 2, 2026

3:30 PM

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This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held at **Flood County Park, 215 Bay Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Swearing in of Commissioner Paul Faklis, District 1

3. Roll Call

Present: Chair Rodriguez Mitton, Vice-Chair Esser, Commissioner Manneh, Commissioner ter Schure, Commissioner Faklis

4. Public Comment

5. Action to Set the Agenda and approve the March 5, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve March 5, 2026 meeting minutes passes.

6. Reports and Presentations

6.1 Parks Department Report – Interim Parks Director Emma Gonzalez

Highlights include:

- Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach: We have secured approximately \$950,000 in grant funding from the Coastal Conservancy to support the slide stabilization work. Once work is complete, projected opening is July or August 2026.
- Realize Flood Park: The playground is nearing completion, with punch list items underway.
- San Bruno Mountain Day Use Improvement Project: Parks staff is working on compacting and filling the sinkholes. Once the project is complete, we anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony in May 2026.
- Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail Project: Ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 24, 2026 at 9am.
- Realize Coyote Point – Magic Mountain Playground: The Board of Supervisors approved a 3.8 million Measure K funded project for the replacement of the Magic Mountain Playground at Coyote Point. There will be a community engagement period from April 8-22, 2026, where the public will be invited to review and provide feedback on two design concepts before a final design is selected.

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Welcome and onboarding of new Commissioner (Informational)

Paul Faklis

7.2 Consideration of 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting locations (Action)

The June meeting will be held at County Center in Redwood City.

The September meeting will be held at Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach.

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Commission Retreat: Priorities and Work Plan Development (2026-2027) (Discussion/Action)
Proposal to use Debbie Schecter of Schecter Consulting, who has an existing contract with the County of San Mateo, to assist with Work Plan development. Motion passes.

- Work plan would be for 18 months, to go through the end of 2027.
- Debbie Schecter would facilitate the next two Parks Commission meetings, focusing on Commission priorities and SMART goals to create a Work Plan.

8. Commissioner Updates

8.1 Commissioner report out on information items, subcommittee, or project updates

9. Items for a Future Agenda

- County priorities update
- Welcome & onboarding of new Commissioners
- County diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- Partnerships and connections – have representatives of partner organizations provide presentations to the Commission. Discuss which County department may be able to attend.
- Update on sustainability actions for the Parks Department & alignment with action plan for County Office of Sustainability. Regional transportation and active transportation
- Summary of Revitalize Coyote Point survey
- Subcommittee structure and assignments
- Processes to address public comment
- Address technological gaps to ensure accessibility for public attendees and improve participation at in-person and remote meetings.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

**Paul Faklis, District 1 | Arnout ter Schure, District 2 | Irma Rodriguez Mitton, District 3 (Chair) |
Brooks Esser (Vice-Chair), District 4 | Basem Manneh, District 5**

County of San Mateo Parks Department

Emma Gonzalez, Interim Parks Director

Scott Lombardi, Parks Superintendent

Tracy Nappi, Administrative Assistant I