



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: September 18, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 1, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner, AICP

SUBJECT: Park Planning Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:

This report covers park planning activities since the Commission's August 6, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Bay Trail Development in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto

A site visit took place August 24, 2015 with staff of Supervisor Warren Slocum's office, County Parks, the ABAG/Bay Trail, cities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) to review MROSD's planned design and construction of the last remaining gap in the Bay Trail located south of the recently constructed segment Facebook completed this year. This new section of Bay Trail will connect to 80 miles of completed Bay Trail segments to the north and south.

California State Parks

County Park staff had a site visit September 9, 2015 with California State Parks staff to review the State owned property on San Bruno Mountain that County Parks has managed under a 15-year Operating Agreement, which expires December 31, 2015. State Parks was impressed with County Park's improvements, resource management and maintenance of the property. A replacement telecommunications tower is proposed on a developed Daly City water tank property which State Park owns, which is likely to generate new revenue. State Parks staff is interested in supporting County Parks on potential projects involving natural resource management, group camp rehabilitation,

and youth outreach programming. A sit down meeting to continue discussion on renewal of an operating agreement is scheduled was held on September 22, 2015.

Crystal Springs Trail South of Dam

Because grants to improve this segment of trail required some immediate public access, the trail was made available on the third weekend of August at the northern entrance to the trail off of Skyline Boulevard, a county road. Trail access is expected to continue on the third weekend of every month until the trail over the Crystal Springs Dam has been completed in 2017. On September 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to remove no parking signs along the southern entrance to the trail on State Highway 35. This action will allow some limited parking during the limited trail opening.

Dumbarton Trail

A scoping meeting took place August 24, 2015 regarding future design plans for a 4.5-miles long multi-use trail along the Dumbarton Right of Way from Redwood City Transit Station to the Bay Trail at MROSD Ravenswood Open Space Preserve. County staff from Supervisor Slocum's office, Parks, Public Works and Real Property participated. The trail is being funded by Facebook, and a lead agency is still being determined.

Granada Community Services District (GCSD)

The GCSD Board held a meeting September 3, 2015 at which they approved: 1) a Park Citizens Advisory Committee to work with County Park staff with El Granada medians a high priority for improvement and 2) for County Parks to install a 150-foot split rail fence on GCSD's Burnham strip property to keep vehicles from driving too close to the adjacent creek opposite Obispo Avenue.

Loma Mar Redwoods Survey

Park staff met with the survey contractor regarding concerns about the exact boundaries of property lines in the upper area of the property. In addition Loma Mar Mutual Water Company has water tanks on this property in the same area where boundaries are in question. The water tanks are in need of replacement, and delineating the property boundaries is important to determine where they should be replaced, and on which property. The survey is anticipated to be completed in October 2015.

Memorial Park Fish Migration Barrier Removal Projects

Work has begun on these long awaited projects to remove the last two salmonid migration barriers in County Parks. The San Mateo County Resource Conservation District is overseeing the project, which is anticipated to be completed in October 2015.

Pedro Point Headlands

Park staff attended a public workshop September 10, 2015 to discuss Pacifica Land Trust's proposed restoration of off road vehicle damage and design of improved trail alignments to reduce sediment impacts on lands owned by the California Coastal Conservancy and City of Pacifica. Following design, and permit approvals the restoration and construction are anticipated to begin in the spring/summer of 2016 and 2017.

Pillar Point Trail and Restoration Planning

A meeting took place August 25, 2015 to discuss opportunities for restoration of habitat and trail and beach access planning with staff from County Parks, Vandenberg Air Force Base, San Mateo County Harbor District and Peninsula Open Space Trust. There is agreement to continue the discussion about partnerships and grant opportunities in early 2016.

San Andreas Trail Improvements

Repairs are needed at two locations approximately .6 and .9 miles south of San Andreas Trail at San Bruno Avenue. Plans have been prepared and are being reviewed by San Francisco Water Department. Construction is anticipated in October.

San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (SBM HCP)

The San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan Trustees meeting took place August 19, 2015, and the Trustees approved the Assessment of 30 years of habitat management and covered species monitoring associated with the SBM HCP, which has been posted to the County Park website.

San Pedro Valley Weiler Ranch Road Culvert Replacement

Two culverts draining small tributaries need to be replaced along Weiler Ranch Road above the middle fork of San Pedro Creek. One of the culverts has failed and requires emergency repair while another needs to be replaced. Applications for permits have been made, and construction is anticipated in October 2015.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Park staff reviewed the final proposed Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Area of Special Biological Significance Compliance Plan. Corporation yard inspections for stormwater compliance are being conducted in September of the six corporation yards County Parks operates and maintains.

Sustainability Circle

A Sustainability Plan for the Parks Department is being completed, and will be shared at the Park Commission's December 3, 2015 meeting.

West Bay Sanitary District

A meeting was held August 27, 2015 regarding the District's plans for a line providing recycled water along Bay Road within the next five years. The District recommended as part of Flood Park landscape plans that purple pipe for recycled water distribution be incorporated for landscape watering. .