



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: January 25, 2016

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 4, 2016

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 December 3, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Environmental Review and Permitting

Department staff are working together to improve training for park staff. In addition the Department has established a new, bimonthly project review for project planning, coordination and permitting.

Flood County Park Landscape Plan

An application was submitted for project review with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission regarding the preferred alternative.

Memorial Park Water Supply

A kick off meeting was held January 21, 2016 with the Resource Conservation District, and their consultants who will be managing the project in coordination with County Parks. The project will evaluate opportunities for increasing conservation measures as well as the possibility of raw water storage.

Midcoast Parallel Trail

A significant portion of the project is located on the Mirada Surf East property just east of Highway 1. Thirty percent plans were reviewed by Park staff and shared with the Midcoast Community Council by the County Planning Department which is serving as lead on the project.

Portola Trail Committee

The first meeting date if this committee is being confirmed. There is a high level of interest in this initiative.

On Call Contractors

Nineteen firms were selected to provide on call services on an as needed basis for a three year period. Twelve agreements were presented and approved by the Board of Supervisor's at the January 25, 2016 meeting. The remaining seven agreements are in process for inclusion on the Board of Supervisors February 9, 2016 meeting.

Pedro Point Headlands

County Parks has taken the role of Applicant for a Coastal Development Permit from the County Planning Department for the trail and restoration work as well as temporary greenhouses and water storage for plant propagation for restoration. The County will serve as the lead agency for processing the Mitigated Negative Declaration, which is being finalized for public review starting in February 2016. A permit coordination meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016 with the City of Pacifica for that part of the project within their jurisdiction. Coordination meetings between County Parks and the Pacifica Land Trust are now occurring on a bi-weekly basis.

Programmatic Permits

A new manual for routine maintenance projects has been developed and is being reviewed by Public Works and Park staff. This manual will replace and update the County's current Watershed Protection Standards.

San Andreas Trail Improvements

By the date of your Commission meeting project construction is anticipated to be completed.

Sustainability Circle

Energy and lighting audits took place in December 2015 and January 2016 for our six highest use County Parks. County Parks has been certified as a Green Business by the County Office of Sustainability. A presentation of County Park's Sustainability Plan is being scheduled for the County Office of Sustainability and Parks Foundation. The Sustainability Circle is going to make a 3-minute video highlighting the San Mateo County Parks Department Sustainability Plan.