

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: January 22, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 5, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Scott Lombardi, Park Superintendent
SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:
This report covers Park activities since the Commission's December 4, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

DISTRICT I

Coyote Point Recreation Area

December storm damage included 15 large trees (eucalyptus and Monterey pines) that blocked access to paths and parking lots. One large eucalyptus fell on an electrical box that services the parking lot and pathway lights in the Knoll Picnic Area and Captain's House. Three large pine trees broke a water line that services facilities near the Magic Mountain Picnic Area.

New ADA-compliant cast concrete picnic and serving tables were purchased for the Beach Group Picnic Area.

CuriOdyssey staff spotted a juvenile Bald Eagle perched in a eucalyptus tree near the Merchant Marine Memorial – this is a first for Coyote Point as far as staff knows.

Junipero Serra Park

SalesForce continues to work toward accomplishing their goal of 2,000 volunteer hours at the park.

An AB 109 crew recently completed deferred trail work on the Live Oak Nature Trail including tread work, clearing overhang and trail widening.

Crystal Springs Trail

Rangers continue to respond to various calls from County dispatch. Most recently, a report of a homeless camp was received. The camp was actually a group of Spanish tourists backpacking by bicycle from Canada to Mexico. Ranger and Sheriff Deputy staff provided the group with educational information and advice including directions to their next stop for camping.

Focusing on visitor safety, staff has been patching potholes and cracks along the Sawyer Camp and San Andreas Trail segments

The holiday season brought a large increase in visitors and an upswing in dog contacts. Staff continues to educate visitors and gain voluntary compliance.

San Bruno Mountain

Staff is pleased that the last quarter mile of the Old Guadalupe Trail has been paved. Accessible curb cut and a pathway were also installed from Crocker Avenue to the entrance gate.

Volunteers continue work on the Bog Trail and the Edward Bacciocco Jr. Day Camp.

Animal proof trash and recycling receptacles were purchased and installed throughout the park, which cuts down on litter and the amount of human food consumed by wildlife.

DISTRICT II

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

Park staff inspected and cleared all the drainage features along the trails after the November/December storms to ensure proper drainage.

Park staff and volunteers weeded and laid cardboard material for weed prevention in the island by the inner parking area.

A hazardous oak tree was overhanging Day Use Area #2 was removed. Park staff will lay rock and install a new electrical line before replacing the picnic tables.

A broken valve on the main waterline for the park was replaced.

Flood Park

A tree contractor removed several dead pines near Bay Road and ground the tree stumps.

Park staff reorganized the park office to accommodate files which had previously been filed in the basement of 455 County Center.

Sheriff Work Program (SWP) crews have helped weekly to weed and clean the grounds in and around the buildings.

Huddart Park

A PG&E contractor finished the grading and rocking of the upper portion of Richards Road from Toyon Camping Area to Skyline Boulevard.

Volunteers planted redwood trees on and below the Redwood Reservation Area and repaired sections of Kings Mountain and Bay Tree Trails.

Park staff continues to replace old wooden valve boxes with concrete Christy boxes. All the old gate valves are being replaced with new ball valves.

California Department of Correction (CDC) Fire Crews have resumed fuel reduction work in Huddart Park along the Campground Trail moving north towards the Toyon Camping Areas.

Wunderlich Park

Tree work continues around the new arena and the historical upper barn, which was recently re-roofed.

Park staff is preparing plans for new restroom and picnic areas with ADA access.

CDC Fire Crews and park staff continued fuel reduction work along Bear Gulch Road towards Skyline Boulevard.

Park staff removed several downed trees that landed on AT&T lines over Bear Gulch Road.

Friendship Park

Several small community workshops were held at the park.

Park staff continues to weed, clean the park and haul the green waste composting.

DISTRICT III-SOUTH COAST

Memorial Park Complex

Park staff with Maintenance's Equipment Operator improved the parking lot at Loma Mar Redwoods by installing base rock and removing barbed wire fence and "T" posts. The parking lot can now accommodate six to eight cars depending upon car size.

Park staff prepped the ranger residence by removing bathroom flooring and sheet rock that had dry rot, and preparing the walls for painting.

After the November/December storms, park staff cleared several trees from trails in Memorial, Pescadero Creek and Sam McDonald Parks. Staff cleared several ditches and culverts and diverted water as needed off trails in all the parks.

Our masonry contractor continues work on the stone fire pits. All of these pits in the Sequoia Area will be rebuilt and ready for the 2015 camping season.

West Valley, contractor, began work on the new concrete pad for the additional three 10,000 gallon water tanks on Wurr Road. Park staff has assisted as needed. This project will increase water capacity from 30,000 gallons to 60,000 gallons of storage.

Memorial Park was opened on December 31 for camping.

Bellicci, a contractor, is replacing water lines in the Tan Oak Day Use Area in Memorial Park. This area is closed until May 2015 to accomplish this work. Redwood Flat will be used as a new day use area. People will be able to hike to the "big" tree but not to the tunnel tree.

A large Douglas fir tree fell onto the Brook Trail in Sam McDonald Park. Park staff will remove part of the tree but a section of the trail will need to be rerouted due to the size of the tree's root ball.

DISTRICT IV

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve/Quarry Park/Pillar Point Bluff/Mirada East & West

Both the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve parking lot upgrades and Phase I of the Cypress Grove tree management project have been completed. Phase I of the San Vicente Creek restoration has started.

Tour season at the Reserve is in full swing. Also Family Fun Days and Tide Pooling evening events were hosted.

Hazard trees near a private residence were removed from Mirada Surf East.

Quarry Park was cleaned up after the November/December storms.

Preparation for the Maverick's Surf Competition is happening. The contest window is now open through March.

The ranger residence project is nearly complete.

San Pedro Valley/Sanchez Adobe/Devil's Slide

REI sponsored a volunteer event at San Pedro Valley Park. Other activities at this park included an organized trail run, and ongoing native plant restoration and Trail Day volunteer events. Also sewer lines were cleaned out and video inspected.

After the storms at the end of 2014, considerable rock slide cleanup was needed on the Devil's Slide Trail. We have had a memorial bench donated for the Trail.

DISTRICT V

Maintenance and Sign Shop

Employees Candler and Kang completed the County's Essential Supervisory Skills training course.

Staff repaired and refurbished the "Founder's Plaque" located in the County Redwood City campus which was installed in 2001 to recognize the establishment of the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Other work includes the LED pathway lighting improvement project at Coyote Point Recreation Area, miscellaneous electrical repairs at Huddart, Memorial and Coyote Point, 1008 Railroad Avenue ranger residence repairs and upgrades, storm cleanup including downed tree removal, flooding cleanup, and rock removal at Devil's Slide Trail, installation of bollards and cabling as part of the Pigeon Point restoration project, and green waste removal from several District locations.

At the Sign Shop, we completed signs for Park Districts, Public Works-Facilities, CuriOdyssey and others.

Staff completed repairs and servicing on park equipment such as tractors and the chipper and assisted the Training Committee with conducting training on the bucket lift (Altec) truck.