



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: July 16, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: August 6, 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 June 4, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Bay Trail Development in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto

The Bay Trail Board meeting will hold a ribbon cutting for the section of Bay Trail completed by Facebook along University Avenue and in the multi-use tunnel under Bayshore Highway. Facebook recently completed construction of a northern ½ mile section of the Bay Trail in Menlo Park to Bayfront Park. The Ribbon Cutting will take place at the Facebook Campus, 1 Hacker Way, Building 17, Menlo Park on Friday, July 24 at 2:30 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved Measure A funding for design and construction of the last remaining gap in the Bay Trail located south of this recently constructed segment.

Coyote Point Fuel Dock

The Fuel Dock has been completed and was opened for business on July 11, 2015.

Devil's Slide Trail Award from the American Planning Association

The Devil's Slide section of the California Coastal Trail, which has been open to the public since March 2014, just received its fifth award for the project. This most recent

award is from the California Chapter of the American Planning Association under the category of *Implementation by a Large Jurisdiction*. The award will be presented at the California American Planning Association Conference in October 2015 in Oakland. Prior awards for Devil's Slide Coastal Trail include: 1) Northern California Chapter of the American Planning Association - Implementation - Large Jurisdiction Award, 2) Metropolitan Transportation Commission Award of Merit, 3) American Society of Civil Engineers - Bikeways and Trail Project of the Year - Region 9 (encompassing all of California), and 4) Silicon Valley Chapter of the Public Works Association.

Permit Streamlining

County Public Works and Parks are updating the current Watershed Protection Manual for the purposes of securing Programmatic Permits. A field tour of park facilities and maintenance needs was held June 15, 2015. Public Works is identifying some County parks as future mitigation sites for Public Works' projects under the categories of invasive weeds, fire hazard reduction, and creek and wetland enhancements.

Portola Trail Committee

The proposal to form a Portola Trail Committee is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors August 4, 2015 meeting.

San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (SBM HCP)

A meeting of the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan Trustees is scheduled for August 19, 2015 from 2-4:00 p.m.

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 submitted to the regulatory agencies.

San Mateo County Coastside Access Study

The San Mateo Coastside Access Study considers access to public lands along the San Mateo County coast between Pedro Point Headlands and El Granada. The partners to the study are San Mateo County Parks, California State Parks, and Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The consultant team carried out an assessment of access capacity and visitor demand. The team considered current conditions and developed a forecast of how visitor access might change in the future.

Sustainability Circle

County Parks was invited to participate in an initiative from PG&E to develop a Sustainability Plan. The Plan is being developed and will provide guidance for County Parks implementation to save energy, water, reduce waste, and save money. There are a number of other County departments that are assisting County Parks to develop this plan. The Final Sustainability Action Plan should be available for a presentation at your November 2015 meeting.