



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: January 29, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 5, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Park Planning Report

RECOMMENDATION

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND

This report covers park planning activities since the Commission's December 4, 2014 regular meeting.

DISCUSSION

Bay Area Farm Trail

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) received a grant to conduct a Feasibility Study for a Bay Area Farm Trail. There is a great deal of interest in this proposal connecting people to the sources of their local agriculture. I will be serving on a Technical Advisory Committee and meeting January 28, 2015 to discuss next steps. The Resource Conservation District and San Mateo County Farm Bureau are also involved in this discussion as it pertains to San Mateo County.

Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan for Midcoast

Attended January 7, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Here is a link about this effort: <http://www.connectthecoastside.com>. The California American Planning Association Conference is occurring in the October 2015 and a Mobile Workshop is being proposed by County Planning and Parks to review park and transportation planning efforts in the Midcoast.

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Parking Lot

The construction has been completed.

Flood Park Landscape Plan

Park staff reviewed and ranked proposals. Three firms will be interviewed. A firm will be selected in early February. Public workshops will begin in March.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Midcoast Parking Demand Study

Reviewed several Drafts of this study that is being done cooperatively by the County and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. A focus is on future growth of visitation anticipated in the Midcoast and needed shared parking and trailheads, and transit. The Final Report's findings will be included in the Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan for the Midcoast being developed by County Planning.

14 Acre Property South of Pigeon Point Lighthouse

The guardrail has been completed, and the gates are to be installed next. Additional time for monitoring will take place in the spring of 2015 and restoration in the Fall of 2015.

Granada Community Services District Agreement

Cecily and I worked with Granada Community Services District (GCSD) staff to develop a newsletter, survey, map of communities within the GCSD that provide park and recreation services, and a list of distribution recommendations. The survey will be distributed by GCSD in early February and completed mid February 2014.

San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (SBM HCP)

The Natural Resource Manager is assuming most of the daily responsibilities associated with SBM HCP, and I will be providing staff support for planning and permitting responsibilities. The audit of the Trust Fund from FY2009-13 is being completed. A preliminary meeting on findings took place November 19, 2014. The Draft Assessment of 30 Years of Habitat Management on San Bruno Mountain was shared with the Technical Advisory Committee at their December 17, 2015 meeting, which was well attended and the report was well received. There is ongoing dialogue with developers as well as Cities approving dedications of lands to County Parks per the Habitat Conservation Plan: 1) McKesson lands (Brisbane), 2) Callippe Hill (Brisbane), and 3) Rio Verde Estates (Daly City).

Stormwater Checklist Developed for Staff for Annual Reporting Purposes

A checklist was developed with the County Office of Sustainability which is assuming oversight of implementation of the County's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program implementation. The checklist was reviewed with Park Rangers at their January 21, 2015 meeting.