



### County of San Mateo Parks Department

Dog Management
Committee Presentation
Mid-Coast Community
Council Dec. 14, 2017

### Committee & Its Purpose

- Appointed by San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission
- Purpose: Provide recommendations to the Commission that help update and clarify dog management policies in San Mateo County Parks. Commission recommends to Board of Supervisors.

# Dog Management Committee Members

- Chair: Neil Merrilees, Parks Commissioner
- Co-chair: Mike Cooney, Parks Commissioner
- Members:
  - Darrick Emil, Park Ranger
  - Nic Erridge, Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council
  - Chris Johnson, Mid-coast Community Council

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# Dog Management Committee Members, Cont.

- Rafael Avendano, North Fair Oaks Community Council; Alternate: Aaron Gonzales, youth representative
- Jim Sullivan, Pacifica Open Space Council & Mountain Biker
- Faye Brophy, Equestrian Trails and Recreation Advisory Council; Alternate: Lyndal Erb
- Jerry Hearn, Conservation community;
   Alternate: Cindy Abbot
- Christine Corwin, Coastside Dog Committee

# Committee's Mission Statement

"to provide healthy spaces for humans and canines, to assure positive interactions between dogs and other park users, and protect natural resources in San Mateo County Parks."

## PROCESS MAP





#### **AUGUST 2016**

Dog Management Committee appointed by Parks and Recreation Commission



#### SEPTEMBER 2016

Dog Managerren: Committee Convened



#### SEPT. - DEC. 2016

Batter Information Identify Factors to be Considered Frame Focus Areas Develop Approaches to Gathering Community Input



#### JAN. - MARCH 2017

Discuss Issues and Interests of SWD Residents Learn about Best Practices for each Facus Area Deliberate on Rey Issues



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#### JULY - AUG. 2017

Finalize Recommendation Prepare Presentation to Commission





Present Committee Recommendation To Parks Conmission

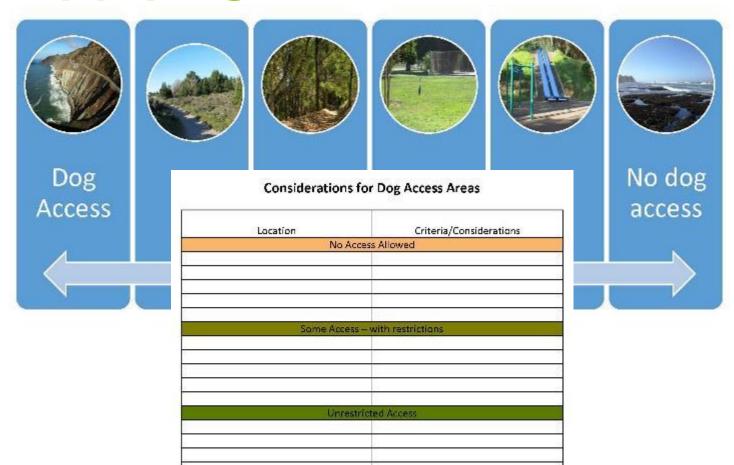
Note: All Committee meetings are open to the public, with apportunities to address topics being discussed. Dates and times of meetings are posted on the Park Department website:

parks.smcgov.org/dogs-at-SMC-parks

### **Criteria**

- Provide a variety of visitor experiences and locations
- Protect natural and cultural resources and natural process --avoid impacts on sensitive habitat
- Avoid visitor (use) conflicts and conflicts with adjacent land uses (agriculture)
- Clear (ex: signage), well designed (ex: Parking) and enforceable
- History of dog use prior to park acquisition

# **Applying Criteria**



### **Committee Deliverables**

- Recommendations that:
  - Lead to more flexible ordinance language
  - Propose pilot areas for evaluation
  - Evaluate pilot sites through CEQA process

## Following Committee's Work

Committee



 San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission



San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



Park/Trail Specific Decisions

# December 19 Committee Agenda Topics

- Presentations/Committee Discussion
  - Developing policy recommendations
  - Educational efforts in other jurisdictions best practices
  - Protecting sensitive natural resources

## **Getting Involved**

- Follow committee activity at:SMCoParks.org/dogs-at-SMC-parks
- Request committee meeting notifications & share ideas: DogManagementCommittee@smcgov.org
- Attend committee meetings:
  - o December 19, 2016
  - 2017: January 23, February 27, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21
  - Watch for committee events coming to communities in 2017

The Committee wants to hear from you!

Attend meetings — see meeting dates & more committee information at:

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Email your ideas to:

DogManagementCommittee@smcgov.org

