

**Midcoast Community Council  
Open Subcommittee  
Parks and Recreation**

DATE: January 19, 1995  
TO: Midcoast Community Council  
FROM: Susan Ayers Matonis *SM*

**RE: Quarry Park Update :** Requesting the Midcoast Council to advise the San Mateo Board of Supervisors by February 8, 1995 to adopt a Resolution to create a new (CSA) County Service Area or reactivate Montara CSA No 10.

**Background:**

A year ago, the Midcoast Council adopted one of two proposals presented by Bob Brown to create a Midcoast Parks and Recreation District and purchase a 40 acre historic Quarry Parksite. The decision led to the November 8th ballot measures E and F; a 2/3rds majority vote was needed to establish a Community Services District and levy a parcel tax to acquire Quarry Park in El Granada. The measures were both defeated, but the results of the vote reflect a majority of the residents are in favor of establishing a midcoast Park District.

The alternate proposal presented was to establish a County Service Area (or reactivate Montara's CSA No.10) with a local non-profit entity to act as a liason to the County Board of Supervisors. This proposal was the favored alternative of Bill Davis of LAFCO, and of Supervisor Ted Lempert as well as other County representatives. It was my favored option because it required a simple majority to pass the November election.

The Parks and Recreation Subcommittee is examining the possibility of establishing a CSA (County Service Area) and a long term plan to create a future Parks and Recreation Board or local governing district. One of our highest goals is to maintain as much local control as possible and seek funding from both the private and public sectors.

According the County Counsel, our community has until November 15th 1995 to aquire and establish "a public entity" to maintain Quarry park under the constraints of the Keet Nerhan contract and land deed. There are two major issues that we need to examine. First, the purchase of the Quarry site by a public entity (and possibly absorbing other

existing and community owned parks) and secondly, the long term planning of a community parks district to maintain and improve parks facilities in the future.

It is the subcommittee's opinion that a CSA would be the best possible alternative given the time constraints to purchase Quarry Park. We see this as an opportunity for our community to establish a wider County Service Area with the possibility of including the Clipper Ridge Park CSA and the Moss Beach Park Site. Both of these parks are in the Midcoast sphere of influence and the are in need of proper restroom facilities.

#### **Existing Community Parks and Open Spaces**

##### **Clipper Ridge**

Clipper Ridge Park is located in El Granada and is currently owned by the Clipper Ridge Homeowners Association. A CSA was established to supervise and pay for the maintainance and upkeep of the park. The larger community of the midcoast enjoys and uses this parksite, yet only the homeowners of Clipper Ridge pay fees to maintain and pay for its upkeep. During the campaign to win support for Measure's E and F we realized this too late to effectively inform the homeowners of this opportunity.

##### **Moss Beach Park**

The Moss Beach Park is located on Etheldore across from Dan's Restaurant, the land was donated to the public by Mrs. Hawkins in the 1970's. It is maintained and operated by the Conservation for Parks and Recreation, a non-profit organization with seven members on its Board. The park site has been improving over the last few years by the delegant support and work of this local group.

##### **El Granada Boulevards**

Daniel Burnham designed the wide avenues of El Granada which today are a treasure from the early 1900's planted with Monterey Pine, and other less appreciated Euclyptus trees. The wide boulevards offer a rare opportunity to this community to create special pocket parks by minimally improving these open spaces and creating usable parks.

##### **Montara State Beach**

Although Montara has no local community parkland, in 1977 a CSA was established to purchase a parksite. The parcel tax didn't pass and no park was ever purchased. The community in Montara needs to examine possible parksite options (perhaps along the 100 year flood and riparian edge), or consider improving the parking lot in Montara State Beach to include a tot-lot at a minimum.

Please read the information regarding the powers and structure of the County Services Area prior to the meeting on January 25th.

Included for your reading plaseure:

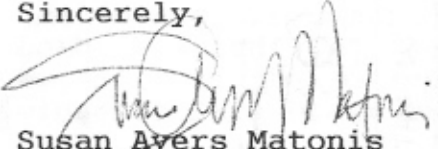
- \*County Service Area
- \*Landscape and Lighting Act
- \*Parks and Recreation Map from 1977 Community Plan

### **MIDCOAST PARKS FORUM SCHEDULE**

7:15 SAM	Brief Background and Update Slide Presentation
7:30 Reubin Barrales	LAFCO with Q and A
8:00 Michael Murphy	Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972
8:20 Community Speak,	General Q and A
8:30 Conclusion by Council Members	

Thank you for your time in considering this exciting opportunity. We look forward to seeing you at the Forum!

Sincerely,



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cc Michael Murphy  
Ted Lempert  
Reubin Barrales