



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Parks Department



Mid Coast Community Council Updates December 14, 2016

Green Valley Trail: We are accepting public comments on the 90% plans for the Green Valley Trail as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The trail will connect the south end parking lot of Devil's Slide Trail to Gray Whale Cove State Beach parking lot. The plans include using the existing State Park Road as well as constructing a natural surface trail. The constructed sections of trail will be 6 feet wide and plans include two elevated boardwalks and one bridge over wetland areas. The comment period closes on December 21st. The project will be heard at the Planning Commission January 11, 2016. Construction is scheduled for 2019.

Mirada Surf West Erosion: Park rangers are monitoring erosion in several areas along the coast, including Mirada Surf. Rangers report there is accelerated erosion occurring directly south of the new armoring at Surfers Beach.

Pillar Point Bluff: Following a Geo-technical Report's recommendations, County Parks is working on plans and permits to install some carefully placed fencing in areas of severe erosion, some short trail re-routes where needed and to install some rolling dips on the emergency access road. This work requires the concurrence of the US Air Force for use of a section of their road and requires a Coastal Development Permit. Thanks to Peninsula Open Space Trust, we have acquired the Thompson property which was recorded last week. Contractors, Go Native, completed work removing some of the pine trees on the property. This work was accomplished using a grant from the Coastal Conservancy.

Master Plan for Quarry/Wicklows/Mirada Surf; County Parks has hired the firm Gates and Associates to prepare the Master Plan for Quarry/Wicklows and Mirada Surf park properties. The planning process will begin in January 2017 and will include robust public engagement. For more information, contact Sam Herzberg, Senior Park Planner at sherzberg@smcgov.org.

Quarry Park Improvements:

County Planning has the installation of 5 culverts (that do not involve streams), install rolling dips to improve road drainage, remove an old tool shed, install a new tool shed in the community garden, and rock an existing service road.

The County Planning Commission will consider a Coastal Development Permit January 11, 2016 regarding Park's request to install two storage containers and a new trail to a lookout:

- 1) Containers: Two temporary containers have been purchased to install at Quarry Park. The containers will store motorized and mechanized equipment and allow for two small desks. The containers will be placed near the grassy open area where a building had been located in the past.



- 2) A new trail is proposed off the Dolphine Fire Road to a hilltop with vistas of the coast. The trail alignment has been planned and GPS'd by Trail Center volunteers working with San Mateo County Parks staff. Natural Resources staff identified plant species to be avoided (Sticky cinquefoil).

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve: We are in the process of hiring a new fulltime Park Aide, Lauren Ford-Peterson, to replace Bonnie MacCurdy. Lauren will provide visitor information and protect sensitive resources at the Reserve. The shed near Fitzgerald Marine Reserve has been enlarged to store more equipment and accommodate 2 desks. This allows for more public space in the Visitor Center. Park Rangers are remodeling the inside of the Visitor Center. We are also working on San Vicente Creek enhancement, phase two.