

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve a Marine Protected Area (MPA), and Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)

- Designated a State Marine Park (highest protection status) in 2010 by CA Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Convened MPA coalition of CA Parks, CA DFW, Friends of FMR, CA Academy of Sciences, Save Our Shores, GFNMS, MBNMS, NOAA, Sheriff, and Harbor District) to implement State regulations including education, signage, and enforcement.
- Critical Coastal Area Planning Report prepared by CA Coastal Commission and County in 2008.
- SWRCB grant awarded to County Public Works in 2010 to implement vegetated swales water quality improvements and biological monitoring in partnership with RCD, and Env. Health.



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- Completed ADA accessible trail from Cypress to North Lake Street January 2013.
- Site has been monitored by Biologist during construction and all regulatory agencies (USACOE, CCC, Co. Planning and Building, CA USFWS, RWQCB, and DFW) have reviewed in the field and there have been no violations of permit conditions.
- Hydro seeding is not germinating as well as expected, and is being watched.
- Ferns, juncus, and CA Strawberry plants have been successfully replanted.
- Watching new pervious trail surface. Will likely need re-compaction in the spring when dry.
- Most silt fencing to be removed shortly.



Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Beach Access Ramp

- 90% Design Plans prepared for ADA ramp to overlook at stair access, but project put on hold based on public feedback.
- Additional funding needed to make further changes to project design, public engagement, permitting, CEQA review and construction.



Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Parking Lot Improvements

- Revised design with improvements out of riparian buffer area.
- Discussed project informally with available adjacent neighbors and will be noticed shortly.
- Public workshop May 9, 2013 6:30-7:30 p.m. at main parking lot.



San Vicente Creek Restoration and Cypress Forest Improvement Projects



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- Draft Request for Proposal prepared.
- Creek Restoration Plan involving vegetation management and restoration to be completed, and permits to be secured.
- Work planned to be completed by December 2013.
- Cypress Forest Management Plan to evaluate forest health and public safety in high use areas. Work to be completed by December 2013.



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Rip Rap

- Perched rip rap is a concern to beach users and the County.
- County Parks is doing a survey to confirm property ownership, and maintenance responsibility.
- Records show slope protection approved under a CDP by County Planning under application from prior property owner, which recommended maintenance as a condition of approval (1989, Goldthorpe).