

BULLET POINTS FOR the Granada Sanitary District Parks Proposal

- GSD currently provides sewer collection and solid waste and recycling services to the community of El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar. GSD proposes to offer parks and recreation services for the residents through a Community Services District (CSD).
- No other government agency is currently offering these services.
- Numerous county and community surveys have shown the desire and need for additional parks.
- This would benefit the Cabrillo Unified School District by making public recreation facilities available for school recreation purposes.
- Potentially, the CSD might be able to assist with maintenance of school playing fields.
- This would benefit the Coastside Fire Protection District and the California Department of Forestry through improvements to park facilities within wild land fire areas.
- The Coastside is considerably below standards for acres of parks per citizen.
- There is a need for more restrooms, picnic areas, and water fountains throughout the Mid-Coast.
- There is no governmental entity which has the power to acquire property for park and recreational purposes.
- The CSD could partner with the County of San Mateo for Quarry Park and/or the County owned Mirada surf properties to provide additional services.
- A local district with its own staff and economic base would not place a burden upon County staff and County economic resources.
- The California Coastal Act requires coastal communities to have community parks so that capacity in visitor destinations such as beaches isn't taken up by locals.
- Adding parks and recreation powers to GSD aligns with LAFCO's stated goal of encouraging multi-purpose districts. The reorganization can also serve as a possible stepping stone to future consolidations with other districts on the Coastside.