



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: September 23, 2014

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 2, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Scott Lombardi, Park Superintendent
SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATION

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:

This report covers Park activities since the Commission's August 7, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION

DISTRICT I

Coyote Point Recreation Area

- District I is pleased to welcome Robert Gardner, our newest Ranger II.
- Park and Maintenance staff installed new sculpture play features – a shark and two alligators – at the Beach Group playground. Once the engineered wood chips are placed, the playground will be open to the public.
- Construction on the Promenade is winding down. Closed cell block matting has been used on the windsurfer's ramp as it reduces trip hazards.
- A group of 150 volunteers from the College of Notre Dame removed non-native plants along Coyote Point Drive. This brings the group's continued efforts to approximately 3,200 volunteer hours.
- This past Labor Day weekend was one of the busiest three-day weekends on record for the park.

Junipero Serra Park:

- Salesforce has committed 2,000 service hours to the park. Most recently they worked on the landscaping in the Meadowview Playground area

Crystal Springs Trail

- The South of Dam trail extension is on schedule.
- Staff recently purchased and installed large capacity water tanks at each restroom to assist with maintenance and sanitation.

San Bruno Mountain

- Multiple volunteer groups including SCA and VoCal used (and enjoyed) the Edward Bacciocco Jr. Day Camp during their multi-day volunteer efforts. VoCal brought 125 volunteers who restored almost two miles of trail tread. They were even able to construct a footbridge crossing April Brook – a project that has been tried up in permitting for over 3 years.

DISTRICT II

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

- Park staff has started replacing old trail signs with the new ones that provide more information to enhance the hiking experience within the park.
- A concrete contractor finished the pathways from the parking lot to the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center. Also, a metal fabricator installed handrails along the pathways. The colored, textured and stamped concrete pathways and staircase will greatly improve ADA access and also prevent soil runoff into the creek.
- Winterization of trails and the clearing of water drain features have started. These preventive maintenance efforts help preserve the integrity of the trail tread.
- Native soil from a PG&E project was added to a section of the Live Oak Trail to raise it several inches to improve drainage.

Flood Park

- Park staff and contractors are starting on the work recommended made by an arborist for trees identified as needing additional maintenance.
- An Eagle Scout project installed new split rail fencing near the Pine reservation area. Future projects include expanding the fencing around sensitive areas within the park.
- Old matting and playground equipment are being removed from the playground area by staff.

Huddart Park

- A new PVC water line was installed from the Redwood Reservation Area to the Redwood Shelter replacing an old galvanized line that had a break.
- Septic tank repairs are being made throughout the park including the Upper and Lower Oak, Zwierlein and Redwood restrooms.
- Old wooden valve boxes are being replaced with concrete Christy boxes and all the old gate valves are being replaced with new ball valves.
- During SCA's summer season with us, their crew and park staff completed projects such as painting the Werder Shelter and installing split rail fencing. We

also did fuel reduction work and drainage and culvert maintenance at Huddart Park, and non- native weed removal at Wunderlich Park. .

- On August 16, a volunteer event to celebrate the 4-H Million Trees project's planting of the 1,000,000th tree was held at the park. The 1,000,000th tree planted was a Redwood tree in front of the Werder Shelter. Volunteers also planted Douglas fir trees at the Werder and Redwood Shelters.
- An Eagle Scout Project to replace the old volleyball court was completed. Concrete footings and posts were replaced and staff brought in sand to replace the excavated rocky soil.
- An arborist report for Toyon camping area has been completed and park staff has started removing and trimming *trees identified as needing additional maintenance*.

Wunderlich Park

- Maintenance Division finished the installation of the new riding arena.
- A new retaining wall/flower bed was finished in front of the Carriage House.
- Parks staff continues to remove hazardous trees along trails.

Friendship Park

- New concrete tables have been ordered and should arrive in the next several weeks. Park staff will assist in the off loading and placement of the tables.
- A "Little Library" has been installed by the eastern entrance to the park near the playground. This program will allow the community to borrow books as well as donate books for children living near the park.

DISTRICT III-SOUTH COAST

- On July 30, a preview opening of the Loma Mar Redwoods hosted by POST for the various agencies involved in the property acquisition took place.
- Ongoing maintenance including brushing back trails, replacing trail tread as needed, and reducing fire fuels in Memorial and Pescadero Creek Parks are being done by staff.
- On August 3, staff assisted State Park Rangers in successfully locating 30 lost Boy Scouts in Pescadero Creek Park. The group had made a wrong turn and ended up on private land.
- On August 10, Ranger Schneider worked with six volunteers on the Park Gulch Trail and the approaches to the new bridge installed in Pescadero Creek Park.
- On August 20, Ranger Donigan worked with eight Girl Scout volunteers, who had camped at Shaw Flat Trail Camp in Pescadero Creek Park and wanted to donate time to the park. They worked for two hours brushing back about a half of mile trail on the Shaw Flat Trail.
- Langley Hill Contractors replaced the septic tank and leach field at the ranger residence on Wurr Road as the existing system was starting to fail.
- Park staff replaced table boards throughout the Azalea and Sequoia campgrounds.
- AB 109 crews worked with park staff on fire fuel reduction above the corporation yard near the Sam McDonald cabin. All material was chipped on site.

- Park staff began fire fuel reduction at the Sierra Club's Hiker's Hut in Sam McDonald Park. Park staff worked for three days with the AB 109 crew. This work will continue for several weeks as work can only be done in the middle of the week when the hut is not reserved.
- On September 1, a Live bay tree fell on a PG&E line that supplies power to the intake pump house in Memorial Park. Park staff, Fire and PG&E responded to the scene. Power was restored to the pump house on September 2. The power line was shut down and power back to the building by Tuesday.
- Saturday, September 6, 50 people came out to Memorial Park for Take-A-Hike. Rangers Allen and Wright led a group of hikers on the Mt. Ellen Nature Trail and Rangers Alvarez and Donigan lead a group on a shorter hike along the Creek Trail. Water and snacks were provided and enjoyed by those who attended. Foundation Executive Director Bott also attended.
- Park staff installed two new toilet risers to the trail camps (Shaw and Tarwater) in Pescadero Creek Park. We will be installing two more and changing out the partitions that are worn out.
- Park staff also installed two low-flow toilets (men & women) at the Jack Brook Horse Camp. This will assist with the water shortage. Staff will be purchasing three more to complete the project.
- West Valley Contractors began work on preparing a concrete pad for the placement of three 10,000 gallon water tanks for Memorial Park. This will increase the water storage capacity to 60,000 gallons. The project will be completed within three months.

DISTRICT IV

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve/Quarry Park/Pillar Point Bluff/Mirada East & West/Moss Beach Playground

- A new video monitor was installed in the Reserve's Visitor's Center for showing the educational video.
- The Cypress Grove project is scheduled to start in the near future.
- Water repairs at Quarry Park were made and we are working on water issues at the Mirada West restroom
- The Moss Beach playground restroom was installed. We need the sign off on the permit and then the restroom will open for public use.
- A temporary garbage container was installed at the Moss Beach Playground
- Vandalism damage to the split rail fence at the Reserve bluff was repaired.
- Donated plants were picked up for the future San Vicente Creek restoration project.
- Preparations for the upcoming tour season at the Reserve are being made.

San Pedro Valley/Sanchez Adobe/Devil's Slide

- A new water line and toilet fixtures are being installed in the Sanchez Adobe restroom.
- The annual Rancho Days event at Sanchez Adobe was supported by staff on September 20.

- San Pedro Valley Park is busy with reservations and ongoing volunteer days.
- A new mower was put into service at San Pedro Valley
- Winterizing preparation is being done for Devil's Slide Trail in addition to the general wintering maintenance for the other District parks.

DISTRICT V

Maintenance

- Wunderlich arena improvements were completed that included surfacing, fencing and service road.
- Installed the concrete pads and play structures for the Beach Group playground.
- Parking lot stalls in the Rifle Range parking lot were restriped. (Sheriff's request).
- Removed hazardous tree branches and limbs at Flood Park, Coyote Point and Crystal Springs Trail using the Altec.
- At the Sign Shop we made District, CuriOdyssey, Department of Public Works Facilities and Parks Foundation signs.
- Staff completed a LED lighting improvement project at Coyote Point installing parking lot street light units.
- Staff picked up two new Kubota mowing tractors for use at San Pedro Valley and Flood Parks.
- Staff completed repairs and servicing on equipment.
- Staff completed on-line training with Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) about "Recognized Surface Cleaner."
- Staff milled lumber for the carpenter's shop and redwood bench boards for the memorial benches.
- The annual servicing of radios was completed including the portables and all maintenance vehicles.
- Staff completed miscellaneous electrical repairs at Coyote Point, Huddart, Edgewood, San Pedro Valley, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and San Bruno Mountain Parks.
- Staff provided operating equipment training to other Park staff on the new mowing tractors.