

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: April 3, 2015
COMMISSION MEETING DATE: April 9 , 2015

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 February 5, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

DISTRICT I

Coyote Point Recreation Area

SalesForce has decided to continue their partnership with County Parks. They now have set a goal of 2,500 volunteer hours and will be directing their efforts at Coyote Point.

The Beach Group Reservation Area renovations are now complete and feature new pavement, new BBQs and tables.

Park staff trenched over 900 linear feet and laid water lines and infrastructure for future electrical lines for RV camp sites.

Staff repurposed the old, but still usable, tables from the Beach Group Reservation Area to provide that amenity to the RV sites extra amenities and create much in demand additional drop-in picnic sites.

AB109 crews worked with park staff to remove over 25 hazard trees, most of which were directly over Coyote Point Drive.

Junipero Serra Park

In one incident, several trees fell across a three-way trail junction. Staff swiftly removed the downed trees.

An Eagle Scout is upgrading the amphitheater in the Oak Cove overnight area by adding more seating

Park staff will work with tree contractors to remove three stands of pine trees that are dying.

Staff has completed installing animal proof trash and recycling receptacles throughout the park to reduce the amount of human food consumed by the park's wildlife.

Crystal Springs Trail

Staff has increased patrols of the Sawyer Camp Trail due to complaints of speeding trail users, mostly bicyclists. The patrols have also included the dirt section of San Andreas Trail due to complaints about bicycles in this section. As of yet no contacts have been made.

San Bruno Mountain

County Vector Control used the shop facility to monitor for Hanta Virus on San Bruno Mountain. Staff is waiting on the lab results and recommendations

Staff completed installing animal proof receptacles throughout the park.

Supervising Ranger Mark Rogers continues to coordinate with the Sheriff's Department in using the Alternative Work Program's workforce. Most of the efforts have been at the Edward Bacciocco Jr. Day Camp.

DISTRICT II

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

Park staff has cleared culverts and trimmed poison oak back along trails.

Park staff and volunteers continue to weed and lay cardboard material for weed prevention in the island by the inner parking area.

Park staff laid rock and reinstalled the picnic tables and added two new serving tables in Day Use Area #2. .

Flood Park

Altec bucket truck training for park staff was held on January 28th in the second lot of Flood Park for numerous field staff to learn safety rules for operating the truck equipment to remove limbs and other sections of trees.

We continue to have weekly Sheriff Worker Program crews that help weed and clean the grounds in and around the buildings at the petanque court and the softball field.

Four new Bear Saver trash receptacles were installed in various locations in the park which will help keep trash from being strewn on the grounds by animals or wind.

The playground and swing mats were replaced with material meeting current safety standards.

Take A Hike kicked off on Saturday, March 7th; over a hundred people attended.

Huddart Park

Tree work has been started in the Toyon camping area in preparation for the upcoming camping season.

A Woodside High School volunteer event was held on March 11th. The youth raked around BBQ pits and cleaned debris off picnic tables.

Volunteers from the 4-H Million Tree project planted coast live oaks near the Redwood Reservation Area and watered trees previously planted by them.

Volunteers from the Merck Company worked around the Meadow Area and pulled non-native French broom, cleaned ditches and gathered limbs dropped from winter storms.

California Department of Correction crews continue fuel reduction work along Camp Ground Trail towards the Toyon camping areas.

Wunderlich Park

Park staff is string cutting and mowing in preparation for the spring/summer season.

Friendship Park

Several small community workshops have been held at the park.

Park staff continues to weed, clean the park and haul the green waste composting accumulated from volunteer projects. .

DISTRICT III-SOUTH COAST

Throughout February and March, park staff cleared trails of downed trees in both Pescadero Creek and Memorial Parks.

Three 10,000 gallon water tanks were delivered to us by American Tanks. A contractor installed the concrete pad and seismic restraints. Ranger Selvy, our Water Plant Operator, worked with the State to disinfect the tanks, test and begin using the tanks. Memorial now has 60,000 gallons of water storage available.

Increased camping and day picnicking has occurred due to the nice weather at the end of February and March.

The headquarters and CXT Azalea restroom were broken into on February 22. County Sheriff Deputies and Ranger Donigan responded to the alarm about 9 p.m. Nothing was stolen and the locks were replaced.

On February 23, we discovered that the iron ranger at the Sam McDonald parking lot had been vandalized and a Volunteer Horse Patrol radio stolen from the locked storage. A County Sheriff Deputy responded to take a report. There are no suspects.

The new 1,000 gallon dual (500 unleaded/500 diesel) gas tank was installed after our contractor removed the existing 1,000 gallon unleaded tank. We are working with County Public Works on logistics for gasoline charges as well as updating all the required permits.

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

March is the Harbor Seal pupping season at the Reserve.

The Moss Beach Playground renovations have started.

Seasonal mowing and string cutting are being conducted.

Hazardous eucalyptus trees at Mirada east are being removed.

New picnic tables are on order for the Reserve.

San Pedro Valley/Sanchez Adobe/Devil's Slide/Pedro Point Headlands

Seasonal mowing and string cutting are being conducted.

Staff is busily preparing for the April 4 for the Ollie Mayer Overlook dedication at Devil's Slide Trail.

Plaskon Trail and fence repairs have been completed.

New drinking fountains have been ordered for the District.

DISTRICT V
Maintenance

Staff assisted Coyote Point staff with hazardous tree removal project using the Altec bucket truck.

Staff performed bathroom repairs and electrical upgrades on the ranger residence in Memorial Park.

We removed miscellaneous accumulated debris (concrete, etc.) from the prior Castaway site.

In the Sign Shop, we completed signs for Public Works' facilities, CuriOdyssey, District information kiosks and sign requests.

We completed the guardrail installation as part of the Pigeon Point Restoration Project; serviced and made repairs to equipment- chippers, RTV's, chainsaws, etc.; milled lumber for memorial benches; continued replacing old pathway lights with new LED lighting at Coyote Point; demolished and disposed of an abandoned boat from the Marina; removed accumulated green waste from various locations; completed the replacement of the damaged electrical cabinet for Knoll area lighting; fabricated and assembled bench boards for the commemorative picnic table program; and assisted with Moss Beach playground improvements.

Our staff completed LMS training for Workday the County's newly launched personnel system. .