



AGENDA

In-Person Only

Thursday, April 2, 2026

3:30 PM

***** IN-PERSON ONLY*****

This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held at **Flood County Park, 215 Bay Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025**. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting in person at Flood County Park. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting please refer to the instructions at the end of the agenda.

Representing the people of San Mateo County and in their interest, the Parks Commission acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on matters related to open space, parks and recreation, the fish and game fund, and providing a public and transparent forum on items agendized for its consideration in coordination with the County Parks Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The April 2, 2026 Parks Commission meeting will require in-person participation at Flood County Park.

Written public comments may be emailed to parksandrecreation@smcgov.org and should indicate the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.

Spoken public comments will be accepted during the meeting in person.

Please see instructions for written and spoken public comments at the end of this agenda.

ADA REQUESTS

Individuals who require special assistance or a disability related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, or who have a disability and wish to request an alternative format for the meeting, should contact the Parks Department by 10:00 a.m. on the day before the meeting at parksandrecreation@smcgov.org. Notification in advance of the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting, the materials related to it, and your ability to comment.

1. Pledge of Allegiance**2. Swearing in of Commissioner Paul Faklis, District 1****3. Roll Call****4. Public Comment**

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any Parks-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda.

As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Commission should complete a speaker's slip to make a public comment in person. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes.

5. Action to Set the Agenda and approve the March 5, 2026 meeting minutes**6. Reports and Presentations**

6.1 Parks Department Report

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Welcome and onboarding of new Commissioner (Informational)

Overview of roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

7.2 Consideration of 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting locations (Action)

Discussion and possible action to approve changes to the Commission's regular meeting location for 2026.

7.3 Commission Retreat: Priorities and Work Plan Development (2026-2027) (Discussion/Action)

Discussion and possible action to define scope, timing, and approach for a Commission retreat to establish priorities and develop a work plan for 2026-2027.

8. Commissioner Updates

8.1 Commissioner report out on information items, subcommittee, or project updates

9. Items for a Future Agenda

- County priorities update
- Welcome & onboarding of new Commissioners
- County diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- Partnerships and connections – have representatives of partner organizations provide presentations to the Commission. Discuss which County department may be able to attend.
- Update on sustainability actions for the Parks Department & alignment with action plan for County Office of Sustainability. Regional transportation and active transportation
- Summary of Revitalize Coyote Point survey
- Subcommittee structure and assignments
- Processes to address public comment
- Address technological gaps to ensure accessibility for public attendees and improve participation at in-person and remote meetings.

10. Adjournment

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

**Paul Faklis, District 1 | Arnout ter Schure, District 2 | Irma Rodriguez Mitton, District 3 (Chair) |
Brooks Esser (Vice-Chair), District 4 | Basem Manneh, District 5**

County of San Mateo Parks Department

Emma Gonzalez, Interim Parks Director

Kevin O'Brien, Interim Assistant Parks Director

Scott Lombardi, Parks Superintendent

Tracy Nappi, Administrative Assistant I

Instructions for Public Comment During In Person and Remote Participation Meetings

During meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, members of the public may address the Parks and Recreation Commission members as follows:

***Written Comments:**

Written public comments may be emailed in advance of the meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Your written comment should be emailed to parksandrecreation@smcgov.org
2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
5. If your emailed comment is received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, it will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission members and made publicly available on the Parks and Recreation Commission website along with the agenda. We cannot guarantee that e-mails received less than 24 hours before the meeting will be read during the meeting, but such emails will still be included in the administrative record of the meeting.

***Spoken Comments:**

In person Participation:

1. If you wish to speak to the Commission, please fill out a speaker's slip. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Commission and included in the official record, please hand it to the staff person for the Parks Department who will distribute the information to the Commission members and staff.



MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026

3:30 PM

***** IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE *****

This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held in **The Boards and Commissions Meeting Room, 400 County Center, 1st floor, Redwood City, CA, 94063**. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting in person in Redwood City or remotely via the Zoom platform.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Swearing in of Commissioner Arnout ter Schure, District 2

3. Roll Call

Present: Chair Rodriguez Mitton, Vice-Chair Esser, Commissioner Manneh, Commissioner ter Schure

4. Public Comment

5. Action to Set the Agenda and approve the February 5, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve February 5, 2026 meeting minutes passes.

6. Reports and Presentations

6.1 SMC Parks Foundation Report – SMC Parks Foundation Executive Director Michele Beasley
Highlights include:

- March 21, 2026 – Memorial Park Nature Center ribbon cutting
- 58 artist proposals submitted for the next round of Parks posters – Sam McDonald Park, Devil's Slide, and Coyote Point
- Working with CompassPoint Mentorship youth to create a mural on one of the Flood Park restrooms
- Upcoming programs include forest and coastal therapy sessions, nature journaling classes, a pole hiking demo, and tabling at numerous community events
 - Parks Foundation staff member Cristina is undergoing training to become a Certified Forest Therapy Guide, and she will be able to provide forest therapy programming in Parks.
 - Goal is to create a Certified Forest Therapy Trail within SMC Parks in the future.
- Upcoming funding for Memorial Park Naturalist Interns, Community Engagement Intern, and transportation for several community organizations to visit parks

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Welcome and onboarding of new Commissioner (INFORMATION)

Arnout ter Schure

- Would like to bring the CARES framework to his work on the Parks Commission: Community, Affordability, Recreation, Environmental education, Safety.

7.2 2026 Commission workplan and items for future agendas (DISCUSSION)

- Past workplans were organized based on commissioner's areas of interest and suggestions by members of the public.
- Suggestion to create an 18-month workplan to go through the end of 2027. This would allow more time to form subcommittees, collaborate with other departments, and gather data to accomplish goals.
- Commissioner Esser: interested in community engagement efforts to see what people would like to see in Parks. Last visitor survey was in 2015.
- Commissioner ter Schure: interested in incorporating CARES into Priority Area 5: Other Areas of Interest.
- Chair Rodriguez Mitton: interested in bike use in Parks, particularly guidelines around assisted bikes.
 - Superintendent Scott Lombardi suggested a Priority Area focusing on Trail Guidelines, which would include bike usage.
- Commissioners to send suggestions to Chair Rodriguez Mitton for compilation.

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10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:48pm.

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

Vacant, District 1 | Arnout ter Schure, District 2 | Irma Rodriguez Mitton, District 3 (Chair) |

Brooks Esser (Vice-Chair), District 4 | Basem Manneh, District 5

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DEPARTMENT UPDATE

San Mateo County Parks Commission
April 2, 2026

Visitor Experience

Interpretive Events

From January to February 2026, the Interpretive Division hosted or participated in 29 programs, serving approximately 736 people. Staff taught 18 virtual classroom programs, an 80% increase from last year. For Black History Month, there was an increase in requests for the Legacy of Sam McDonald hike and presentation, and this program was led three times as compared to once last year.

Funded by the Parks Foundation, a Bilingual Community Engagement Intern was hired and onboarded. This internship provides support to the community gardeners at Friendship Park, as well as supporting programs and providing translation at all County Parks. The Interpretive Division is working with the Friends of Edgewood to create new interpretive panels, which will provide detailed information on the unique habitats and history of Edgewood Park. The first ever Springfest will be hosted at Quarry Park on April 25 from 11am to 2pm, featuring community resource booths and several activities for youth. See Attachment 1 for Interpretive Program details.

Volunteer Events

From January to February 2026, the Volunteer Program hosted 18 volunteer events throughout the parks system. These events totaled 1415 hours of volunteer effort supporting and improving the parks. Volunteer Coordinator Stuart Smith is noticing a downward trend in the number of corporate groups requesting volunteer days for March and April, with layoffs being the primary reason given. The details of each event are included in this report as Attachment 2.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach

The project contractor, Gordon N. Ball, is completing final punch list items and is expected to demobilize by the end of March. Following demobilization, the Parks Department will be working with the Department of Public Works to address two landslides impacting the main access path to the beach. Construction for this work is anticipated from April through July 2026, with the park opening projected for late summer 2026.

We've also secured approximately \$950,000 in grant funding from the Coastal Conservancy to support the slide stabilization work at Tunitas. Overall, the focus is on completing repairs, strengthening the site, and ensuring long-term stability.

Realize Flood Park

Construction of the playground is nearing completion, with punch list items and playground inspections underway. The project remains on track, with the playground anticipated to open to the public in spring 2026. There is a minor sewer issue but we have a path forward to address the concern.

San Bruno Mountain Day Use Improvement Project

The project is complete and currently in final closeout. Recent winter storms resulted in shallow sinkholes forming along an abandoned sewer line. Parks crews are actively addressing these conditions, and final paving will occur once the area stabilizes. The site remains on track for opening in spring 2026.

Parkwide Paving Program

The Parkwide Paving Program is currently in final design, with construction anticipated to go out to bid in June 2026. This project focuses on addressing deferred maintenance across high-use park roads, parking areas, and paved trails, improving safety, accessibility, and overall visitor experience across the park system.

Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail Project

This is a grant-funded, multi-agency project nearing completion, with a ribbon cutting anticipated in spring 2026. The County's portion of the project includes installation of monuments and interpretive signage at Crystal Springs Regional Trail, Cowell-Purisima Trail, and Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach. This project reflects a collaborative effort with regional partners to highlight and share the cultural and historical significance of the area.

Revitalize Coyote Point – Magic Mountain Playground

The Board of Supervisors recently approved a \$3.8 million Measure K funded project for the replacement of the Magic Mountain Playground at Coyote Point (March 24, 2026). This project will deliver a new, modern, and inclusive playground designed for children of all ages and abilities, along with improvements to surrounding areas to enhance access, circulation, and the overall visitor experience.

The existing playground, originally built in 2006, has reached the end of its useful life and no longer meets current safety and accessibility standards. Community input has played a central role in shaping the project, with input from more than 450 residents already incorporated. The Department will continue this effort through a focused community engagement period from April 8–22, 2026, where the public will be invited to review and provide feedback on two design concepts before a final design is selected. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2026. The park will remain open during construction, with temporary adjustments and added recreational features to continue serving visitors, like a modular pump track and disc golf.

Together, the projects listed above reflect our continued focus on maintaining and improving park infrastructure while expanding access and enhancing the visitor experience across the County. This work is made possible through the continued efforts of our park staff, rangers, volunteers, and partners.

We are also continuing to pursue external funding opportunities to support these investments. For example, we submitted a \$1.1M request through Congressman Mullin's Community Project Funding for improvements at Coyote Point (Magic Mountain Restroom Replacement) and are hopeful for a positive outcome. (E. Gonzalez, Interim Director)

Natural Resource Management

Pescadero Creek County Park Forest Health and Fuel Reduction Project

Community Tree Service (the project contractor) continues work in Pescadero Creek County Park. The project comprises a total of 541 acres of treatment area and general treatments include mechanical mastication and handwork, which will reduce the density of understory vegetation, ladder fuels, and dead, dying and diseased trees to improve biodiversity and resiliency against wildfire, drought, pests, and climate change.

Invasive Species Management

Ecological Concerns Inc. (the project contractor) is managing invasive species including oxalis, fennel, and other ruderal weeds at San Bruno Mountain County Park and Edgewood County Park. This work will enhance and preserve sensitive grassland habitats, supporting endangered species like the mission blue butterfly.

Flood Park – Western Tussock Moth Activity

We're seeing a higher-than-usual presence of Western Tussock moth caterpillars at Flood Park this season. While it's a nuisance, it's a natural and seasonal occurrence, just more noticeable this year. We're posting notices in English and Spanish to help inform visitors and minimize impacts. Activity is expected to peak in late April to early May and taper off through June. We'll continue to monitor closely and just to note, this is not related to current construction at the park.

Attachment 1: Interpretive Programs

Date	Interpretive Program	Location	Supervisorial District	Attendance
Jan 3	Hike: King Tides with OneShoreline	Coyote Point Park	2	25
Jan 9	Virtual class program: Animal Engineers	Brewer Island ES, Foster City	2	20
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Jan 14	Virtual classroom program: Tidepools	Laurel ES, San Mateo	2	24
Jan 14	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	LEAD ES, San Mateo	2	25
Jan 16	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Taft ES, Redwood City	4	21
Jan 16	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	Lomita Park ES, Millbrae	1	22
Jan 20	Virtual classroom program: Tidepools	Portola ES, San Bruno	1	59
Jan 21	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	Homeschool, Redwood City	4	19
Jan 23	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	JFK ES, Daly City	5	24
Jan 23	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	John Muir ES, San Bruno	1	26
Jan 27	FFMR Tour translation	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	3	13
Jan 31	Community Gardener Meeting	Friendship Park	4	8
Feb 4	After-school program: Animal Tracks	Latchkey, Daly City	5	45
Feb 5	Hike: Dtech HS photography class	Edgewood Park	4	20
Feb 6	Virtual class program: Animal Engineers	Sunnybrae ES, San Mateo	2	23
Feb 6	Virtual classroom program: Watersheds	Lomita Park ES, Millbrae	1	22
Feb 13	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Junipero Serra ES, Daly City	5	30
Feb 13	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Belle Air ES, San Bruno	1	27
Feb 20	Virtual classroom program: Watersheds	Fiesta Gardens ES, San Mateo	2	20
Feb 20	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	Lomita Park ES, Millbrae	1	21
Feb 21	Hike: Sam McDonald with SMCPF donors	Sam McDonald Park	3	17
Feb 24	FFMR Tour translation	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	3	10
Feb 26	Tidepool: Coast Community Connections	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	3	8
Feb 27	Virtual class program: Animal Engineers	Sunnybrae ES, San Mateo	2	25
Feb 27	Virtual classroom program: Tidepools	Bayside Academy, San Mateo	2	60
Feb 27	Presentation: Legacy of Sam McDonald	Pescadero ES, Pescadero	3	80
Feb 28	Hike: Sam McDonald with Outdoor Afro	Sam McDonald Park	3	12
Feb 28	FFMR Tour translation	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	3	11
Totals	29 programs			736 people

Attachment 2: Volunteer Events

Date	Project	Group	Location	Participants
Jan 7	Litter clean-up	School	Coyote Point	31
Jan 10	Trail maintenance	Community: Trail Center	Edgewood Park	29
Jan 11	Stewardship – weeding	Community: Grassroots Ecology	Huddart Park	22
Jan 19	Stewardship – weeding	Community: MLK Day of Service	Memorial Park	67
Jan 24	Trail maintenance	Community: Trail Center	Edgewood Park	4
Jan 24	Litter clean-up	Community: SMC Youth Commission	Coyote Point	22
Jan 25	Stewardship – planting trees	Community: SMC Youth Commission	San Pedro Valley	27
Jan 28	Trail maintenance	Scouts	Huddart Park	3
Jan 31	Litter clean-up	Scouts	Coyote Point Marina	15
Feb 4	Stewardship – weeding	Community: Grassroots Ecology	Coyote Point	3
Feb 11	Bioswales	Corporate: Apple	Coyote Point Marina	8
Feb 11	Stewardship – planting	Scouts	Coyote Point	3
Feb 14	Stewardship – planting	Community	San Pedro Valley	21
Feb 18	Trail maintenance	Community: Friends of Edgewood	Edgewood Park	4
Feb 21	Trail maintenance	Community: Trail Center	Edgewood Park	27
Feb 21	Planting & irrigating	Scouts	Coyote Point	16
Feb 26	Stewardship – planting	Corporate: Apple	Coyote Point	29
Feb 27	Fire fuel reduction	Community	Huddart Park	8
Totals	18 volunteer events			339 participants

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

RESOLVED, by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, at the November 6, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-03 which established its regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to amend its regular meeting schedule to hold its June 4, 2026 meeting at the Boards and Commission Meeting Room at 400 County Center, Redwood City and to hold its September 3, 2026 meeting at Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach in Half Moon Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the schedule of regular meetings for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the calendar 2026 year shall be as follows:

DATE/TIME	LOCATION
January 8, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
February 5, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
March 5, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City

April 2, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	In Park (in person only) Flood Park, 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park
May 7, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
June 4, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
July 2026	No Meeting – Summer Recess
August 6, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
September 3, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	In Park (in person only) Don Horsley Park at Tunitas Creek Beach, 20775 Cabrillo Highway South, Half Moon Bay
October 1, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
November 5, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City
December 3, 2026 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Boards and Commissions Meeting Room (with remote public participation available) 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City

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