



MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025

4:00 PM

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

*This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission was held in **The Criminal Justice Training Room, 400 County Center, 1st floor, Redwood City, CA, 94063.** Members of the public were able to participate in the meeting in person in Redwood City or remotely via the Zoom platform.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Rodriguez Mitton, Vice-Chair Manneh, Commissioner Esser
Absent: Commissioner Block

3. Public Comment

1. Jane, co-owner of Board Sports California, concessionaire at Coyote Point Park. Spoke about importance of wind sports to identity and history of Coyote Point, especially windsurfing, kite boarding, and windfoiling.
2. Allan, customer of Board Sports California at Coyote Point. Spoke in support of Board Sports and benefit of having equipment concessionaire available.

4. Action to Set the Agenda

5. Reports and Presentations

5.1 Parks Department Report – SMC Parks Director Nicholas Calderon

Highlights include:

- Flood Park pump track, followed by basketball court, is most popular amenity. Starting demolition of playground and planning for additional restroom.
- Closed community surveying for rebuild of Coyote Point Magic Mountain playground – great data from community.
- Successful Summerfest at Coyote Point Park with 3000 people.
- Upcoming Fallfest on September 20 at Flood Park.
- Pop-up restaurant Maverick Jack's at Coyote Point Park, weekends in August, September, and October.
- Budget was approved.
- San Bruno Mountain Day Use Area is underway and going well.

5.2 Parks Foundation Director's Report – SMC Parks Foundation Director Michele Beasley

- Purchased 136 annual park passes to send to all libraries in the county – 4 per library.
- Funded 5 groups to go camping at Memorial Park.
- Coyote Point Park promenade restroom art mural created by Compass Point Membership and funded by Foundation. Ribbon cutting September 6 at 9:30am.
- Invited commissioners to table alongside the foundation in any parks in their district.

6. Regular Agenda**6.1 Viva Verde Presentation, recipient of 2024 Fish & Game Propagation Fund grant – Arturo Cervantes**

- Vida Verde Nature Education, located in San Gregorio, provides free overnight environmental learning experiences to students in Title I schools. Funds from grant were used to purchase feed for farm animals (students milk goats and make cheese), transport students to Sam McDonald Park and local beaches, and fund groceries for the students.

6.2 Parks Department Presentation on Wildfire Mitigation – Asst. Parks Director Hannah Ormshaw

This presentation focuses on the 2025 updated wildfire mitigation program, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 9.

- Wildfire mitigation benefits include managing fire fuels, improving forest health, and improving access for a safe and effective wildfire response.
- Last updated in 2021, the program is being updated due to new spatial data resources available and updated CAL FIRE fire hazard severity zones.
- Project assessments include vegetation type and density, slope and terrain, access, wildlife habitat, and sensitive resources and permitting considerations.

Projects include:

- Shaded fuel breaks in forested areas include thinning of understory, examples at Edgewood Park and Quarry Park
- Non-shaded fuel breaks (shrub vegetation or flammable weed species), example at San Bruno Mountain
- Forest health treatments in parks that have been affected by sudden oak death, examples at Huddart Park and Wunderlich Park
- Ingress and Egress fuel breaks – focus on fire roads and access for fire engines
- Forest density reduction includes thinning of sparse stands to allow trees to grow bigger over time
- Fire-related infrastructure improvements, such as bridges and fire roads
- Program benefits – projects eligible for grant funding. \$7.6M awarded to date.

7. Items of Outstanding Business**7.1 Resolution to amend 2025 Commission Meeting calendar to set meeting location for September meeting**

- Hold September 4 meeting at San Bruno Mountain State & County Park. Motion passed.

7.2 Update on commissioner vacancy

- Closed on August 1. Applicants are in the review process.

8. Commissioner Updates

- Hannah and Chair Rodriguez Mitton attended Youth Commission Summit to speak about the Parks Department.
- Chair Rodriguez Mitton extended an invitation to attend Latino Conservation Week at Memorial Park on September 13.

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.
- Park vendor RFP processes and updates.
- Addressing inappropriate public comment

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:29pm.

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

**Vacant, District 1 | Thaddeus Block, District 2 | Irma Rodriguez Mitton, District 3 (Chair) |
Brooks Esser, District 4 | Basem Manneh (Vice-Chair), District 5**

County of San Mateo Parks Department

Nicholas J. Calderon, Parks Director

Hannah Ormshaw, Assistant Parks Director