



# AGENDA

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Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2024

4:00 PM

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

*This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held in **The Criminal Justice Training Room, 400 County Center, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Remote public participation is encouraged. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting, either in person or remotely, please refer to the instructions at the end of the agenda. A video recording of the meeting will be posted online on the Parks Department website following the meeting.*

**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**

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Spoken public comments will be accepted during the meeting in person or remotely through Zoom at the option of the speaker. Public comments via Zoom will be taken first, followed by speakers in person.

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

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**1. Pledge of Allegiance****2. Roll Call****3. 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.*

**4. Action to Set the Agenda****5. Parks Foundation Update****6. Department Update****7. Regular Agenda**

- 7.1 Appoint a commissioner to the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Application Evaluation Committee (ACTION)
- 7.2 Review topics discussed at the May 2, 2024 Parks Commission Meeting and determine if the Commission would like to pursue any follow-up action (ACTION)
- 7.3 Discuss the status of Parks Commission membership in 2025 (INFORMATIONAL)

**8. Subcommittee Updates**

- 8.1 Budget & Performance Subcommittee
- 8.2 Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee
- 8.3 Partnerships & Connections Subcommittee
- 8.4 Agenda Subcommittee
- 8.5 Fish & Game Fund Subcommittee (ad hoc)

## 9. Items for a Future Agenda

- 9.1 County diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- 9.2 Budget update presentation
- 9.3 Partnerships and connections – have representatives of partner organizations such as Together Bay Area and/or the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network provide presentations to the Commission.
- 9.4 100-year anniversary multi-media presentation
- 9.5 Update on sustainability actions for the Parks Department & alignment with action plan for County Office of Sustainability
- 9.6 Fuel reduction project updates

## 10. Adjournment

### County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

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District 3 (Vice-Chair) | Meda O. Okelo, District 4 (Chair) | Basem Manneh,  
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### County of San Mateo Parks Department

Nicholas J. Calderon, Parks Director  
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## **Instructions for Public Comment During In Person and Remote Participation Meetings**

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### \*Written Comments:

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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 located near the conference room door. 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.

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3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
4. When the Board President or Clerk of the Board calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak

## Commission Subcommittees

<b>Subcommittees</b>	<b>Assigned Commissioners</b>
Budget & Performance Subcommittee	
Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee	
Partnerships & Connections Subcommittee	
Agenda Subcommittee	Commissioner Okelo, Commissioner Rodriguez Mitton
Fish & Game Subcommittee	Commissioner Okelo, Commissioner Rodriguez Mitton

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE**  
San Mateo County Parks Commission  
June 6, 2024

**Visitor Experience**

*Visitor Data*

When compared to last year, there was an increase in visitors served during the first quarter of the year. This is thought to be because the 2022/2023 winter storms caused more damage and closures throughout the parks system than the 2023/2024 winter storms. Consistent with historical trends, Crystal Springs Regional Trail and the Coyote Point Recreation Area served the most visitors. Visitor data for Quarter 1 of 2024 (January - March) is included in this report as Attachment 1.

*Interpretive Events*

In April and May, the Interpretive Division hosted or participated in 50 events, including classroom programs on wildlife and habitats, an Earth Day event, and fieldtrips for various community-based organizations. In total, approximately 1,832 people were served by the division. The details of each event are included in this report as Attachment 2.

**Facilities and infrastructure**

*Flood Park*

On April 8, Jensen Landscape Contractor, LLC—the contractor selected to construct much of Phase 1 of the Realize Flood Park project—mobilized and commenced demolition activities. After demolition is completed, the contractor will clear and grub, and prepare the project site for construction of the new amenities and utilities, and planting of new landscaping. The contractor will be responsible for (i) demolition of the antiquated facilities, (ii) preparation of the park for construction, (iii) construction of the new tennis/pickleball courts, basketball court, sand volleyball courts, walking paths, picnic and reservation areas, and subsurface utilities, and (iv) improvements to the parking lot and landscaping. The new amenities are scheduled to be open to the public in October 2024.

Simultaneously, the Department and its landscape architects, CMG Landscape Architects, have initiated the public design process for the new Flood Park Playground, which will be built during Phase 2 of the project. Using the feedback received during two in-person engagement events and from an online survey, three project alternatives are being prepared.

*Tunitas Creek Beach*

Construction of the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project has resumed after delays caused by the lengthy rainy season. Gordon N. Ball, the contractor selected to construct the project, has stabilized the hillsides, graded the main path to the beach, and is cutting the loop trail to the southern end of the property. In the coming months, the parking lot will be leveled and paved and the midbluff will be developed with visitor

serving amenities. The property is scheduled to be open to the public in October 2024.

#### *Coyote Point Recreation Area*

In an effort to modernize the Coyote Point Recreation Area, the Department has engaged with CMG Landscape Architects to develop a master list of uses, amenities, and features most desired by the public. Using this master list, the Department will be able to pursue grants and funding for projects. To develop this list, and to better understand how the public would like to use Coyote Point, a digital survey has been prepared. The survey will assist the Department in replacing the Magic Mountain Playground and Eucalyptus Playground, as well as creating new uses that best match the public's recreational desires and needs.

Please find the survey [here](#).

#### **Natural Resource Management**

##### *Wildfire Fuel Management*

In May, the Department, in partnership with CALFIRE, mobilized three air curtain burners to Quarry Park to process material generated by fuel reduction projects and the 2023 winter storms. The air curtain burners were originally scheduled to be operational for five weeks, but due to changes made in the operating procedures to improve public safety, the burners will need to be operating at Quarry Park for longer than five weeks. At this time, it is unclear how long the air curtain burners will be at Quarry Park.

#### **May 2024 Parks Commission Meeting Summary**

The May 2024 Parks Commission meeting consisted of a site visit to Quarry Park. During the meeting, four topics were discussed: the Quarry Park Pump Track, dog recreation, stormwater runoff, and fire fuel reduction and management. The Commission has elected to discuss the May meeting as part of Item 7.2 for today's meeting, and will determine if any follow up action is required.

**Attachment 1**

<b>Q1 2023</b>				
<b>Site</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>3 Month Totals</b>
<b>Coyote Point Recreation Area</b>	53,231	8,731	33,984	<b>95,946</b>
<b>Crystal Springs Trail</b>	38,755	30,264	39,547	<b>108,566</b>
<b>Edgewood Park</b>	8,853	7,664	13,407	<b>29,924</b>
<b>Flood Park</b>	7,349	8,613	9,825	<b>25,787</b>
<b>Friendship Park</b>	1,648	1,711	2,264	<b>5,623</b>
<b>Huddart Park</b>	14,786	4,664	6,117	<b>25,567</b>
<b>South County Trails</b>	2,431	1,599	2,560	<b>6,590</b>
<b>Wunderlich Park</b>	2,940	2,204	2,811	<b>7,655</b>
<b>Sam McDonald Park</b>	1,883	1,383	1,883	<b>5,149</b>
<b>Pescadero Creek County Park</b>	640	532	913	<b>2,085</b>
<b>Memorial Park</b>	4,091	3,850	6,578	<b>14,519</b>
<b>Cowell Purisima Trail</b>	2,668	2,684	3,776	<b>9,128</b>
<b>Devil's Slide Trail</b>	4,296	5,456	8,279	<b>18,031</b>
<b>Fitzgerald Marine Reserve</b>	5,729	13,026	23,917	<b>42,672</b>
<b>Mirada Surf</b>	4,505	3,234	3,003	<b>10,742</b>
<b>Pillar Point Bluff</b>	7,789	6,406	8,089	<b>22,284</b>
<b>Quarry Park</b>	4,427	3,132	4,678	<b>12,237</b>
<b>San Pedro Valley Park</b>	23,229	13,924	21,799	<b>58,952</b>
<b>Junipero Serra Park</b>	4,532	4,170	4,496	<b>13,198</b>
<b>San Bruno Mountain</b>	15,529	13,036	17,753	<b>46,318</b>
	<b>209,311</b>	<b>136,283</b>	<b>215,679</b>	<b>561,273</b>



<b>Q1 2023</b>			
<b>Site</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
<b>Coyote Point Recreation Area</b>	3,585	23,063	13,582
<b>Crystal Springs Trail</b>	52,841	16,552	25,789
<b>Edgewood Park</b>	7,919	14,414	10,589
<b>Flood Park</b>	6,213	5,774	7,245
<b>Friendship Park</b>	833	872	962
<b>Huddart Park</b>	4,636	3,171	2,635
<b>South County Trails</b>	2,396	2,438	1,213
<b>Wunderlich Park</b>	1,234	3,082	1,921
<b>Sam McDonald Park</b>	1,019	1,582	1,125
<b>Pescadero Creek County Park</b>	463	620	487
<b>Memorial Park</b>	109	2,083	1,960
<b>Cowell Purisima Trail</b>	608	2,045	2,615
<b>Devil's Slide Trail</b>	5,734	4,188	3,905
<b>Fitzgerald Marine Reserve</b>	7,088	1,256	2,478
<b>Mirada Surf</b>	940	578	303
<b>Pillar Point Bluff</b>	7,581	6,163	5,932
<b>Quarry Park</b>	2,234	4,208	4,564
<b>San Pedro Valley Park</b>	11,360	11,268	7,864
<b>Junipero Serra Park</b>	1,438	2,781	2,528
<b>San Bruno Mountain</b>	10,748	10,551	11,291
	<b>128,979</b>	<b>116,689</b>	<b>108,988</b>

**Attachment 2**

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time	Attendance
Wednesday	April 3	Virtual Classroom Program - Animal Engineers	Hatch Elementary	9:00 - 9:45 AM	24
Wednesday	April 3	Virtual Classroom Program - Animal Engineers	JFK Elementary (Daly City)	11 AM – 12 PM	24
Friday	April 5	Arts and Science Day	El Granada ES	8 AM - 3 PM	50
Friday	April 5	San Mateo Garden Club Presentation	San Mateo	1 - 2 PM	8
Saturday	April 6	Art Class with Reikes Center	Friendship Park	10 AM - 12 PM	16
Saturday	April 6	Take A Hike	Memorial Park	10 AM - 12 PM	15
Sunday	April 7	Spring Celebration Event	Friendship Park	Morning	100
Wednesday	April 10	County Center Earth Day Event	County Center	12 - 2 PM	62
Wednesday	April 10	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Fiesta Gardens Elementary	9 - 10 AM	24
Thursday	April 11	YMCA Field Trip (Redwood City/EPA)	Coyote Point	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	70
Friday	April 12	Baden High School Picnic and Program	Coyote Point	9 AM - 12 PM	40
Friday	April 12	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Laurel Elementary	1 - 2 PM	22
Saturday	April 13	Wunderlich 50th Anniversary Celebration	Wunderlich Park	9 AM - 1 PM	125
Tuesday	April 16	Redwood Ecology Field Trip with LHPESD	Sam McDonald Park	9 AM - 12 PM	19
Wednesday	April 17	Travonde presentation: Coastside parks	Zoom	11 AM-12 PM	12
Wednesday	April 17	Parks Wellness Event	Huddart Park (Werder Shelter)	11:30 AM - 2:30 PM	
Thursday	April 18	Virtual Classroom Program - Food Web	JFK Elementary	9 - 9:50 AM	24
Friday	April 19	Sea Level Rise Program	Coyote Point	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	40

Saturday	April 20	City of Belmont Earth Day Event	Twin Pines Park	10 AM - 1 PM	117
Tuesday	April 23	Career Day Presentation	Spruce Elementary School (SSF)	10:30 - 11:30 AM	110
Wednesday	April 24	Library Program	NFO Library	3:45 - 4:45 PM	0
Thursday	April 25	Ocean's Week	Sea Crest ES (HMB)	8 AM - 2 PM	150
Thursday	April 25	Life Moves Field Trip	Coyote Point	4 - 6 PM	6
Friday	April 26	Night Hike - RWC PAL Center Youth Leadership Institute	Edgewood	6:30 - 8:30 PM	15
Saturday	April 27	City Nature Challenge BioBlitz	Coyote Point	9 AM - 2 PM	20
Saturday	April 27	Flood Park Playground Feedback	Casa Circulo Cultural	11 AM - 2 PM	100
Wednesday	May 1	Senior Hike (FFMR)	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	10 AM - 12:30 PM	12
Friday	May 3	Virtual Classroom Program - Habitats	Belle Haven Elementary	9:30-10:30 AM	24
Friday	May 3	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Sunnybrae Elementary	11 AM-12 PM	24
Friday	May 3	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Roosevelt Elementary	1 - 2 PM	29
Wednesday	May 8	Virtual Classroom Program - Nature Journaling	Taft Elementary	1 - 2 PM	25
Wednesday	May 8	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Sunnybrae Elementary	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	22
Thursday	May 9	TBA Field Trip - Audrey Edna Cabin	Sam McDonald Park	10 AM - 1 PM	30
Friday	May 10	Night Hike - San Mateo Pride Center	San Pedro Valley Park	6 - 8 PM	10
Saturday	May 11	Community All Stars Event	Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula	9 AM - 2 PM	35
Wednesday	May 15	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Belle Aire Elementary	11 AM - 12 PM	27
Wednesday	May 15	Virtual Classroom Program - Habitats	Beresford Elementary	9:30 -10:30 AM	25

Friday	May 17	Tide Pool Tour for MMANC (manager group)	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	12:30 - 2:30 PM	20
Saturday	May 18	Familias Unidas Field Trip	Edgewood Park	9 AM – 1 PM	40
Saturday	May 18	Tabling: Soul Stroll	Coyote Point	8 AM - 12 PM	109
Wednesday	May 22	Travonde presentation: FMR tidepools	Zoom	11 AM - 12 PM	15
Wednesday	May 22	SSFUSD Community Learning Exchange	Baden Adult School Campus	5 - 8 PM	50
Friday	May 24	Daly City Library - Reading Program	Daly City Library	9:30 - 10:30 AM	40
Friday	May 24	Virtual Classroom Program - Habitats	Sunnybrae Elementary	1:05-2:05 PM	22
Saturday	May 25	Siena Youth Center Hike	Edgewood	9:30-11:30 AM	11
Wednesday	May 29	Virtual Classroom Program - Habitats	Thomas Edison Elementary	9:30-10:30 AM	24
Wednesday	May 29	Library Program	North Fair Oaks Library	3:45 - 4:45 PM	?
Thursday	May 30	Bay Ocean District Garden Club Presentation	San Mateo Garden Center	9:30 - 11:30 AM	?
Friday	May 31	Virtual Classroom Program - Habitats	Laurel Elementary	9:15 - 10:15 AM	26
Friday	May 31	Virtual Classroom Program - Engineers	Orion Alternative Elementary	1-2 PM	19