

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PARKS COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, February 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. 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

The February 5, 2026 Parks Commission meeting may be accessed through Zoom online at <https://smgov.zoom.us/j/97076170924>. The webinar ID is: 970 7617 0924. The February 5, 2026 Parks Commission meeting may also be accessed via telephone by dialing +1 669 900 6833 (Local). Enter the Webinar ID: 970 7617 0924, then press #. Members of the public can also attend this meeting physically in The Boards and Commissions Meeting Room, 400 County Center, 1st floor, Redwood City. Virtual public participation is encouraged, due to the small size of the meeting room.

Written public comments may be emailed to parksandrecreation@smgov.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 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.

ADA REQUESTS

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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 and approve the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes**5. Reports and Presentations**

5.1 Parks Department Report

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Request for Proposal (RFP) Process presentation (INFORMATIONAL)
6.2 Preparation of annual report to Board of Supervisors (DISCUSSION)

7. Items of Outstanding Business

7.1 Update on Commissioner vacancies

8. Commissioner Updates

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

9. Items for a Future Agenda

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- Summary of Revitalize Coyote Point survey
- Subcommittee structure and assignments
- Processes to address public comment
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10. Adjournment

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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:**

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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.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

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

3. Public Comment

4. Action to Set the Agenda and approve the December 4, 2025 meeting minutes

5. Reports and Presentations

None this month

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Parks Department staffing updates (INFORMATIONAL)

- Nicholas Calderon promoted to Deputy County Executive as of January 5, 2026.
- Introduced Emma Gonzalez, Interim Parks Director.

Winter Storm Update (Scott):

- Proactive work prior to storms included culvert cleaning and fixing roads.
- Currently cleaning up after storms. In Huddart Park, there are approximately 50 downed trees. In Memorial Park, there are a few large downed trees and standing water in the campgrounds; closed campground through January 11.

6.2 Nomination and Election of 2026 Commission Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION)

- Irma Rodriguez Mitton was nominated and elected to serve as Parks Commission Chair for 2026.
- Brooks Esser was nominated and elected to serve as Parks Commission Vice Chair for 2026.

7. Items of Outstanding Business

7.1 Update on Commissioner vacancies

Application deadline is January 9, 2026 for vacancies in DI and DII.

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- Park vendor RFP processes and updates.

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Adjourned at 4:25pm.

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DEPARTMENT UPDATE
San Mateo County Parks Commission
February 5, 2026

Visitor Experience

Visitor Data

A summary of all visitor count data for July to December 2025 is included in Attachment 1. In the last six months of 2025, the San Mateo County Parks Department served approximately 1,468,287 visitors. For comparison, approximately 1,242,818 people visited parks in the last 6 months of 2024. This is an increase of over 225,000 visitors. On par with long-term visitation data, the most visited parks in the system include Crystal Springs Regional Trail (320,391 visitors), Coyote Point Recreation Area (212,380 visitors), Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (144,766 visitors), and San Pedro Valley County Park (129,785 visitors).

Interpretive Events

From November to December 2025, the Interpretive Division hosted or participated in 21 programs, serving approximately 572 people. Two new classroom programs were introduced, focusing on watersheds and tidepools. Interpretive panels were created and installed in the new San Bruno Mountain Interpretive Pavilion. The details of interpretive programs are included in this report as Attachment 2.

Volunteer Events

From November to December 2025, the Volunteer Program hosted 20 volunteer events throughout the parks system. These events totaled 1239 hours of volunteer effort supporting and improving the parks. The details of each event are included in this report as Attachment 3.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach

Opening of the park is delayed until Summer 2026 due to two landslides that are threatening the main access path to the beach. The Parks Department is working with the Department of Public Works to repair the landslides. The contractor hired to repair the landslides will complete project design documents by mid-January with construction expected to start in March/April 2026. Current schedule has construction occurring for three months.

Realize Flood Park

Construction of the playground continues to progress. The large towers have been installed, and we are waiting for slides to be delivered and installed. The playground fencing and landscape plantings are in the process of being installed. Once completed, the poured-in-place surfacing will be installed; this will take approximately four weeks to complete. Current project schedule has the playground opening to the public in spring 2026; however, this is weather permitting.

San Bruno Mountain Day Use Improvement Project

The restroom and interpretive pavilion are nearly complete. Winter storms caused three

shallow sinkholes to appear in the day use area, which will need to be repaired prior to opening. Park staff have been constructing the new tables and installing them in the picnic sites. The projected opening date is early spring 2026.

Revitalize Coyote Point

The Magic Mountain Playground is nearing its 20-year anniversary, and a community survey was launched in 2025 to learn what playground improvements park users would like to see to revitalize this popular play area. The Department is in the process of selecting a Design Build Entity to replace this playground. The community will have one more opportunity to provide input for a preferred design before construction begins in Spring 2026.

Natural Resource Management

Pescadero Creek County Park Forest Health and Fuel Reduction Project

Community Tree Service (the project contractor) resumed work this week 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.

Attachment 1: Visitor Data

Site	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	6-month Total
Coyote Point Recreation Area	70,098	36,071	28,084	28,856	27,585	21,686	212,380
Crystal Springs Trail	54,346	66,895	56,719	52,294	47,731	41,776	320,391
Edgewood Park	11,478	9948	8499	9128	9774	8060	56,887
Flood Park	192	9177	9433	8253	8274	8557	43,886
Friendship Park	1386	939	937	658	862	916	5698
Huddart Park	6057	5665	2734	2600	2703	2505	22,264
South County Trails	2529	1830	1419	1490	1410	1014	9692
Wunderlich Park	6730	6491	4983	5109	4586	3561	31,460
Sam McDonald Park	2964	3868	2339	2433	2159	1695	15,458
Pescadero Creek County Park	1335	1242	1300	1371	643	404	6295
Memorial Park	30,264	28,821	17,499	13,761	5319	3039	98,703
Cowell Purisima Trail	4035	4366	3096	2027	2740	2148	18,412
Devil's Slide Trail	11,632	12,098	13,373	9025	8944	7468	62,540
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	28,947	30,209	22,341	19,753	25,039	18,477	144,766
Mirada Surf	17,546	17,663	14,533	12,547	13,065	9497	84,851
Pillar Point Bluff	7985	8202	5768	5958	6357	5172	39,442
Quarry Park	7372	7764	6695	5473	6208	5140	38,652
San Pedro Valley Park	28,855	23,117	24,393	19,975	16,321	17,124	129,785
Junipero Serra Park	8207	9491	6479	5722	4955	3336	38,190
San Bruno Mountain	16,973	16,575	15,864	11,969	15,896	11,258	88,535
Totals	318,931	300,432	246,488	219,032	210,571	172,833	1,468,287

Attachment 2: Interpretive Programs

Date	Interpretive Program	Location	Supervisorial District	Attendance
Nov 5	Virtual classroom program: Nature Journaling	John Muir ES, San Bruno	1	20
Nov 7	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Baywood ES, San Mateo	2	25
Nov 8	Redwood City Together: Youth Hike	Wunderlich Park	3	12
Nov 12	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Belle Haven, Menlo Park	4	24
Nov 12	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	John Muir ES, San Bruno	1	25
Nov 14	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	LEAD ES, San Mateo	2	30
Nov 15	FFMR Interpretive Techniques Training	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	3	19
Nov 15	Tabling: Environmental Youth Leadership Summit	SMCOE Office	4	30
Nov 19	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	Henry Ford ES, Redwood City	4	25
Nov 19	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	JFK ES, Daly City	5	31
Nov 19	After School Program: Tidepools	Latchkey Alternative, Daly City	5	40
Nov 21	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	John Muir ES, San Bruno	1	20
Nov 21	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	LEAD ES, San Mateo	2	23
Dec 3	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Thomas Edison ES, Daly City	5	24
Dec 5	Virtual classroom program: Food Webs	Daniel Webster ES, Daly City	5	26
Dec 5	Coastside Community Connections gathering	HMB Library	3	50
Dec 5	Sunset Tidepooling: SMCP/FFMR	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	3	50
Dec 10	Virtual classroom program: Animal Engineers	Taft ES, Redwood City	4	22
Dec 12	Virtual classroom program: Animal Engineers	Hatch ES, HMB	3	23
Dec 12	Virtual classroom program: Habitats	Westlake ES, Daly City	5	27
Dec 19	Virtual classroom program: Watersheds	Garden Village ES, Daly City	5	26
Totals	21 programs			572 people

Attachment 3: Volunteer Events

Date	Project	Group	Location	Participants	Hours
Nov 1	Broom removal, weeding	Community	San Pedro Valley	16	48
Nov 4	Weeding	School	Coyote Point Marina	17	34
Nov 6	Weeding	School	Coyote Point Marina	26	52
Nov 6	Broom removal, weeding	Community	Huddart Park	4	8
Nov 12	Weeding	School	Coyote Point Marina	92	276
Nov 12	Fence improvements	Scouts	Coyote Point	3	3
Nov 16	Litter pick-up	Community	Coyote Point	130	260
Nov 19	Trail maintenance	Scouts	Coyote Point	3	6
Nov 19	Broom removal, weeding	School	Quarry Park	32	96
Nov 22	Broom removal, weeding	Community	Coyote Point	31	93
Nov 22	Stewardship	Scouts	Coyote Point	3	6
Nov 23	Broom removal, weeding	Community	Huddart Park	24	96
Nov 25	Weeding	Community	Devil's Slide	2	3
Nov 25	Trail maintenance	Scouts	Crystal Springs Trail	3	6
Nov 29	Weeding	Community	Coyote Point	34	102
Dec 3	Fence improvements	Scouts	Coyote Point	4	6
Dec 9	Stewardship	Scouts	Coyote Point	3	3
Dec 12	Trail maintenance	Corporate: REI	Memorial Park	9	36
Dec 13	Tree planting	Community	Coyote Point	32	96
Dec 13	Park improvements	Scouts	Coyote Point	3	9
Totals	20 volunteer events			471 participants	1239 hours