



AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, July 6, 2023

4:00 PM

*****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, 1st floor, Redwood City, CA, 94063.** Please note, this is a **NEW meeting location.** 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.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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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 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. Installation of Irma Rodriguez Mitton as the District 3 Parks Commissioner****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 Board should complete a speaker's slip to make a public comment in Chambers. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes.

5. Action to Set the Agenda**6. Parks Foundation Executive Director's Report****7. Parks Department Update****8. Regular Agenda**

- 8.1 Updates on Commissioner Vacancies (Informational)
- 8.2 Presentation: San Mateo County Parks Dog Recreation: Findings from the Off-Leash Dog Recreation Pilot at Quarry County Park, and a New Dog-Friendly Campground at Memorial County Park (Informational)
- 8.3 Commissioner assignment(s) for Dog Management Subcommittee (Action)
- 8.4 Commission Meeting Location – Action on Room Change to Criminal Justice Training Room for future meetings (Action)

9. Subcommittee Updates

- 9.1 Budget & Performance Subcommittee
- 9.2 Dog Management Subcommittee
- 9.3 Parks Naming Subcommittee
- 9.4 Fuel Reduction & Forest Health Subcommittee
- 9.5 Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee
- 9.6 Transparency & Visibility Subcommittee
- 9.7 Partnerships & Connections Subcommittee

10. Items for a Future Agenda

- 10.1 Quarry Park drainage concerns
- 10.2 Follow-up on public comment
- 10.3 Equity subcommittee update on strategy and areas of focus for commission work plan goals and objectives
- 10.4 Partnerships and Connections subcommittee – have representatives of Together Bay Area and/or the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network provide information on these regional networks
- 10.5 Ranger(s) and/or other Parks Staff to present on “regular” job duties
- 10.6 Tools or opportunities to collect data on or survey park visitors
- 10.7 Commission connection with County’s Chief Equity Officer
- 10.8 Understand metrics and measurement that the department uses to measure success
- 10.9 Camping by County residents & non-residents
- 10.10 Milestones for Memorial for the 100-year anniversary
- 10.11 How to maintain contact and engagement with former Parks Commissioners

11. Adjournment

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

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*Written Comments:

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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 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

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

San Mateo County Parks Commission
July 6, 2023

Visitor Experience

Visitor Data

Visitor Data for Quarter 1 of 2023 (January - March) is included in this update. As anticipated, the visitor counts for this quarter are low overall, as inclement weather, storm damage, and park closures impacted access. While visitation was lower than typical, and the winter storms impacted these parks considerably, Coyote Point Recreation Area and Crystal Springs Regional Trail remain the highest overall visitation this quarter. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is historically one of the most visited parks as well, however storm-related closures and reservation cancellations impacted overall visitation this quarter. San Bruno Mountain State and County Park, as well as Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve, also had higher visitation comparatively to other parks. For comparison, the Q1 data from 2022 is also included in a table in Attachment 1.

Interpretive Events

The Interpretive Program hosted thirteen events in May and seventeen events in June, including take a hike event at Sawyer Camp Trail, a hike with CARON at Wunderlich County Park, a hike with Puente at Pescadero Creek County Park, an event at the County Fair in partnership with PIE FEST, Yoga in the Park at Friendship Park, a Big Lift Summer Camp field trip to San Pedro Valley County Park, various events with North Fair Oaks Library, in person and virtual classroom programs, and three movie nights at Flood Park and Memorial Park. The details of each event are included in this report as Attachment 2.

Facilities and infrastructure

Coyote Point Recreation Area

Coyote Point Recreation Area reopened on June 1 after a 10-week closure (the park had a partial re-opening on weekends only during this time). This closure was a result of hazardous trees and power loss during March storm events. Parks staff have worked hard to clean up and repair the storm damage, and tree contractors completed extensive hazard tree management work. After reopening, some parking lots and picnic sites remain closed while we continue repair work, and certain restroom facilities will remain closed until power is restored. Reservation sites relying on power have also been impacted by the power outage for the park. The Department has been working with PG&E to restore power to the park, but at the time of publication for this agenda, there is no firm date for when this will occur.

Flood Park

Phase 1 of the Realize Flood Park project has been advertised for bid as of May 31. This competitive bid process will select a qualified contractor for construction of the park improvement elements included in Phase 1 of the project. This includes upgrades to the

picnic areas, a new small multi-use sports field, basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts, parking improvements, and utilities improvements. Also included in Phase 1, but under a separate contract with a specialized firm, is the construction of a new pump track for the park. Phase 1 of the Realize Flood Park project enables us to construct and open the greatest variety of recreational opportunities and includes the most valued uses for the park that were raised during the public engagement process.

Tunitas Creek Beach

On June 13 a contract was executed with Gordon n Ball for construction of the Tunitas Creek Beach project. This contractor will construct the designed park improvements, including a new parking lot at the top of bluff, a new loop trail as well as an ADA accessible pedestrian pathway connecting the parking lot to the mid bluff, improvements at the mid bluff including picnic areas, an amphitheater, a restroom, and a ranger shed, as well as improved access to the beach.

Sawyer Camp Trail

On May 20, the Department re-opened 1.5 miles of the southern end of Sawyer Camp trail. A new fence was installed adjacent to a land slide that occurred during the January winter storms, but the remainder of the trail south of this location was deemed safe to use. This will allow trail users to enjoy an additional segment of Sawyer Camp Trail, access the restroom at the trailhead, and provide parking and foot access to the south of dam section of the trail, without needing to walk along the road shoulder.

Natural Resource Management

Wildfire Fuel Management

In May, the final step in the process for completing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for fuel reduction activities at Quarry County Park was completed. By conducting and completing this CEQA review, the Department now has better ability to expand our fuel reduction efforts for the park. Completion of certain project will still need to undergo more detailed planning and will be dependent of available funding – however, this is a major milestone in being able to advance these projects further. Current projects for Quarry Park that are still in progress include completion of the State Coastal Conservancy Grant project with the San Mateo RCD, to expand shaded fuel breaks and conduct hazard tree removals along park fire roads. We will also be working on removal of downed logs along the park boundary area with El Granada Boulevard, that are present in this location as a remnant of prior work before 2015 to establish a fuel break along this portion of the park boundary. In late July, continuation of work on the State Coastal Conservancy grant-funded project in partnership with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District will continue at Quarry County Park as well. This project establishes and expands shaded fuel breaks along park fire roads within Quarry Park.

Attachment 1

Q1 2023			
Site	Jan	Feb	Mar
Coyote Point Recreation Area	3,585	23063	13,582
Crystal Springs Trail	52,841	16552	25,789
Edgewood Park	7,919	14,414	10,589
Flood Park	6213	5774	7,245
Friendship Park	833	872	962
Huddart Park	4636	3171	2,635
South County Trails	2396	2438	1,213
Wunderlich Park	1234	3082	1,921
Sam McDonald Park	1019	1582	1,125
Pescadero Creek County Park	463	620	487
Memorial Park	109	2083	1,960
Cowell Purisima Trail	608	2045	2,615
Devil's Slide Trail	5734	4188	3,905
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	7088	1256	2,478
Mirada Surf	940	578	303
Pillar Point Bluff	7581	6163	5,932
Quarry Park	2234	4208	4,564
San Pedro Valley Park	11360	11268	7,864
Junipero Serra Park	1438	2781	2,528
San Bruno Mountain	10748	10551	11,291
	128,979	116689	108,988

Q1 2022			
Site	Jan	Feb	Mar
Coyote Point Recreation Area	9,308	9,110	12,161
Crystal Springs Trail	70,083	64,505	65,080
Edgewood Park	9,533	12,259	13,485

Flood Park	4,035	5,573	3,896
Friendship Park	805	1,036	1,160
Huddart Park	12,050	10,963	7,029
South County Trails	5,276	4,120	4,152
Wunderlich Park	4,089	4,470	3,996
Sam McDonald Park	2,631	2,690	2,495
Pescadero Creek County Park	870	954	978
Memorial Park	9,063	8,188	12,952
Cowell Purisima Trail	4,969	6,472	3,418
Devil's Slide Trail	7,891	6,708	7,023
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	32,569	27,886	22,766
Mirada Surf	1,065	1,252	1,127
Pillar Point Bluff	6,177	6,343	6,949
Quarry Park	1,186	1,352	10,630
San Pedro Valley Park	24,089	23,525	28,483
Junipero Serra Park	4,750	5,412	5,485
San Bruno Mountain	16,074	13,458	14,423
	226,513	216,276	227,688

Attachment 2

Date	Event	Location	Attendance
May 3	Classroom Program - Animal Habitats	Hatch Elementary	22
May 5	Classroom Program - Food Webs	Portola Elementary	26
May 5	Classroom Program - Food Webs	Garden Village Elementary	30
May 6	Take A Hike	Sawyer Camp Trail	12
May 12	CARON Hike	Wunderlich Park	25
May 17	Virtual Classroom Program - Animal Habitats	Cipriani Elementary	25
May 19	Virtual Classroom Program - Animal Habitats	Cipriani Elementary	25
May 20	Bike to the Library Day Tabling Event	NFO Library	96
May 20	Movie Night	Flood Park	20
May 21	Mental Health Matters Tabling	Seal Point Park	150
May 24	Virtual Classroom Program - Nature Journaling	Hatch Elementary	22
May 24	Virtual Classroom Program - Animal Habitats	Cipriani Elementary	25
May 27	Wood Cookies - Movie Night	Memorial Park	
June 3	Take A Hike	Sam McDonald Park	15
June 7	Virtual Classroom Program - Nature's Engineers	Taft Elementary	32
June 7	Virtual Classroom Program - Nature's Engineers	Taft Elementary	27
June 9	Puente Hike	Pescadero Creek County Park	6
June 9	County Fair Activity with PIE FEST	San Mateo County Fair	40
June 9	Memorial Park Movie Night	Memorial Park	60
June 10	Familias Unidas FMR Tour	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	47
June 12 to 16	Yoga in the Park	Friendship Park	8
June 20 to 23	Yoga in the Park	Friendship Park	25
June 21	Promotores Hike	Edgewood Park	4

June 22	Animal Engineers	Millbrae Library	16
June 23	Big Lift Summer Camp Field Trip	San Pedro Valley Park	200
June 24	Snapshot CAL Coast BioBlitz	Quarry Park / Mirada Surf	1
June 27	Get to know your County Parks	NFO Library	40
June 28	Hiking and Camping 101	NFO Library	18
June 29	Animal Engineers	Belmont Library	22
June 30	Field Trip for NFO Library Group	Edgewood Park	20

Commission Subcommittees

Subcommittees	Assigned Commissioners
Budget & Performance Subcommittee	Commissioner Okelo, Commissioner Laguna
Dog Management Subcommittee	
Parks Naming Subcommittee	Commissioner Okelo
Fuel Reduction & Forest Health Subcommittee	Commissioner Laguna
Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee	Commissioner Laguna
Transparency & Visibility Subcommittee	Commissioner Manneh, Commissioner Okelo
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