



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Public Works and Parks



**Date:** February 5, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** March 12, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** James C. Porter, Director of Public Works and Parks

**Subject:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Acceptance for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Promenade Western Shoreline Improvements Project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works and Parks or his designee to accept a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Promenade Western Shoreline Improvements Project in the amount of \$400,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

What is now the Promenade at Coyote Point Recreation Area was constructed in the late 1920s for the Pacific City amusement park as a pathway alongside the San Francisco Bay. Since the County acquired Coyote Point Recreation Area in the 1940s, use of the site has always included a shoreline trail and access to the Bay for non-motorized users.

For over thirty years, this site has been heavily used by beginner to advanced windsurfers. On windy afternoons, typically April to October, the Promenade now serves hundreds of windsurfers and kite boarders. A growing population of sea kayakers and stand up paddler boarders now use the site year-round on less windy days. The site also serves the many people who want to walk, jog or bicycle while viewing the San Francisco Bay. Open water swimmers enter the Bay using the existing sand bag ramps.

The Promenade is recognized in two regional trail plans. It is an important spur to the San Francisco Bay Trail as it connects to the Coyote Point Bay Trail and allows pedestrians and cyclists to travel from the City of San Mateo through the Coyote Point Recreation Area. It is also listed as a high opportunity site in the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan and could be included as a permanent site once improvements have been made.

**DISCUSSION:**

Strong winds and tides have deteriorated the western shoreline pathway, levee and access ramps of the Promenade to the extent that an engineered solution is necessary to prevent permanent closure of the site for all use. Philip Williams and Associates, an experienced Bay Area engineering firm, was hired to perform modeling to determine the best solution for the Promenade and completed this work in 2011. Donations were secured to develop construction plans, permits, and specifications for the western and eastern Promenade project improvements. These plans facilitated the successful solicitation of alternative funding for project construction for the western shoreline improvements. Eastern shoreline improvements will cost an additional estimated \$3.5 million and will be undertaken at a later date when funding has been secured.

The project will rebuild failed westerly shoreline protection structures and erosion control, rehabilitate an existing 1,050-foot-long and 13-foot-wide recreational pathway along the San Francisco Bay within the City of San Mateo and create three new launch ramps into the Bay for windsurfers, kite boarders, standup paddle boarders and kayakers. These improvements will protect the adjacent shoreline area from erosion and structural damage and parking area and other park amenities from permanent sea rise or periodic flooding during high tide events.

The County successfully secured two competitive grants for this project. The Department of Boating and Waterways awarded a \$500,000 grant in October 2012, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded a \$400,000 Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement Recreational Use Grant in January 2013.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as execution of the Grant Agreement furthers the number and quality of natural experiences and recreational opportunities for County Park visitors. Each visitor gains a greater appreciation of the natural environment and the need for its preservation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Acceptance of this grant has no fiscal impact. The balance of the estimated \$1,141,400 engineer's cost estimate will be provided by the California Department of Boating and Waterways (\$500,000) and San Mateo County Parks Foundation (\$241,400).