



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: June 8, 2016
Board Meeting Date: July 12, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Application for the Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funding from the California Natural Resource Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for the Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project in the amount of \$450,000.

BACKGROUND:

In the late 1920s, the Coyote Point Promenade was built as part of the Pacific City amusement park as a pathway alongside the San Francisco Bay. Since the County acquired the 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 recreational users.

For over seventy years, the trail and beach have been heavily used by park visitors. Families have picnicked and played along the shoreline. Others have walked, jogged or bicycled along the trail and watched wildlife in the bay or airplanes flying overhead to and from the San Francisco Airport. A growing population of sea kayakers and stand up paddlers now use the site year-round. Open water swimmers have long swam back and forth parallel to the trail. Working with the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Advisory Committee, San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities, park users and the park concessionaire Boardsports, the vision to restore the site to greater sustainable use has been a high priority for County Parks.

The Promenade is recognized in two regional trail plans. It is a 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 completed.

Strong winds and tides have deteriorated the shoreline pathway and beach to the extent that an engineered solution is essential to prevent permanent closure of the site. Private funding was secured to develop a full set of construction plans, permits, and specifications. BKF Engineers, an experienced Bay Area firm, was hired to complete the Project plans, permits and engineer's estimate.

DISCUSSION:

The Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project is the second phase of a two-phase project along the northern shoreline of Coyote Point Recreation Area. This Project includes creation of a crenulated-shaped bay with a perched flat beach ranging in width from 50 to 125 feet raised to 12-feet North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) to accommodate sea level rise, an improved 100-foot-long Promenade trail raised to 13-feet NAVD with several accessible ramps for beach goers, open water swimmers and kayakers, 191 parking spaces in lower, middle and upper parking areas and a new restroom building. One thousand feet of shoreline will be improved in this phase. The planting plan includes shoreline, bluff and bioswale plantings that include native grasses, shrubs and trees.

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program awards grants in several categories. We are submitting an application in the urban forestry category as we would like to increase adaptability to climate change and plant a large number of trees and plants to yield the greatest potential for long-term carbon dioxide sequestration in a cost effective way. Approximately 120 trees are being planted on the shoreline and knoll as part of this project.

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 the Project will increase the number and quality of natural experiences and recreational opportunities for County Park visitors.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Linear Feet of Shoreline Trail and Beach Restored	N/A	1,000 feet

FISCAL IMPACT:

This \$450,000 grant award is a reimbursable grant. When Project expenditures are made, reimbursements can be sought. Grant proposals are also being submitted to the California Coastal Conservancy and California Division of Boating and Waterways. The engineer's estimate for construction of the Project is \$6,000,000. There is no impact to the General Fund.