COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PARKS DEPARTMENT





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TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

- **FROM:** Peggy Jensen, Interim Parks Director
- SUBJECT: Parks Update: December 2018 February 2019

Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects

Between December 2018 and February 2019, the Parks Department ("Department") hosted a series of events and activities, including a 5K/10K run at Coyote Point Recreation Area, nature hikes, sunset tide pooling at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and environmental education courses for local second and third graders. Further, volunteers have been improving trails and clearing vegetation and debris generated from recent storms.

The Department has formed a partnership with Vida Verde Nature Education in San Gregorio. Through this partnership, the Department will help introduce children to the outdoors through ranger-led hikes and activities.

Natural Resource Management

A heavier than normal storm season has kept rangers busy with dead and hazardous tree removal, and downed tree and brush cleanup.

Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

Maintenance and repair facilities continue to be a priority. Projects completed include patching drive aisles and parking lots, replacing broken water and wastewater lines, and enhancing drainage to prevent flooding in parks.

Public Safety and Social Services Activity

New rangers recently attended a mandatory Park Ranger Law Enforcement Training, which focused on the laws of arrest and detention. Due to vehicle break-ins at San Bruno Mountain, the Sheriff's Office has increased patrols in the Park.

Staffing Updates

Parks would like to welcome Stuart Smith, the new Volunteer Coordinator. Stuart will be coordinating group and corporate volunteer projects, supporting the Natural Resources' Stewardship Corps, and co-leading events with Rangers.

Additionally, the Department would like to welcome Elizabeth Dallman, who will be assisting the Department with special projects. Elizabeth will be working with the Dog Working Group, community engagement during the design phase of Re-imagine Flood County Park, the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project, and budget analysis.

Park and Parks Office Closures

Due to recent storm surges, the Department had to close some Parks. Moreover, during the repair of the Jean Lauer Trail and removal of hazardous trees along the Old Guadalupe Trail, the Department had to temporarily close specified trails. All trails and parks have been re-opened.

The Department revised the format of this report to provide clearer and more thorough information. Each Park District has reported on the following six areas: 1) Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects 2) Natural Resource Management 3) Facility and Infrastructure Improvements 4) Public Safety and Social Service Activity 5) Staff Updates 6) Park and Park Office Closures. Where there was no news to report for an item, we omitted that from the report.

Project Details by Park: December 2018 - February 2019

Coyote Point Recreation Area

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. The Gobble Wobble 5K/10K occurred on November 22, 2018, and had approximately 1,000 participants.
 - b. SuperHero Cycle Cross was hosted on December 16, 2018, and had approximately 100 participants.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. The Department removed a large dead alder tree on the Marina lawn that was posing a hazard for park guests.
 - b. A large willow tree had fallen during a recent storm. The tree fell on a Peninsula Humane Society employee's vehicle. Department staff removed and disposed of the fallen tree.
- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. A custom bicycle rack was installed at the Fitness Zone Workout location within the park.
 - b. Rangers have conducted regular storm clean-up throughout parks (on-going) to clear debris and vegetation from roadways, pathways and picnic areas.
- 4. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. New hires completed the Park Ranger Law Enforcement Training for new Rangers.
 - b. A coyote was spotted and photographed in Coyote Point Recreation Area. There has been no reports of the coyote interacting with or harassing park visitors.
- 5. Park and Park Office Closures
 - a. The knoll parking lot was temporarily closed due to high winds during recent storms.

Coyote Point Marina

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. The first Friday social for all Marina tenants was held at the Yacht Club on January 4, 2019.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Rangers removed a dead tree from the anchor lawn area.
 - b. Department is conducting ongoing fennel eradication on the jetty and outer berm.
- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

- a. The electrical panel was replaced at Marina office on January 22, 2019.
- b. Ongoing Dock maintenance and repairs continued.
- c. A Request for Proposals was issued on January 23, 2019 for removal of nine derelict vessels.
- d. Quotes were collected for installation of keyless entry system for all docks.

Crystal Springs Trail/Sawyer Camp Trail/San Andreas Trail/South of Dam

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. The Grand Opening of Sawyer Camp Bridge occurred on January 11, 2019.
- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. A memorial bench was installed on Sawyer Camp Trail at the 4.0-4.1 marker.
 - b. Rangers installed a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) drinking fountain at the North Gate of Sawyer Camp Trail.
 - c. Tree limbing at the Crystal Springs Regional Trail was completed to support the replacement of damaged sections of security fencing.
 - d. Asphalt cracks were sealed on South of Dam Trail.
 - e. Culverts were cleared along Sawyer Camp Trail and monitored during storms.

Devil's Slide

- 1. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Go Native continues efforts on pampas grass eradication.
- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Staff continues to monitor graffiti after rangers caught two individuals spraying a retaining wall.
- 3. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. Vehicle break-ins continue.

Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve

- 1. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Large hazard Eucalyptus trees were removed on Edgewood Trail.
 - b. Three hazard Tan Oaks were removed around the residence and by the service road gate.
 - c. The quarterly natural resources coordination meeting was held on January 24
 - d. The Department arborist has coordinated with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) to re-establish a fuel break along the southern border of the park. Completion is expected to be in 2019 or 2020.
 - e. Following completion of PG&E gas pipeline maintenance work at two sites in Edgewood, reseeding efforts and a three-year monitoring program were initiated to ensure that the site returns to pre-disturbance conditions.

- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Improvements to the ranger residence, including painting, heat system and deck were completed.
 - b. Storm cleanup and trail maintenance continues.

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Pillar Point Bluffs

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. District staff and members of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve are planning activities for the upcoming 50-year celebration of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.
 - A stewardship corps volunteer native planting event was held on Saturday, December 15, 2018, with 12 high school students and parents in attendance. Two hundred native coastal plants were planted.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Staff is working with the Department arborist to remove dead cypress trees located along the bluff.
 - b. A sick sea lion was rescued on the main beach by Marine Mammal staff and park staff.
- 3. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. The heavy rains and King Tides have damaged the ramp. Staff will make temporary repairs at low tide.
 - b. During the high wind event last week, a large limb broke off a cypress tree and damaged a car parked under the tree.

Flood Park

- 1. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Fence repairs were made at the park and residence.
 - b. The ranger residence roof was replaced.
 - c. A park cleanup was organized and a 20-yard debris box was filled.

Huddart Park

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Project
 - a. Two hundred and fifty runners participated in the Mermaid Series Trail run December 8, 2018.
 - b. Trail runs on December 15, 2018 and January 20, 2019 also had 250 participants, each.
 - c. The Interfaith volunteer group on January 21, 2019, had 25 participants pulling invasive plants near Richards Road and the Meadow.
 - d. Fifteen volunteers participated in playground cleanup on January 21, 2019.
 - e. Four volunteers from the Eagle Scout project installed a split rail fence and bench at McGarvey Flat on January 4, 2019.

- f. Seven volunteers from the Eagle Scout project rebuilt the horseshoe pit at East/West Meadow on January 19, 2019.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Eight hazard trees on Archery fire road and clubhouse were removed on December 18, 2018.
 - b. Seven hazard trees on Archery fire road were removed on January 18, 2018.
 - c. The Department arborist has coordinated with Cal Fire to re-establish a fuel break along Kings Mountain Road and the Huddart Park border. Completion is anticipated in 2019 or 2020.

3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

- a. The office at Huddart Park is being refurbished.
- b. Storm clean up, trail maintenance, and general park clean up continues.
- 4. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. On January 6, 2019, a stolen vehicle was found in the upper parking lot. The California Highway Patrol responded and towed the vehicle.
 - b. On January 19, 2019, there was an illegal camp found at the wide spot on Kings Mountain Road. Sheriff's Deputies responded and park staff removed the camp and cleared the area.
- 5. Park and Park Office Closures
 - a. Bicycle Sunday was closed due to holidays, December 25, 2018, and January 1, 2019.
 - b. Bicycle Sunday was also closed on January 13, 2019, and January 20, 2019, due to rain.

Junipero Serra Park

- 1. Natural Resource Management
 - a. In December, park staff continued to work on the single track trail fire fuel reduction project in Junipero Serra Park. They worked on the Pine Trail, Buckeye Trail and Quail Loop Trail. This project is ongoing due to heavy storms and winds that cause the eucalyptus trees to shed their bark.
- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. On November 14, 2018, park staff worked on filling up potholes at Junipero Serra Park. A whole pallet of asphalt repair was used for existing potholes. This work was spread out over several days and was in the upper section of the park.
 - b. On December 23, 2018, park staff installed a double "Bear Saver" container at Iris Point Reservation site in Junipero Serra Park. This is to prohibit wildlife from getting into the garbage bins.
 - c. On December 26, 2018, park staff installed another double "Bear Saver" container at the Summit Loop parking lot. This will also to help cut down garbage that park users leave on the ground.

- d. On January 1, 2019, staff discovered a sewer line back-up in Junipero Serra Park. Staff tried to clear the line with an electric snake but were not successful. A contractor was called in the next day and was able to fix it.
- e. On January 3, 2019, staff discovered a water break outside of the Junipero Serra Park Shop. On January 4 2019, staff worked with maintenance staff to locate the break and repair the galvanized pipe.
- 3. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. A large pine tree came down behind the Junipero Serra Park corporation yard on December 26, 2018. The fallen tree did not damage the fence or any buildings. Park staff cleaned up all the tree debris.

Memorial Park

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. Twenty five people attended the Steelhead Trout Nature Hike on Saturday, January 19, 2019, along Pescadero Creek.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Work on the arborist tree management program continued throughout Azalea Flats, Sequoia Flats, and Redwood Flats campgrounds. This includes contracted tree removal of four Redwood trees and stump grinding in Sequoia Flats in preparation for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant construction.
 - b. Go-Native Nurseries conducted invasive plant species control at the corporation yard area treating and removing French Broom plant as part of an ongoing service that will entail future treatment in the area.
- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Staff performed trail clearing and storm damage repairs on all trails and infrastructure.
 - b. The ranger station and visitor center were treated for pest control and installation of new insulation in the buildings.
 - c. Trail counters and vehicle counters were installed.
 - d. Trail signs were installed along the Trillium Nature Trail, Mt Ellen, and Pomponio Canyon Trails.
 - e. Repairs to the septic system of the ranger residence at 1480 Wurr Road were completed.
- 4. Park and Park Office Closures
 - a. Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10, 2019, the Azalea Campground and the Day Use Area were closed due to high winds and storm damage.

Moss Beach Park

- 1. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Staff have been working with vendors and the Mid Coast Community Council to upgrade non-compliant play structures.

Pescadero Creek Park

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. Three volunteers participated in Volunteer Trails Day at Pescadero Creek Park on Saturday, December 8, 2018, making improvements to the trail tread at Portola Trail.
 - b. On Saturday, January 12, 2019, two volunteers participated in Volunteer Trails Day on Baker Fire Road and Old Haul Road clearing downed trees and storm damage debris.
- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Drainage improvements were made on Old Haul Road.
 - b. Downed trees were cleared on the East Brooke Trail.
- 3. Park and Park Office Closures
 - a. Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10, 2019[,] Pescadero Creek Park was closed due to high winds and storm damage.

Pigeon Point Bluff

- 1. Natural Resource Management
 - a. On Saturday, January 12, 2019, the Department had a Stewardship Corps plant restoration event with two volunteers attending.
- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Trail maintenance and storm damage clearing took place.

Pillar Point Bluff

- 1. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. The Department equipment operator improved drainage and road surface along the Main Service Road at Pillar Point Bluff. Over 1000 yards of rock were hauled in, spread and compacted. Currently we are accessing the road with a Rugged Terrain Vehicle and bicycles to let the rock set up and avoid damage. Until the rock is set, only emergency vehicles will be allowed to drive on the new road.

Quarry Park, Mirada East and West

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. The Office of Sustainability held a program on King Tides on January 19, 2019. It was well attended. Ranger Cala was recognized for his hard work and film making talent at the event.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Fuel reduction will resume to complete work done at Mirada East Fire road.

- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Plans are partially completed for a new potable water service and a power drop to the new shop site located on the Wicklow Parcel.
 - b. Plans are in the works to upgrade an existing fire road to an all-weather road.

Sam McDonald Park

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. Parks has begun a partnership with Vida Verde Nature Education Camp out of San Gregorio to bring youths on a weekly basis for nature hikes and activities at Sam McDonald Park. Events are now being planned for the near future.
- 2. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Trail maintenance and storm damage clearing took place.
- 3. Park and Park Office Closures
 - a. Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10, 2019, Sam McDonald Park was closed due to high winds and storm damage.

San Bruno Mountain

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. On January 1, 2019, Pen-Velo held its annual bike race event that starts in Brisbane and ends at the Summit Loop Parking lot. One hundred cyclists participated in the event.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Park staff brushed back the Day Camp Road in San Bruno Mountain, on December 11-20, 2018, clearing the road of blackberries and shrubs.
 - b. Park staff brushed back the Bog Trail of shrubs growing into the trail on December 14-18, 2018.
 - c. Removal of several trees on San Bruno Mountain occurred on January 3, 2019. Trees were inspected by the department arborist before removal.
 - d. Park staff began to brush back the Summit Loop Trail in San Bruno Mountain on January 3, 2019. Debris and shrubs were removed off the trail.
 - e. A Stewardship Corps volunteer native planting event was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, with one high school student in attendance. Sixty five native plants were planted at the Colma Creek restoration site.
 - f. A Stewardship Corps volunteer native planting event was held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, with eight boy scouts and troop leaders, as well as four community members in attendance. Two hundred and fifty native plants were planted at the entrance parking lot restoration site.
 - g. A presentation was provided at a Mission Blue Butterfly Summit held on January 11, 2019, updating regional land managers and resource agencies on the current status of this species at San Bruno Mountain.

- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. On November 16, 2018, park staff painted the interior of the San Bruno Mountain gatehouse.
 - b. On November 20, 2018, a water fountain pipe off the day camp road was repaired.
 - c. On January 10, 2019, the Cyclone fence was repaired on the Saddle Loop Trail at San Bruno Mountain.
- 4. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. Two vehicles were broken into at San Bruno Mountain Park on December 6, 2018. The Sheriff's office was called and a request was made to increase patrols in the park to deter break-ins. Park staff also increased their presence in the park.
 - b. On December 9, 2018, park staff responded to a call of a vehicle off the road on Guadalupe Canyon Parkway. The driver went off of the road and down the slope of San Bruno Mountain. The driver and passenger were transported to the hospital. The California Highway Patrol handled the removal of the vehicle from the park. No sensitive habitat was damaged.
- 5. Park and Park Office Closures
 - a. The Old Guadalupe Trail on San Bruno Mountain was closed to park users on January 3 and 4, 2019, due to tree work being done by contractors. Signs for the closure were posted in the park on December 26[,] 2018, as well as on the internet.

San Pedro Valley Park

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. The two regular monthly volunteer days, Trail Day and Habitat Day, took place. Three volunteers helped with drainage repair work on Valley View Trail on January 12, 2019. Two volunteers worked on hand pulling of Cape Weed on January 19, 2019.
 - b. Also on January 19, 2019, 15 volunteers planted over 20 trees and shrubs to continue with the million tree program.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Fuel reduction and eucalyptus removal took place on the ridge adjacent to Park Pacifica.
 - b. Regular park users noticed two large steelhead near the Weiler Bridge.
- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. A new ramp was constructed to make the Walnut restroom accessible by wheel chair.
 - b. Paving was added to make the access to Trout Farm restroom accessible as well. This was funded by Measure K for ADA Rest Room improvements and Path of Travel.

Path of Travel is defined as: Provide path of travel from handicapped parking spaces to all accessible elements and spaces, such as walks, sidewalks, curb ramps and pedestrian ramps, lobbies and corridors, elevators, sanitary facilities, other improved areas or necessary combinations thereof that provide free and unobstructed access to and from a particular area or location for pedestrians and/or wheelchair.

c. A new fire service road is planned at San Pedro Valley Park. This will give access to the fuel reduction site mentioned above. Current access is through a neighbor's property.

Tunitas Creek Beach

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) had several donor events at the site.
 - b. TLC Locals continues monthly beach clean-ups with the assistance of Parks staff. TLC Locals "*is a movement to strengthen our local communities through community betterment projects, local small business support, and the creation of opportunities (volunteer/social/educational/financial) for residents to become actively involved in improving their neighborhoods.*
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. Annual winter season western snowy plover monitoring was completed on January 29, 2019, with four adult plovers observed. This was completed in concurrence with surveys along all beach snowy plover habitat present on the San Mateo Coast on this date.
- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Paving improvements from the main gate to the house site are under construction. A new electrical drop is also being installed that will provide the needed power to install security cameras to monitor after hours activities.
- 4. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. The security fencing around the "pink house" is continually vandalized. Staff continue to repair the damage.

Wunderlich Park

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Project
 - a. In December and January, there were two trail runs with a 500 participants
 - b. On January 18, 2018, the volunteer group, Guidewire, had 20 participants that constructed a split rail fence at the rear gate.
- 2. Natural Resource Management
 - a. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Cal Fire created a shaded fuel break at upper Bear Gulch Road. In December, 147 trees were removed.

- b. In January, 65 hazard trees were removed along Redwood and Bear Gulch trail.
- c. PG&E's forester is surveying a 16-acre eucalyptus grove relating to the Timber Harvest Plan.
- d. The Department's arborist has been coordinating with Cal Fire to re-establish a fuel break along Highway 84 and the Wunderlich Park border, anticipated to be completed in 2019 or 2020.
- e. The Department's arborist has worked with staff and PG&E to establish a Memorandum of Understanding to allow PG&E to begin restoration work within Wunderlich Park. The first phase of this restoration work has begun with acorn installation throughout the project area on January 16-19, 2019.
- 3. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. The Wunderlich Carriage House improvements continue.
 - b. The equestrian bridge replacement at the entrance was completed.
 - c. Storm cleanup and trail maintenance continue.

Maintenance Unit

- 1. Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Road repairs on Pillar Point Bluff were completed. Approximately 1.5 miles of road was rocked and drainage improved.
 - b. Renovations at Edgewood ranger residence were completed.
 - c. The Huddart Park office is being renovated to repair damages and reconfigure the space.
 - d. The Maintenance Unit is coordinating with District III for utility relocation in Tan Oak day use area and prepping the site for a staging area for construction of the new sewer plant.
 - e. The backup generator at Memorial maintenance shop was repaired.
 - f. The equipment operator has been hauling green waste out of all parks and making minor repairs on gravel roads throughout the Park system.

PROGRAMS

Interpretive Programs

As reported by Laurel Finnegan, Ranger IV

- 1. Parks Events, Programs and Volunteer Projects
 - a. Rangers hosted a table event on December 3, 2018, at the College of San Mateo Job Fair. Approximately 30 people stopped by and talked with them.
 - b. On December 5 and 7, staff visited the second grade classroom at Aspire East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy. They talked with 75 students about ecology, food chains, food web activity and dissecting owl pellets.
 - c. On December 10, Katherine and Laurel visited the third grade classroom at Belle Air Elementary in San Bruno, and talked with the 25 students about ecology, food chains, food web activity and dissecting owl pellets.

- d. Interpretive programs hosted a Sunset Tide Pooling Event on December 21, 2018, with about 30 people attending.
- e. Fifteen ranger staff attended interpretive training on January 9, 2019. The topic was: mushroom biology, ecology, and field identification. The Instructor was Christian Schwarz, a field researcher at UC Santa Cruz and coauthor of "Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast".
- f. Trail counters were installed at seven parks since December.
- 2. Public Safety and Social Service Activity
 - a. Rangers are collecting data on compliance with regards to the new dog ordinance. During the six-month education period, Rangers will make verbal contacts and issue written warnings where appropriate. No citations will be written during the education period.

3. Staff Introductions

- a. Stuart Smith, Volunteer Coordinator Stuart recently served as the Assistant Volunteer Coordinator for Marin County Parks and Open Space. He is passionate about volunteerism and has partnered with the National Park Service, California State Parks Department, and One Tam Collaborative. He has also served as the Lead Trails Ambassador volunteer at China Camp State Park and a Trails Docent in Mt. Tamalpais State Park. As part of his role, Stuart will coordinate group volunteer projects, collect and report data from the Friends' and volunteer events, support Natural Resources Stewardship Corp, and co-lead events with ranger staff.
- b. Elizabeth (Ellie) Dallman Ellie will assist the Department with special projects. Ellie will work with the Dog Work Group, assist with community engagement during the design phase of Re-imagine Flood County Park, the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project, and budget analysis.

Natural Resource Management Program

As reported by Hannah Ormshaw, Natural Resource Management Specialist and Dan Krug, Arborist

- The arborist has been working with Cal Fire to identify large fuel reduction projects in areas which are seen as priority to improving public safety. The four projects identified are either in areas where fuel breaks have previously been established and have since become overgrown and require re-establishment, or along main egress routes in areas known to have high fire-fuel loads. These projects are anticipated to begin in either 2019 or 2020.
 - a. Edgewood Reestablishment of the southern fuel break
 - b. Wunderlich Fuel reduction along Hwy 84
 - c. Huddart Fuel reduction along King's Mountain Road

- d. Quarry Reestablishment of the northern fuel break behind El Granada Boulevard
- 2. The arborist assisted Districts 2, 3, and 7 in post storm evaluation of multiple trees for removal or corrective pruning.
- 3. San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan the annual report for all activities related to the listed species present within the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan Area was completed and submitted to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in December. The report contained the results of the annual monitoring activities for mission blue, callippe silverspot, and San Bruno elfin butterflies, along with a summary of all habitat management work that was completed.
- 4. San Mateo County is developing a manual and streamlines permitting process for conducting routine maintenance activities for all county owned infrastructure, including maintenance activities in County Parks – part of this process involves completing a thorough environmental impact assessment and soliciting public comment. This process is underway currently, with the first public meeting held on January 29.
- 5. Pescadero-Butano the Total Maximum Daily Load requirement for the Pescadero-Butano watershed, which will require reductions in the amount of sediment that gets input into streams and water bodies in the watershed, was finalized by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. A meeting has been scheduled with the waterboard to discuss the management that the County can undertake to ensure that this sediment reduction requirement for the watershed is met.

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