



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN RESOURCES

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Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: Team of the Month for October 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Honor Parks Maintenance Staff as Team of the Month for October 2018 and authorize the President of the Board to sign the commendations.

BACKGROUND:

The Team of the Month program was established in September 2018 to recognize and honor County teams who consistently demonstrate an outstanding level of performance.

Our Team of the Month for October 2018 members are Parks Maintenance Staff: Matthew Del Carlo, Travis Hanson, Gregory Escoto, Jacob George, Matthew Tolmasoff, Lauren Ford-Peterson, Thomas Hart, Mark Rogers, Darrick Emil, Ron Cardoza, Kevin Scott, Christian Meyer, Ronald Candler, Ryan Parkinson, Kody Morello, Aaron Sturtevant, and Kenneth Crampton.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks Maintenance staff and District IV Park Aides were nominated for their outstanding work in completing the emergency access route to Tunitas Creek Beach. The staff removed a large quantity of vegetation, including approximately ten 10 Wheeler loads of poison oak, in order to install the emergency staging area, emergency access route, split rail fence, and road delineations. Staff also manufactured and installed a vehicle access gate to control access. This work was completed in just seven days! As part of this effort, over 750 ton of rock was put down in four days; an incredible accomplishment by any means.

The emergency access route installed by Parks staff will allow the department to better manage the activities that occur at Tunitas Creek Beach. It will also allow first responders to provide vital emergency services. In fact, two days after the access route was completed, it had to be used to assist an individual who broke their ankle on the beach.

The management of Tunitas Creek Beach has presented new challenges for the Parks Department.

One of the largest barriers to enforcing applicable ordinances and laws and providing first aid to beach-goers was the lack of safe access for staff and first responders. In July, Parks staff completed a vital improvement; an emergency access route to the beach. With the ability to safely access the beach comes the opportunity to enforce rules, create an environment safe for all beach-goers, and stop the degradation of the natural resources. Completing this emergency access route was no easy feat, but our staff completed the assignment in one week. Their hard work and dedication to the County's natural and cultural resources is what allows the County to have a premier park system. Thank you to the staff for all of your dedication.

The County is extremely proud of the staff and thinks this accomplishment should be noted as an illustration of the abilities and team environment of the Parks Department. Well done!

Our County is fortunate to have Parks Maintenance Staff as an outstanding team.