INTRODUCTION

About the Project
Tunitas Creek Beach will become San Mateo County's newest park! The site is 58 acres, with lots of interesting history, incredible views, and a huge beach. In order to ensure the property functions safely and is protected for future visitors, we are working with the community to create adequate parking facilities, restrooms, trail access to the beach, ranger facilities, and an iconic overlook area.

Project Progress
In May, the project team posted a general survey to gather information about where respondents are from, what their values are, and how they use Tunitas Creek Beach.

Shortly after, we presented information and graphics about the existing conditions of the site and three proposed design scenarios. From July-November, the team collected input and feedback on the direction of the alternatives and hosted community meetings in English and Spanish. The feedback was used to further refine the preferred project plan.

Where We Stand Today
This presentation will:
1. Summarize what we heard in the last round of public input
2. Present the direction of the preferred conceptual design
On October 21st and October 22nd, the project team hosted public meetings in English and Spanish to give community members a chance to weigh in on project priorities and potential additional features. Here is some of what we heard:

- The vast majority of community members in attendance were from **San Mateo County**.

- Over **2/3** of those in attendance have been to Tunitas Creek Beach.

- Main priorities for improving the Tunitas Creek Beach experience centered on **land preservation and restoration**, **easy access to the beach**, **public restrooms**, **accessibility**, and **overnight security**.

- Community members expressed concerns of **overdevelopment**, **crowding**, and **security**.

*If you were not able to attend one of our Community Meetings, recordings can be found at tunitascreekbeach.org!*
WHAT WE HEARD: OUTREACH SURVEY

- 519 survey respondents: 364 English, 155 Spanish
- The majority of responses originated from San Mateo County, many being from the coast side.
- Beyond priority improvements, respondents expressed support for adding **trail seating and overlook (47%), a nature walk (42%), and a space for picnics (40%)**.
- **32%** of respondents preferred **no additional features** beyond the priority improvements.
- Many respondents were excited to see opportunities for **community stewardship programs (62%), wildlife viewing programs (60%), and indigenous peoples cultural events (57%)**.
OTHER PROJECT FACTORS

In addition to public input, the team needed to consider **the following factors** when revising the Project Preferred Plan:

- The **core values** established in the Community Advisory Committee's Vision Report
- **Feasibility and cost** of implementation and management of proposed improvements
- The improvement's impact on the County's ability to **efficiently and effectively manage the Property** as a County park
- Permitting requirements and regulatory constraints
- **Time** needed to construct the improvements
- Impacts to **natural and cultural resources**
- The expertise of the project design professionals
- Impacts on **user experience**
PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve

- Landslide-prone slopes
- Ranger station and restroom
- Beach boardwalk
- Snowy plover habitation protection zone
- Ranger residence and nature walk
- Parking and overlook point
- Pedestrian pathway to mid-bluff with rest stops
- Existing residence removed and replanted; mid-bluff tiered seating and overlook created
- Beach entrance: 8 to 12 minute walk depending on user
- Closure of existing social trails, enhanced erosion control, and native plant restoration
- Future connection to Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail
- Loop trail with rest stops and overlook
- Southern beach entrance
- Pacific Ocean

Tunitas Creek and other points of interest are indicated on the map for reference.
PARKING CONDITION

- Pedestrian loading/unloading zone with paratransit vehicle space
- Highway planting buffer
- Overlook Point (see next slide for more)
- Existing utility poles and wires to be undergrounded or relocated
- Paved Parking Lot:
  - 60 Regular stalls (3 bays)
  - 5 ADA stalls
  - 3 Car drop-Off
  - 20 Potential overflow spaces
  - 0 Bus/RV parking
- ADA parking stalls
- Exit and turnaround
- Potential paratransit parking
- Stormwater quality buffer planting
- Secondary overlook point
- Potential future expansion lot (existing dirt area)
- Overflow Parking
- Closure of existing social trails, enhanced erosion control, and native plant restoration
- Highway 1
- Loop trail
- Secondary overlook point
- Key Map

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Necessary waste receptacles and services will be provided at the overlook area.
TOP-OF-BLUFF OVERLOOK POINT

- Indigenous Peoples land acknowledgement plaque
- Seating areas
- Existing planting to remain
- Paved walkway
- Pedestrian access to mid-bluff
- ADA Parking
- Existing utility poles and wires to be undergrounded or relocated

Existing Site Conditions
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PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- Service road to mid-bluff for rangers and emergency vehicles
- ADA accessible pedestrian path to the mid-bluff (~1,300' long and ~5 to 8 minute walk)
- Service road to mid-bluff for rangers and emergency vehicles
- Rest stops with seating along path to the mid-bluff
- Pedestrian loading/unloading zone with paratransit vehicle space
- Bollards to limit service road access
- Pedestrian connection to drop-off
- Connection to overlook point
- Ranger residence and nature walk

Key Map
RESIDENCE AND NATURE WALK

- Nature walk
- Future programming and flexible gathering space with natural seating elements
- Seating and viewpoint with interpretive panels
- Water storage
- Ranger residence
- Existing driveway
- Key Map

Key Map
Necessary waste receptacles and services will be provided at the mid-bluff area.
MID-BLUFF FEATURES

1. ADA accessible pedestrian path to the mid-bluff
2. Overlook to beach and southern bluffs
3. Tiered seating space, interpretive panels, and overlook point
4. Picnic Area
5. Grove and seating area with interpretive panels
6. Access driveway for rangers and emergency vehicles
7. Ranger station and storage area
8. Public restroom
9. Restored native planting
10. Access to beach

Existing Mid-Bluff Conditions
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MID-BLUFF FEATURES

① Overlook to beach and southern bluffs
② Interpretive panels and overlook point
③ Tiered seating
④ Picnic area

Existing Mid-Bluff Conditions
MID-BLUFF FEATURES

- Access driveway for rangers and emergency vehicles
- Space for emergency vehicle turnaround
- Ranger station and storage area
- Overlook to cliffs, Tunitas Creek, Highway 1, and snowy plover protection area
- Public restroom
- Seating/waiting area adjacent to restroom
- Restored native planting area
- Necessary waste receptacles and services will be provided at the mid-bluff area
- Access to beach
- Overlook point
- Overlook point
- Emergency vehicle route

Key Map
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BEACH BOARDWALK AND HABITAT PROTECTION

Tunitas Creek

Overlook down Tunitas Creek and to historic railroad trestle remnants

Overlook to northern bluffs

Overlook to southern bluffs

Beach removal of invasive species to increase suitable snowy plover habitat

Snowy plover habitat protection area (increased protection March 1 - September 30)

Improvements to beach access trail

Snowy plover habitat protection fencing

Key Map

50'

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TRAIL SEATING AND OVERLOOK

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Key Map

Southern beach access

Stairs on trail as needed

Overlook to northern bluffs

Seating rest stops along trail

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Beyond physical built design elements, the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project presents many programming opportunities relating to education, outreach, environmental protection, and experiences:

**Community Science and Stewardship Programs**
While waste receptacles and basic maintenance services will be provided, the project team understands the need for continued volunteer community stewardship programs.

**Indigenous Cultural Programming**
The project team is engaging with indigenous community members to create a land acknowledgement feature and explore opportunities for educational and cultural events.

**Outdoor Education and Field Trips**
With a ranger station on site, the project team is exploring the potential for ranger- or educator-led field trips and site tours.

**Wildlife Viewing**
With improved habitat protection and safe viewing experiences, Tunitas Creek Beach provides an opportunity for bird-watching groups and other wildlife viewing trips, as well as volunteer wildlife monitoring and supervised habitat restoration activities.
Thank you for viewing! Please feel free to email us at ParksandRecreation@smcgov.org if you have any additional questions or comments about the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project.

Next steps for the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project:
- January 2021 - Parks Commission Meeting
- February 2021 - Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Spring and Summer 2021 - Environmental Review
- Fall and Winter 2021 - Outreach and Final Design
- Summer 2022 - Construction
- Fall 2022 - Park Opens