San Mateo County Parks
Update on Midcoast Park Projects
for Midcoast Community Council

April 24, 2013
San Mateo County Parks Midcoast Park Development Efforts to Date

- Midcoast Park Mitigation Fee 2003.
- Created Midcoast Park District in 2008.
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- Mirada Surf West Coastal Trail improvements 2009.
- Pillar Point Bluff improvements made by POST in 2009 in coordination with County Parks, and acquired by County Parks in 2011.
- CA Coastal Trail signs installed from Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay through to Princeton 2010-11.
- Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Project Phase I approved by Board of Supervisors April 2010.
- CA Coastal Trail Conceptual Plan approved by BOS from Half Moon Bay to Princeton in April 2010.
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve a Marine Protected Area (MPA), and Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)

- Designated a State Marine Park (highest protection status) in 2010 by CA Fish and Wildlife Commission

- Convened MPA coalition of CA Parks, CA DFW, Friends of FMR, CA Academy of Sciences, Save Our Shores, GFNMS, MBNMS, NOAA, Sheriff, and Harbor District to implement State regulations including education, signage, and enforcement.


- SWRCB grant awarded to County Public Works in 2010 to implement vegetated swales water quality improvements ad biological monitoring in partnership with RCD, and Env. Health.
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
CA Coastal Trail
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CA Coastal Trail

• Completed ADA accessible trail from Cypress to North Lake Street January 2013.

• Site has been monitored by Biologist during construction and all regulatory agencies (USACOE, CCC, Co. Planning and Building, CA USFWS, RWQCB, and DFW) have reviewed in the field and there have been no violations of permit conditions.

• Hydro seeding is not germinating as well as expected, and is being watched.

• Ferns, juncus, and CA Strawberry plants have been successfully replanted.

• Watching new pervious trail surface. Will likely need re-compaction in the spring when dry.

• Most silt fencing to be removed shortly.
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
Beach Access Ramp
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- 90% Design Plans prepared for ADA ramp to overlook at stair access, but project put on hold based on public feedback.

- Additional funding needed to make further changes to project design, public engagement, permitting, CEQA review and construction.
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
Parking Lot Improvements

• Revised design with improvements out of riparian buffer area.

• Discussed project informally with available adjacent neighbors and will be noticed shortly.

• Public workshop May 9, 2013 6:30-7:30 p.m. at main parking lot.
San Vicente Creek Restoration
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- Draft Request for Proposal prepared.

- Creek Restoration Plan involving vegetation management and restoration to be completed, and permits to be secured.

- Work planned to be completed by December 2013.

- Cypress Forest Management Plan to evaluate forest health and public safety in high use areas. Work to be completed by December 2013.
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
Rip Rap

- Perched rip rap is a concern to beach users and the County.

- County Parks is doing a survey to confirm property ownership, and maintenance responsibility.

- Records show slope protection approved under a CDP by County Planning under application from prior property owner, which recommended maintenance as a condition of approval (1989, Goldthorpe).
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
2 Incidents

• Plane crashed at Pillar Point bluff. Pilot killed. All debris removed.

• Ship ran aground on lands owned by State Lands Commission south of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

• Large amounts of debris washed up into the Reserve at Ross’ Cove.

• Boat clean up by boat owner and volunteers, but some debris remains on lands owned by the State Lands Commission.
Mirada Surf CA Coastal Trail

• Grant funds secured, design plans, and specs prepared, public engagement and permits secured for Phases I, II and III.

• Phase I involved bridge across creek.

• Phase II involved Coastal Trail outside of Highway 1 ROW.

• Phase III 100% design plans and specs completed for Coastal Trail and Coronado Ave crossing improvements and restroom at Magellan. Permits secured from Co. Planning, CalTrans, HMB, GSD, and CCWD secured.

• Phase III improvements to be made Summer 2013.
Quarry Park

- Community garden improved in 2008.
- Tree House improvements made in 2010.
- Playground improvements made in 2011.
- Parking lot improvements made in 2012.
- Signed no dogs off leash to keep them out of playground area.
- Recently large eucalyptus trimmed, added more chips to playground area, and pressure washed tables.
- POST gate replaced to meet same County standard as Quarry Park for emergency vehicle access.
400’ of Danger
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• Secured Cosco Busan Mitigation grant funds for planning and permitting of Coastal Trail improvements, but County is not property owners (CalTrans), or jurisdiction (HMB/Coastal Commission).

• Worked with SM Co. Harbor District to convene a meeting with representatives from: US ACOE, GFNMS, Coastal Commission, Coastal Conservancy, CalTrans, and Federal, State and local legislators.

• CalTrans has submitted a projects to TA for regional transportation (STIP)funding., which County will support.
Moss Beach Playground Restroom
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- Design plans and specs and permits have been secured from Co. Planning and MWSD for single stall ADA restroom with drinking fountain and ADA parking.
- Draft Request for Proposal prepared.
- Restroom is ready to be delivered.
- Project will be completed Summer 2013.
Conceptual Plan for CA Coastal Trail Plan from Princeton to Pacifica

- MCC Coastal Trail Committee prepared Draft Report.
- Parks shared Draft Plan with GGNRA, State Parks, Coastal Commission, Coastal Conservancy, County Planning, Co. Airport, FAA, and Co. DPW Roads.
- Will review next draft with same agencies before considered by Park and Recreation Commission who would make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
Devils Slide CA Coastal Trail
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• BKF Engineers selected to prepare plans, specs and assist securing CDP.

• CalTrans to transfer lands to County June/July 2013, and construct parking lots at either end which County will install restrooms. 10 interpretive signs to be installed.

• Public workshops (Park and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission) on improvements to be scheduled July/August 2013.

• Tentative opening to be determined.
Green Valley CA Coastal Trail
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• Grant from CA Coastal Conservancy has been secured.

• CA Coastal Conservancy commissioned a Design and Feasibility Study evaluating potential trail alignments.

• Request for Proposal has been prepared, and following review by CA Coastal Conservancy contractor will be selected in May 2013.

• Alternatives alignments will be re-reviewed at a future public meeting tbd.
Midcoast Park Development Fund Balance

- 2003 Fees raised by Building Permits for new and development in Midcoast.
- Current balance as of 3/31/13 $499,453.