

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE:
COMMISSION MEETING DATE:

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Scott Lombardi, Park Superintendent
SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:
This report covers Park activities since the Commission's February 6, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

DISTRICT I

Coyote Point Recreation Area

- Ranger staff worked with volunteers and Curiodyssey staff on marsh restoration eradicating non-native plant species.
- Ranger staff and 180 volunteers from Oracle removed 30 cubic yards of broom from an area near the Captain's House Conference Center.

Junipero Serra Park

- AB 109 crew and Ranger staff have been clearing fire breaks between the Park and the surrounding residences as well as opening various vistas in the Park.
- A College of San Mateo Biology class volunteered at the Upper Meadow View playground. They raked the picnic areas at Meadow View and pulled weeds around the playground landscape.

Crystal Springs Trail

- With assistance from the SFPUC, the entire Districts I and V staff, and two CDC crews, staff removed 50 hazardous trees infected with Sudden Oak Death were removed, trimmed trees to allow for emergency access and clearance, and

conducted brushing from the south gate to the Jepson Laurel area, a span of 3.5 miles.

- Installation of 180-feet of 18-inch culvert pipe, drain boxes, other erosion control and repair of the trail path at the San Andreas dirt segment took place.
- Kiewit Company, the contractor for the water pipe upgrades, patched uneven areas of Sawyer Camp Trail, that had been damaged by their heavy equipment .

San Bruno Mountain

- AB 109 crew has created a fire break on a recently acquired parcel of San Bruno Mountain on Bayridge Drive.

DISTRICT II

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

- An Eagle Scout project which consisted of laying flagstone around the base of the kiosk in front of the Education Center was completed.
- A FC-32 form has been approved and submitted to Cal Fire for fuel reduction with their fire crews for this upcoming fire season. The crews will work with staff to reduce ladder fuels and string cut large sections of nonnative annual grasses limiting fuels and promoting native species survival.
- Classes for Edgewood docents have started as well as the free wildflower hikes. The Friends of Edgewood have also started their monitoring of the Bay Checker butterfly larvae.

Flood Park

- Staff worked with volunteers to build a new flowerbed in front of the gatehouse at the main entrance of the Park. Volunteers also came back to plant flowers in and around the flowerbed.
- This year's Take A Hike opened on March 1 at the Park. There was a dedicated group that braved a light shower to enjoy the tranquil beauty of the Park. There were several tables set up with information on parks, refreshments and promotional gifts for Take A Hike. Everyone enjoyed the historical and current informational tour that was accompanied by rainbows and feeding raptors.
- New horse shoe pits had been installed by and Eagle Scout near the Redwood Reservation Area.

Friendship Park

- On March 21, 150 volunteers under the direction of KaBoom staff constructed a new playground and community planter boxes at this most recent addition to the County Park system. The work was funded by the Shutterfly Foundation.

Huddart Park

- Dozens of hazardous trees have been removed along all the trails.
- New horse hitching posts were installed near the meadow restroom for the equestrians' use.

- On February 15, volunteers from the Student Conservation Corps performed trail work along the Bay Tree Trail and spread chips in reservation areas.

Wunderlich Park

- The upper barn has been fumigated, renovated and painted over the past two months. Park staff and stable staff worked to replace all the mats and improve the drainage.
- Park staff built a new tack shed for the boarders, performed tree trimming, and continue to collaborate with stable staff in performing maintenance duties such as rocking trails and maintaining the corral.
- CCC crews have completed treating over 30 acres in the meadow area of Wunderlich. The work was funded through a grant.
- Park staff removed a dozen-plus dead hazardous trees along trails.

DISTRICT III-SOUTH COAST

Memorial Park Complex

- Park staff and AB109 crew continued fire fuel reduction work in Pescadero Creek Park and Memorial Park. This consisted of lifting trees in the entrance of Memorial Park and removing five to 10-feet of some vegetation on each side of the roadway.
- Park staff removed trees that fell during the winter rains in Pescadero Creek Park.
- Park staff installed a new bench at the Jack Brook Horse Camp. This bench was donated by several equestrian clubs honoring Rob Krensky. Rob led the Volunteer Horse Patrol for several years and is currently still volunteering his time.
- Park staff assisted with milling lumber for a new planter box at the entry of Memorial Park. Park staff assisted the Maintenance section staff with the demolition and rebuilding of a planter box at the Memorial Park entrance.
- The Parks' staff operator for the water and wastewater treatment plants completed various maintenance and repair projects, including replacing the communitor and cleaning out a shed and rodent proofing it so it could house a backup generator in the future. Measure A Funds were used to pay for the communitor.
- Park staff continued fire fuel reduction work around the Memorial Park maintenance yard. This included lifting trees and removing vegetation five to 10-feet from the edge of the roadway. This is an ongoing project that we hope will get funded by CAL Fire grants.
- Park staff made repairs to split rail fences in the Tan Oak area. The replacement rails and posts were made by staff from left over mill slabs. Staff concentrated on the Whole Access Trail in the Tan Oak Area.

DISTRICT IV

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve/Quarry Park/Pillar Point Bluff/Mirada East & West/Wicklow/Moss Beach Playground

- Preparing for Cypress Grove/San Vicente Creek restoration project.
- Volunteer fern planting event on Dardanelle Trail scheduled
- Wicklow property acquired
- Moss Beach Playground acquired and improvement plan developed
- Restroom installation scheduled for Moss Beach Playground
- Restroom at Mirada West installed at south end.
- Roof extended on the Reserve's Visitor Center in preparation for video screen installation to view educational video.

San Pedro Valley/Sanchez Adobe/Devil's Slide

- Devils Slide grand opening took place on March 27
- Staff training Devil's Slide Ambassadors
- Bird mitigation hikes continued on Devil Slide to acclimate the Peregrine Falcon
- Preparing for summer season with mowing/string cutting
- ADA trail at San Pedro Valley rocked
- Plan to re-do the Native Plant garden at San Pedro Valley Park with help from Friends group.
- Conducted Sanchez Adobe general path maintenance and tree pruning.
- Sanchez Adobe flag pole broke off in high winds

DISTRICT V

Maintenance

- Completed horse paddock project at Wunderlich. New fencing section & gate.
- Constructed tack shed at Wunderlich next to Blacksmith building.
- Removal of several large hazardous tree branches at Huddart with Altec (Meadow Group Area).
- Installed two new information kiosks at Devil's Slide.
- Milled lumber for carpenter's shop, memorial benches and for other projects.
- Removal of old planter island borders and installation of new borders at Memorial.
- Assisted with tree project along Sawyer Camp Trail-South with Altec and backhoe.
- Completed repairs on 40E tractor and other Park equipment.
- Repaired collapsible bollard at Edgewood parking lot (Bus entry).
- Completed electrical repairs at Memorial (vandalism of restroom lighting).
- Sign Shop-2014 'Take A Hike' banners, Portia posters for State Parks (food lockers), signs for Sheriff's/Range, signs for DPW-Facilities and Maintenance. CuriOdyssey and several signs for various Districts, as well as for Devil's Slide.
- Staff attended annual CPR/First Aid training.
- Assisted District 1 staff with asphalt patching of root uplifted pathway.