



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: May 30, 2014

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 5, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Ramona Arechiga, Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Work Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:

This report covers research and activities since the Commission's April 3, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Highlight of Activities and Research Topics:

1. Overseeing the Scientific Permit Process: providing new opportunities for partnership among agencies and developing new forms and applications.
2. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Management Plans: wrote the San Vicente Creek Restoration Pilot Project Plan and the Cypress Grove Pilot Project Plan, presented these plans to the public on May 22, 2014.
3. Continued to reach out to other agencies including The Presidio Trust, Golden Gate National Recreational Area, and East Bay Regional Parks.
4. Co-led a field day with Susie Bennett of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for the San Mateo County Weed Management Areas group.
5. San Bruno Mountain HCP research and participation in the Technical Advisory Committee for a field day and met with the Board of Trustees.
6. Overseeing the implementation of a monitoring and BMP action plan to reduce the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for bacteria in San Pedro Creek and at Pacific State Beach.
7. Completed a report on fuel reduction activities in the Parks Department.
8. GIS research and opportunities for collaboration and integration with other open space land management agencies. Reviewed a grant application submitted by the Student Conservation Association (SCA).
9. Attended a *CAL FIRE* sponsored CEQA training.

10. Attended the Bay Area Open Space Council's meeting.
11. Overseeing Peregrine falcon monitoring and developing a jubata grass eradication and restoration contract at Devil's Slide.
12. Worked with Committee for Green Foothills to resolve concerns due to mowing a wet meadow near the El Granada School for fire safety.