

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: November 24, 2014

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: December 4, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Marlene Finley, Director

SUBJECT: Director's Report

Budget: The Department continues to prepare for the 2015-17 budget cycle, including developing a list of proposal concepts for Measure A projects. On December 9th, the Board of Supervisors will decide upon two-year budget priorities. A public meeting on Measure A priorities will be held on December 16, 2014.

Commission may serve as Bicycle Advisory Committee: Soon the Board of Supervisors will determine if the Parks and Recreation Commission will serve as the County's designated Bicycle Advisory Committee with regards to grant funding from City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) for bicycle and pedestrian projects funded through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). In June, MTC amended their policies regarding Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. The amended policy mandates cities and counties to establish a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). The roles of the BAC include reviewing and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian projects and grant applications, and to participate in the development and review of comprehensive bicycle plans.

Granada Community Services District: Following the direction of the San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), County Parks is under contract with the new Granada Community Services District to provide parks and recreation assistance. The Department's first projects will include drafting a newsletter to service area customers and conducting a survey to understand community needs, preferences and priorities.

Internet WiFi in Parks: The County is launching free public WiFi, beginning with priority locations. County Parks scored with two of the coveted first five locations: Coyote Point Recreation Area and San Pedro County Park. The highest priority has been to provide WiFi within the Coyote Point Marina. We anticipate other parks will

follow with WiFi, since mobile applications are becoming increasingly popular with school groups using parks.

CalTrans Bypass Lands: County Parks Department hosted a meeting with several partner agencies to learn more about the future disposition of lands acquired by CalTrans for the Devil's Slide Bypass. Now that the Tom Lantos Tunnel is open, there are questions concerning the future of these parcels extending from Pacifica to Montara.

Sanchez Adobe: A detailed plan calls for improving, maintaining and interpreting the historic Sanchez Adobe site in the City of Pacifica. County Parks, San Mateo County Historical Association and Golden Gate National Recreation Area will be meeting soon to discuss how to implement the existing plan over the next few years.