



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: September 22, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 1, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Cecily Harris, Development Consultant

SUBJECT: Coyote Point Recreation Area Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive informational report.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, the Parks Department began the planning process to redesign the entire Coyote Point Promenade. The Promenade is a linear trail that spans the Coyote Point Recreation Area beachfront along the San Francisco Bay, linking the San Francisco Bay Trail to the Bluff Trail at Coyote Point. The Promenade provides access to the San Francisco Bay for recreational water use including non-motorized boating and swimming. Due to the complexity and anticipated cost of construction for the Promenade, it was eventually split into a Western Promenade Project and an Eastern Promenade Project.

The Western Promenade Project was constructed in December 2014 and is in full use. The Western Promenade is comprised of an improved 350'-long paved promenade trail supported by re-engineered rock revetment with four launch access ramps into the San Francisco Bay. The Promenade Trail is fully-accessible and is used by many park visitors including walkers, cyclists, stroller pushers and people with wheelchairs. The launch ramps are used by non-motorized hand-carried boaters such as windsurfers, kayakers, canoeists, and standup paddlers.

The Eastern Promenade Project had been designed to an approximately 60% level of completion. By re-starting the project, we are improving and updating the planning and permitting process and added some additional tasks. The Project will offer an enhanced beach, representative sand dune habitat, sand play area, 1,000 feet of reconstructed and realigned rock revetment and promenade trail, 164 parking spaces and a new restroom building. Several pathways from the Promenade Trail will provide

direct access to the beach with one pathway designed as fully-accessible. A new fully-accessible parking area is adjacent to the accessible pathway and new restroom.

This new segment of Promenade Trail will connect the Western Promenade Trail and Bluff Trail for use by walkers, cyclists, stroller pushers and people with wheelchairs. The Beach will serve open water swimmers and other beach users. The sand dunes will provide a location for sand play.

Because of the reconfigured shoreline, we are required to add additional parking elsewhere in the park and will move it up the hill where there was once parking for the Castaways Restaurant and move the restroom building. There will be pathways from the parking areas to the Promenade.

For the project, we are confirming Americans with Disability Act-compliance, creating a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, using other park and public works best management practices and updating and extending environmental permits.

On July 7, 2015, the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$457,500 contract to BKF Engineering for design services for the development of plans, specifications and permits for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project. The contractor will complete this work between July 8, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Through generous donations, the San Mateo County Park Foundation is underwriting the design, planning, and permitting phase.

DISCUSSION:

BKF and their team of subcontractors have made great progress towards the development of the designs and plans. A Team Coordination meeting for the BKF Team and County Department representatives was held on August 27, 2015

On Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, a Public Workshop will be held at the Captain's House. At the Workshop, schematic design alternatives will be presented to the community. The presentation will also be added to the project website page.

Once input has been received from the public at this Public Workshop, BKF will continue with plan development and begin meeting with regulatory agencies, submitting permit applications and initiating other agency review.

The Coyote Point Promenade is listed as a high-opportunity site for designation as a water trail site. On November 10, a site visit will be held for San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail staff, steering and advisory committee members. The steering committee has representatives of the Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Trail, Bay Conservation and Development Commission and Division of Boating and Waterways. These agencies are potential funders and partners. Invitations will also be made to the ad hoc accessibility committee. On December 9, a presentation will be made to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail advisory committee.

The Coyote Point Eastern Promenade plans will be presented to the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission on February 4, 2016. Then plan development will continue through the winter with additional review at 90% and 100% levels of plan completion.