



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: July 12, 2018
COMMISSION MEETING DATE: August 2, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Scott Lombardi, Parks Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

Administrative and Fiscal Services

As reported by Rolando Jorquera, Administrative Services Manager

The Administrative and Fiscal Services Unit (the "Unit") visited District IV (i.e., San Pedro Valley, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Pillar Point Bluff, Quarry Park, Mirada Surf, Tunitas Creek Beach, and Devil's Slide Trail) on Thursday, July 19. The Unit had an incredible time learning more about the parks and operations; visiting sites; and finding ways to provide additional assistance and support to the rangers. As mentioned previously, the goal of the Unit is to visit all the County's beautiful parks by the end of the calendar year so that we may be able to provide even better support and customer service to both our internal and external customers. The team would like to thank Matthew Del Carlo, Ranger IV for his time and an amazing tour of District IV. The Unit is currently closing out Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. There are still a few year-end activities that need to be completed to determine the final financial position of the Parks Department for the previous fiscal year. Due to the timing of this report, a summary of FY 2017-18 actuals will be provided in the next Commission Report.

After closing out FY 2017-18, the Unit will transition to making final changes to the FY 2018-19 Approved Recommended Budget and reporting out on the Department's performance. Here are a few upcoming key dates for the Unit:

- August 24 – FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget September Revisions Due
- August 27 – FY 2017-18 Year-End Department Performance Updates
FY 2017-18 Measure K Performance Updates
- September 25 – FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget Hearing

Finally, beginning August 1, 2018, the Parks Main Office will be changing its hours of operation to Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. This includes walk-in hours and phone line availability. As always, reservations can be made online 24 hours a day, seven days a week by visiting <https://secure.itinio.com/sanmateo/>.

DISTRICT I – NORTH COUNTY

Includes Coyote Point Park, Crystal Springs Trail/San Andreas Trail As reported by Ty Kang, Ranger IV, Mario Nastari, Ranger III

Coyote Point Recreation Area

- Welcomed aboard newly hired Park Ranger II, Paul Jordan.
- Memorial Day Holiday Weekend & Father's Day-staff did a tremendous job.
- New Coyote Point main entry sign installed.
- 'Hands on Bay Area' (PG&E) Volunteer group-2 visits-Knoll Picnic Area clean-up and Harbor View/Eucalyptus Picnic area clean-up.
- EID Celebration Special Event.
- Several wedding ceremonies-Merchant Marine Overlook/CuriOdyssey.
- Mowed open field areas again throughout the park.
- GOOGLE Serves-Volunteer group-Beach shoreline clean-up.
- 4th of July Holiday week/weekend.
- Installed Bicycle Repair Station Tower (Bay Trail-CP Main Entry).

Crystal Springs Trail

- Annual mowing of Sawyer Camp Trail, San Andreas Trail and South of Dam.
- Removed three (dead) hazardous trees-Sawyer Camp Trail w/ SFPUC crew.
- Medical Call-bicycle accident-Golf Course/SFPUC gate-barb wire fencing.
- Attended PG&E Security Safety meeting for bridge-dam project.

DISTRICT II – SOUTH COUNTY

Includes Edgewood Park & Preserve, Flood Park, Friendship Park, Huddart Park, Wunderlich Park

As reported by Dinora Dunsmore-Bertoni, Ranger III

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

- The Friends of Edgewood hosted their annual recognition event on June 23, Ranger Castaneda attended.
- Staff continue to monitor and greet the riders using the park shuttle bus on the weekends.

Flood Park

- Flood Park hosted the Bike Rodeo event at the park in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol, the San Mateo County Sherriff's Office and various bike companies. Roughly 200 families came out to enjoy the event where they learned

bicycle riding safety. Bicycle inspections were offered and helmets were donated by the Sheriff's Office.

- Flood Park is hosting family movie night on July 21. Neighbors and visitors are invited to come out and enjoy popcorn and the movie CoCo. Rangers Wright and Hofflander staffed the event.

Huddart Park

- A volunteer group from Aim High School came out on four separate Thursday's during the month of July to spread base rock under BBQ pits throughout the Werder campground and picnic areas. The group comes every year to do volunteer projects in the summer, then enjoys an evening of camping.
- On June 9 a group of 30 engineers from the company C3 IOT volunteered to build a split rail fence of about 200 feet on the Kings Mountain trail.
- Girl Scout camp has begun. Every year, two groups of Girl Scouts come to Huddart Park and camp for the whole month of July. There are approximately 700 Scouts every day during the week, and staff are kept busy maintaining restrooms and ensuring safety for the group.

Wunderlich Park

- Staff have been busy working on the new re-route section of the Alambique trail. Contractors did the initial re-route cut and staff is following up with widening some sections for safe horse access, and installing erosion control, removing hazardous trees, and adding signage.
- In Collaboration with the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich, Parks hosted a Junior Ranger event. Twenty five people attended the event, which offered activities such as an outdoor history lesson, exploring the Carriage House museum, building stone wall replicas and leather stamping, and a short nature walk. Ranger Wright and volunteers from the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich staffed the event.
- Staff have begun brushing back overgrown vegetation on the Skyline Trail between Huddart and Wunderlich.
- The Volunteer Horse Patrol (VHP) graduation was held in the Carriage House on June 13. Graduates received their VHP jackets, hats, patches, and certificate.
- Staff continue to monitor and greet the Parks shuttle bus on the weekends.

Friendship Park

- Staff continue weeding at Friendship Park.

DISTRICT III – SOUTH COAST

Includes Memorial Park, Pescadero Creek Park, Sam McDonald Park as reported by David Vasquez, Ranger IV

- The scheduled San Mateo County Take a Hike took place on a sunny and very warm Saturday, June 5th at Sam McDonald Park where park rangers led the group of enthusiastic hikers on two separate hikes: a short route along the Youth Camps Trail to

the Sam McDonald residence, and a longer hike of four miles from the main parking lot of the Visitor Center along the majestic and shaded Heritage Grove trail with the immense grove of old growth redwoods, up into the open grassland of the ridge to the beautiful Jack Brooks Horse Camp and back down again along the Gorge and Towne Fire Road.

- On Saturday, June 5th, the Sam McDonald Park Visitor Center restrooms had new sinks, toilets, urinal, and water heater installed by a local contractor, Chris Conner Construction of Loma Mar.
- Twenty new garbage dumpsters were delivered and installed throughout the Memorial Park Azalea, Sequoia, and Redwood Flats campgrounds, replacing the old dumpsters that were wearing out. The old dumpsters serviced thousands and thousands of campers over the last decade or more, and the new shiny brown dumpsters will be ready for the next thousands of happy campers as well!
- A Junior Ranger event was held at Memorial Park on Saturday, June 9 with over 30 youths who took a guided hike through Creek and Legion Flats and conducted interpretive activities with Park Naturalists.
- Fifty friends and family members gathered at Sam McDonald Park and the Jack Brooks Horse Camp for a planned commemoration and ceremony at the memorial bench of Myrna Anne Baker and Roland Baker. The ceremony opened with a poem for the dedicated attendees, next to the redwood memorial bench that was re-finished by park rangers with beautiful new redwood boards that were milled by the Parks Department Maintenance Division carpenter and Ranger III Pedro Diaz. The bench also was refinished with a new commemorative plaque for Myrna Anne Baker, which was installed next to the original plaque on the same bench for her husband Roland Baker.
- A San Mateo County Coroner's investigation is being conducted, when on Friday, June 9th, a deceased male was discovered by hikers near an overlook and along the Brooke Trail in Sam McDonald Park.
- The local Pescadero Elementary School had their planned field trip to Memorial Park on Friday, June 29th where they were lead on an interpretive hike with the Park Naturalists.
- On Thursday, July 5th, Go Native Nurseries Habitat Restoration Company completed their contracted invasive plant removal of the woody perennial shrub called French Broom, or *Genista monspessulana*. This shrub with bright yellow flowers had become dominant along the Towne Fire Road, leading across the creek and up to the Shaw Flat Trail camps, closing the corridor of the road with their exploding growth along the 2 mile stretch of road. Go Native removed and masticated the troublesome shrub using the most current restoration practices and will be returning later in the year to continue the

treatment of this plant which can house a multi-year seed bank under the firmament where they grow – **See Pictures.**

- Parks staff maintained water service using the modern technology of the new Water Treatment Plant of Memorial Park to continue service to the public and all water users of the park during multiple water line breaks that occurred in July. The Parks Water Plant Operator and Ranger III Vern Selvy provided water production continuity by running the plant remotely from his laptop from home during the water breaks, in collaboration with rangers in the field and the oversight of the plant's designers and managers, Beebe's Water Systems (BWS). Using the remote control capability of this water treatment plant, Selvy and all water operators are quickly able to visualize the real-time status of the whole water system, and completely control water production from off-site when needed, which was helpful in this instance because the water line breaks occurred late at night when tree failures ruptured drinking fountains in Homestead and Sequoia Flats of Memorial Park. **See Attached Pictures.**
- Lincoln Car Company conducted a high profile commercial film shoot on July 16th and 17th at Memorial Park with Hollywood actor Matthew McConaughey being filmed running throughout the redwoods of Legion and Creek Flat of the Day Use Area. This film shoot will bring in over \$13,000 in revenue for the two days of production which covered permitting and reservation costs, as well as ranger overtime for the five rangers who staffed the event. In addition, the production company for the shoot also pledged a \$3,000 donation which they specifically wanted to go to Memorial Park. **(See Picture).**

DISTRICT IV – MID-COAST

Includes Devil's Slide, James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Mirada Surf, Moss Beach Playground, Pillar Point Bluff, Quarry Park, San Pedro Valley, Sanchez Adobe
As reported by Matt Del Carlo, Ranger IV

San Pedro Valley/Devils Slide/Sanchez Adobe/ Tunitas Creek Beach

- The access road to Tunitas Creek Beach was completed on June 28th. 700 tons of rock was placed on the road and staging area to make it an all-weather road. That weekend Cal Fire used the road to access an injured individual on the beach. Staff have also increased enforcement efforts on the newly enacted ordinances.
- With almost an entirely new staff, we have been busy training new rangers on operations and location of gates and access points to the various parks in the district.
- AIDS Life Cycle and Parca held their annual fund raiser rides/ runs at Devil's Slide and San Pedro Valley Park. The two events combined for over 1500 users.
- All trail brushing was completed ahead of the 4th of July holiday.

Fitzgerald/Mirada/Quarry/Pillar Point Bluffs/Moss Beach Playground

- Additional staffing continues at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve with some extreme low tides.
- The fuel reduction project continues at Mirada East. The last three days were cancelled due to wild fires in the state. Staff continued the project without help from Cal Fire crews.

Additional days were given to us to accommodate the San Pedro Valley Fuel reduction project

- Increased patrols continue at Pillar Point with emphasis on dogs off leash and dogs on the beach at Ross' Cove.

DISTRICT V - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

As reported by Kevin Scott, Ranger IV

Note: There are no Parks in District V, this is our Maintenance Division.

Maintenance

- Annual mowing of all Districts for reduced fire hazards
- Rebuilt shed for new pumps at Memorial Park spray field
- Built emergency access road at Tunitas Creek and installed gate
- Minor road improvements at Wunderlich Park

DISTRICT VI – COYOTE POINT MARINA

As reported by Mark Bettis, Harbormaster

Abandoned Boats

The Marina held two lien sales, one on June 24 and one on July 8. A total of 11 boats were offered for auction. Four boats were sold and are scheduled to be removed from the Marina. The remaining boats will either be sold or demolished in the coming weeks. Two derelict boats remain to be auctioned, and this will happen in August or September, depending on when we receive the required documents. We are awaiting the results of the California Department of Boating and Waterways grant application for funds to dispose of these vessels. We have also arranged with the owners for the demolition of two derelict vessels not under lien.

Staffing

Ranger II Angel Araiza is settling in to his duties, as is our new Park Aide Adam Zuffi. We are currently interviewing candidates for an open Park Aide position.

Sales of ice and other items

The old ice freezer at the Marina failed and was disposed of over two years ago. A new freezer was delivered July 18, and we plan to resume sales of ice shortly. We are also looking at sales of other items such as fish bait, motor oil, sunscreen and other boating necessities in order to increase Marina revenues.

Occupancy

Occupancy of the Marina continues to improve, with a net increase of ten boats in May-June. 36, 45 and 60 foot slips are all full, and 32 and 40 foot slips have only a few vacancies. Smaller slips continue to have significant vacancies, especially 22 foot side ties.

DISTRICT VII

Includes Junipero Serra Park, San Bruno Mountain Park

As reported by Priscilla Alvarez, Ranger IV

- May 28th, Memorial Day both parks were very busy with day users who dropped into the non-reserved picnic sites. Park staff administered minor first aid for a fall and also removed graffiti from the dumpsters in San Bruno Mountain.
- June 3rd – In Junipero Serra Park there was a major sewer back up at the top of the park in the Iris Point. Staff used an electric sewer snake and a sewer camera to pin point the blockage. The line was clear by the next day and the restrooms were opened in the Iris Point Area.
- June 7th – The County's Emergency Medical Services held the "Green Dawn Exercise" in Junipero Serra Park. They occupied the Bay View Shelter, Meadow View and Buckeye. They worked with an outside agency to simulate a disaster. The County's Search and Rescue staff also participated in the exercise. The drill lasted until mid-afternoon and had no impact on the neighbors.
- Park staff has begun string cutting single track trails in Junipero Serra Park and some of the trails in San Bruno Mountain. This work will be ongoing for the next couple of months due to the large trail system in San Bruno Mountain.
- June 11th, Econo Tree Service removed several hazardous trees on San Bruno Mountain. The work centered on the ropes course. The work was completed within one day.
- June 11th, a small dog bit one of the Park Rangers at Junipero Serra Park. The Ranger was making contact with the dog owner advising him of the ordinance when the Chihuahua bit his leg and broke skin. The Ranger was medically treated and released. A report was filed regarding the owner.
- June 20th, Steri-Clean, a clean-up contractor began clearing the homeless encampment in San Bruno Mountain/Bayshore Blvd. Several loads of trash were removed but a second day was needed due to the high volume of garbage still at the site. All the garbage was cleared on the second visit.
- June 30th – Received a call that a hiker was stranded in the Devil's Arroyo in San Bruno Mountain. Park staff met with Brisbane Fire, San Mateo County Sheriff's, North County Fire and the reporting party. An Incident Command Post was set up in Brisbane at 180 West Hill Place. Due to the steep ravine, rattlesnakes and accessibility issues it was decided that a helicopter rescue was needed. A CHP helicopter picked up the stranded hiker. He was fine and released after being checked out.
- July 4th – Junipero Serra Park was very busy – all drop-in picnic sites were taken by 1 p.m. and reservation sites were open to accommodate more visitors coming in to use the park for a barbecue. Park Rangers were on duty until 10:30 p.m. patrolling both parks for any firework activities.

PROGRAMS

Interpretive Programs

As reported by Laurel Finnegan, Ranger IV

Date	Event	Park	# of Participants
Saturday June 2	TAH	Sam McDonald	35
Saturday June 9	Junior Ranger Event	Memorial	40
Saturday June 16	Movie Night w/ SAL	Quarry Park	40
Mon - Fri June 18-22	FFMR Junior Naturalist Camp	FMR	18
Friday June 29	Memorial Park Field Trip	Memorial Park	90
Saturday June 30	Kite Festival - Streets Alive, Parks Alive	Coyote Point	750
Saturday July 7	TAH	Portola Discovery Site Hike	45
Saturday July 14	Junior Ranger Event	Wunderlich	17

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)

As reported by Ramona Arechiga, Natural Resources Manager

San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan

The NRM team has engaged with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to explore options to improve restoration outcomes through a broader effort to develop specific San Bruno Mountain seed sources. A preliminary discussion was held in early July with PG&E staff and professional seed growers who specialize in seed amplification. The NRM team also hosted USFWS staff during our callippe silverspot monitoring to help bring their new staff assigned to updating the recovery plans of the mission blue and San Bruno elfin butterflies up to speed on their populations and habitat requirements on San Bruno Mountain. During June through July, Hannah Ormshaw, Natural Resource Specialist II, completed monitoring activities at San Bruno Mountain in support of our Habitat Conservation Plan. In July, Hannah completed the callippe silverspot adult butterfly monitoring for the 2018 monitoring year. This year, 5 full rounds of surveys were completed with a total of 387 adult callippe silverspot butterflies were observed. The San Bruno elfin larvae monitoring was also completed by the start of June, with 3 rounds of surveys completed and a grand total of 2148 larvae observed! This was an exceptionally high count for this monitoring year, with previous years averaging around 300 larvae observed.

Operations Support

The NRM team has continued to support Parks Operations staff through conducting sensitive species surveys and flagging at various parks to support routine trail maintenance and routine projects. Ramona Arechiga, Hannah Ormshaw, and Dan Krug have been conducting marbled murrelet surveys in Memorial County Park throughout the breeding season. This monitoring

effort is coordinated with California State Parks to inform marbled murrelet distribution in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Hannah has also developed project compliance binders for permits and coordinated with contractors on biological monitoring for the Tunitas Creek Beach access road project. She has also secured and overseen contractor work to support the Old Haul Road sediment repair projects through managing contractor rare plant survey work.

Dan Krug, County Arborist, has continued to conduct tree safety inspections within Memorial Park's campgrounds and day use areas of Flood Park and Huddart Park. Additional work regarding tree inspections included two post failure inspections, one at Memorial Park and the other at Coyote Point. Additionally, Dan has worked with ranger staff to conduct pre-failure risk inspections at Quarry Park and Junipero Serra.

Region-wide Collaboration

Ramona Arechiga worked to support the first Santa Cruz Mountains marbled murrelet audio-visual monitoring training course in June. This was in collaboration with California State Parks and the Santa Cruz Mountains Bioregional Counsel and took place at the Gazos Mountain Camp. She has also been working to collaborate on a fine-scale vegetation map for all of San Mateo County. This effort is being led by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and is in collaboration with regional partners such as California State Parks, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District, and Peninsula Open Space Trust. This would provide a unique opportunity for all regional agencies and partners to have the same baseline vegetation map for all manner of analysis to support conservation, fire safety and fuel reduction, and improve project impact analyses.

NRM Team Updates

Arborist

Since the previous park commission meeting Dan Krug has obtained his qualified applicator's license (QAL) from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. And successfully completed the marbled murrelet audio/visual monitoring certification to enable him to conduct important surveys for this California endangered species in our redwood forests. Dan has also begun to coordinate with utilities concerning transmission corridor vegetation management when utility right-of-ways traverse Parks' properties. This important collaboration ensures that both the utilities safety objectives are met and done in the most ecologically responsibly way within our County parks. Dan has stepped up to support the natural resource management program though assisting in our annual butterfly monitoring surveys on San Bruno Mountain as well. He is actively developing a tree inspection program and associated training modules for operations staff. In addition, Dan has recently attended a Forest Health Plan Preview (FHP) conducted by Santa Clara County Parks for Mount Madonna County Park. The FHP review by the Santa Clara County described the success of their "Tree Safety Program", synopsis of an environmental review by Consultants for the entire Park, and future projects including; fuel reduction, restoration ecology, and continuation and building of their Tree Safety Staff. This provides an opportunity for San Mateo County Parks to learn and adapt best management

practices from a similar agency to help better meet our tree safety and inspection needs here.

Natural Resource Specialist II

Hannah Ormshaw has attended sensitive bird species trainings for western snowy plover and burrowing owls since the last commission meeting. These trainings will inform our management approach at Tunitas Creek Beach and the overwintering populations of burrowing owls recently identified at a coastal park. She has been actively planning vegetation management activities and priorities at San Bruno Mountain for this coming fall and onward based on her extensive field work earlier this spring and summer. Hannah also continues to support the department through GIS map development and data management. She has helped to provide performance metrics and reporting information related to annual reports through our ArcGIS Collector forms. She has also taken over the Site Activity Review for San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan and Scientific Permitting processes.

Natural Resource Manager

Ramona Arechiga supported the Tunitas Creek Beach emergency access road project by initiating contracts for biological monitors that occurred earlier in June. She has been coordinating with POST and Parks' leadership on Tunitas Creek Beach proposed future public access and developing studies to support access and protection of natural resources. Ramona has also been working to ensure that the Old Haul Road sediment reduction project can begin in fall to address Keystone and Harwood Creek crossings in collaboration with the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District. She has been working with SFPUC concerning ongoing restoration at Junipero Serra County Park related to SFPUC pipeline work. Contracting has been a main focus of the summer months for ongoing vegetation work related to jubata grass infestations on the coast, vegetation work and rare species monitoring on San Bruno Mountain, and developing additional contracts for biological monitoring needs for various routine Parks' projects. Ramona has begun the annual stormwater permit reporting which will be due in late August.

Communications and Community Programs

As reported by Carla Schoof, Community Programs and Communications Manager

Volunteer Program Performance

The volunteer program continues to attract individuals and groups that find it rewarding to share their time with San Mateo County Parks. Volunteer service activities are coordinated by administrative staff and rangers. The length of a service project is typically three hours. Staff time is dedicated to coordinating group requests, preparing materials and the site for the activity, working side-by-side volunteers to provide project direction and to ensure site safety. At the conclusion of an event, staff thank the volunteers and celebrate their accomplishment. Further staff work is required to put away materials, clean up the site and perform basic reporting. This fiscal year, more than 35,000 service hours were contributed to the 22 San Mateo County Parks. This figure includes service projects led by the Department's Natural Resource Management team. Approximately 50 percent of volunteer hours are attributed to park partners, including friends groups, volunteer horse patrol, California Native Plant Society, and San Bruno Mountain Watch. Corporate groups, community service organizations, including scouts, and

schools donate the second portion of service hours. By applying the hourly rate of \$29.09 for volunteer time set by the Independent Sector, we can state that this fiscal year volunteers provided service valued at \$1,018,150.

The demand for service projects in park continues to grow as is evident by the increasing number of service hours reported. At this time though, the Department can't accommodate all the requests being made.

Park Shuttle Service Ends August 26

After two years of service, the Park Shuttle that was initiated to help residents with limited access to transportation visit county parks will end on Sunday, August 26. The service transported residents of East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks and Redwood City to Edgewood and Wunderlich parks. As stated at the February 2018 Parks and Commission meeting, the shuttle has not maintained a ridership level that warrants ongoing funding.

A communications plan to inform the community members and community leaders served by the shuttle about the end of the service has been developed and is being implemented. Park partners who have assisted the Department in providing the service, community groups and elected representatives will also be notified about the service ending.

The Department is committed to developing programs and services that bring county residents to parks, especially those who are not already park users. Park staff have gathered examples of how other park agencies are addressing this need and evaluating how similar programs could be implemented in San Mateo County.

Parks in the Media

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve: The Six Fifty (digital publication) produced a solid article in its Tuesday, July 10 issue on the beauty of the reserve, what to see, and how to visit the reserve with a focus on education. The article featured an interview with Park Ranger Rob Cala and Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve volunteers as well as excellent photography provided by Cala and others.

- <https://thesixfifty.com/peer-into-the-beautiful-tide-pool-wonderland-of-fitzgerald-marine-reserve-6c2b5d43b797>

Tunitas Creek Beach: On Friday, June 29, State Sen. Jerry Hill and Assembly members Marc Berman and Kevin Mullin, along with County Supervisor Don Horsley, greeted media at Tunitas Creek Beach to announce state funding of \$5 Million to be used for early stage site needs, including a constructing a stable emergency access road and installing security gates and signage. Parks and Peninsula Open Space Trust staff worked closely with legislative aides to develop the news release and media event logistics. Coverage occurred in The Mercury News, Half Moon Bay Review and on ABC News.

- <https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/06/29/scenic-beach-in-san-mateo-county-linked-to-singer-chris-isaak-to-get-5-million-restoration/>
- https://www.hmbreview.com/news/state-budget-includes-money-for-tunitas-martin-s-beaches/article_bf92ca08-7a53-11e8-8c36-932608c7dc34.html

- <http://abc7news.com/realestate/tunitas-creek-beach-gets-a-makeover-martins-beach-could-open-to-public/3675991/>

Flood Park: A news release issued to local media regarding the Flood Park Environmental Impact Report was covered by The Almanac in its June 13 publication and The Mercury News in the June 14 edition.

- <https://www.almanacnews.com/news/2018/06/13/flood-park-plan-pits-sports-field-supporters-against-neighbors>
- <https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/06/14/san-mateo-county-flood-park-redesign-worries-nearby-residents/>

Summer Park Interns Support Key Park Projects

This summer, parks administrative staff have welcomed two new interns and one returning intern. All three interns assist with community events, including the kite festival, junior ranger programs, guided hikes and movie nights.

Lia is a senior at San Francisco State University's Recreation, Parks and Tourism program. She is assigned to community program projects, including working to streamline corporate volunteer coordination between the groups and park staff. In addition, Lia is reviewing the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve master plan to identify areas in which the Department can further position the Reserve as an educational site. She is also supporting staff with research on sports fields, field use, and water and hydrology requirements to support Flood Park redesign.

Molly will be a junior at Chapman University this fall. As a communications major, she is assisting in Tunitas Creek Beach communication and outreach, the Park Shuttle program and other park services.

Sana returns to parks this summer. She will be a junior at UC Santa Cruz in the fall. Last year, Sana promoted the Park Shuttle through community outreach in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and Redwood City. Sana and Molly are developing and implementing a communication plan to support the end of the Park Shuttle service. Sana is also researching alternative ways to connect non-traditional parks users with San Mateo County Parks.