

January 9, 1995 – Agenda

Status Report on Current Projects – Master Plan Projects

Scott Creek Beach: Staff has completed a final draft of the snowy plover Habitat Conservation Plan and submitted it to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for editing. The Habitat Conservation Plan is necessary for environmental clearance of the Scott Creek Beach project. Staff has also been advised that the existing EIR for the North Coast Beaches Master Plan is outdated and must be amended to meet the Federal environmental clearance for the ISTEA funds. Staff will be working with County Planning in an effort to accomplish this.

Snowy Plover: On March 4 and 18, 1995, staff has scheduled educational workshops to train volunteers for next season's snowy plover protection project. Last years efforts were a success.

February 13, 1995 - Agenda

Directors Report

We will again be holding Snowy Plover workshops if you would like to participate the information is contained on these flyers

Note: the "flyers" are not included in the minutes

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March 13, 1995 - Agenda

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Scott Creek Beach: The Planning Department has begun working on the initial studies for the Supplemental EIR. Staff anticipates the final EIR by January, 1996.

Snowy Plover: On March 4 and 18, 1995, staff has scheduled educational workshops to train volunteers for this season's snowy plover protection project. Last year's efforts were very successful.

April 10, 1995 - Agenda

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Scott Creek Beach: Staff will meet with the Planning Department staff in April to finalize the initial studies for the Supplemental EIR and EIS. The Supplemental EIR is necessary for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); the EIS is necessary for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Staff will be integrating these two environmental review processes in order to receive environmental clearance from all reviewing agencies.

Snowy Plover: Staff trained an additional 18 volunteers at this year's workshops, despite the rain. The snowy plover breeding season is upon us again, and staff has already begun deploying protection efforts at the beaches.

May 8, 1995 - Agenda

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Snowy Plover: Efforts to protect this endangered species continue. To date, three nests have been exclosed at Laguna Beach, and one nest is protected at Scott Creek Beach.

June 1995 - Agenda

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**North Coast Beaches Advisory Committee May 15, 1995
Minutes – March 20, 1995**

B. Scott Creek Beach

Staff related that on March 17, John Hoekstra of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service organized a meeting regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), as he was receiving calls regarding the Plan. It appeared that the Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO) had forwarded copies of the HCP to various persons for comments, who sent their comments to the reviewers in Oregon. She noted that most of the comments expressed concern regarding the Environmental Impact Report addressing the snowy plover on the dune. Staff stated that dune and snowy plover proponents met and agreed to request that the plateau remain void of vegetation for plover nesting, providing two acres for snowy plovers. Staff also noted that Doug George had expressed concerns that the plan did not adequately address plover protection. An effort is underway to create two bands of vegetation through each area of prevailing wind.

In regard to the monitoring plan, staff noted that it needs to be amended again to include monitoring of snowy plovers; she stated that currently PRBO is monitoring the plovers, and the County will be responsible for managing the dune vegetation for the plover habitat. Staff stated that the HCP is being revised to reflect those changes, and will be sent out for permits later this spring. The Committee requested that they be provided copies of the HCP. Staff also noted that the Site Specific Master Plan will be amended to include the snowy plover monitoring.

Staff stated that construction will hopefully begin in fall of 1996. The Environmental Review of Scott Creek Beach and archaeological record search have been sent to Caltrans, along with the hydrologic study, Caltrans encroachment permits, etc., and that it was indicated this was sufficient information and that no further reviews will be necessary for those items. Kim Tschantz of County Planning is doing the Environmental Assessment, which will include the Section IV evaluation, a transportation and traffic analysis, a biotic review and hang gliding study. These studies will be evaluated as required by both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff stated that a 45-day public review and comment period will follow, sometime during summer; the Committee will most likely be requested to provide their comments and consideration during that time.

July 1995 - Cancelled

August 1995 – No Meeting

September 11, 1995 - Agenda

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Scott Creek Beach: The County has hired Simpson Environmental to prepare the necessary environmental documents. We do not anticipate the SEIR and EA until March, 1996.

Snowy Plover: The snowy plover 1995 breeding season is over on the north coast. Staff has planned a pot-luck picnic on September 17 for the volunteers at Quail Hollow Ranch, where the season results will be presented.

October 11, 1995 – Agenda

Status Report on Current Projects - Master Plan Projects

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November 13, 1995 – Agenda

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December 11, 1995 - Agenda

Status Report on Current Projects - Master Plan Projects

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