

January 2000 – No Meeting

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: On December 15, 1999, the Federal Highway Administration reviewed the final SEIR/EA for public release. If approved, the documents will be published and the project will go before the County Planning Commission on January 24, 2000.

February 16, 2000 - Agenda

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: On January 26, 2000, the Planning Commission approved the final SEIR/EA, and approved the Application. The Development Permit should be issued by the second week in February, 2000.

March 13, 2000 - Agenda

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: On January 26, 2000, the Planning Commission approved the final SEIR/EA, and approved the Application. The Development Permit for the project was issued on February 17, 2000. With the permit in hand, staff are working with the design consultant to revise the plans per the permit requirements. In addition, staff has completed the Request for Funding Allocation form work and has submitted it to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for processing.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1999 ANNUAL REPORT

2000 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Complete design and installation of Hestwood Park
- In cooperation with the Community, build a skate facility at Highlands County Park
- Work with the community to identify a site for a skate facility in Aptos
- Complete the Quail Hollow Ranch County Park Master Plan process
- Construct a ballfield at Pinto Lake County Park
- Start a mobile recreation program
- Implement a drop-in summer recreation program at Jose Avenue Park
- Construct improvements at Scott Creek Beach
- Construct a new restroom facility at Greyhound Rock
- Work with community to find a site for a soccer field in the San Lorenzo Valley

April 10, 2000 - Agenda

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: Staff are working with the design consultant to revise the plans per the permit requirements. In addition, the Request for Funding Allocation form work has been reviewed by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and has been forwarded to the Caltrans District 5, Local Assistance Engineer for processing. To offset potential funding deficiencies for the project, staff has submitted another grant application to the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission, requesting \$163,000 in Surface Transportation Program funds to augment the existing project budget.

Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: The ongoing seasonal protection and education program has begun with the first new volunteer training event scheduled for March 26, 2000. After the training, planned activities this spring and summer include relocation and renovation of habitat fencing, educational workshops in partnership with State Parks and Point Reyes Bird Observatory and installation of nest protection devices with volunteer assistance on an on-call basis.

Maintenance Division – Status Report

The use of the North Coast Beaches has increased this month and staff are spending additional time on weed abatement and trash collection.

May 8, 2000 - Agenda

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: Staff are working with the design consultant to revise the plans per the permit requirements. In addition, the Request for Funding Allocation form work has been reviewed by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and has been forwarded to the Caltrans District 5, Local Assistance Engineer for processing. To offset potential funding deficiencies for the project, staff has submitted another grant application to the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission, requesting \$163,000 in Surface Transportation Program funds to augment the existing project budget. The Regional Transportation Commission will make a final decision on which projects qualify for the Surface Transportation Program on May 4, 2000.

Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: Planned activities this spring and summer include relocation and renovation of habitat fencing, educational workshops in partnership with State Parks and Point Reyes Bird Observatory and installation of nest protection devices with volunteer assistance on an on-call basis. To date, the seasonal perimeter delineation fences have been extended for the breeding season (which is in full swing) and five plover nests have been protected. One nest was lost due to predation by mallard ducks. This Easter weekend, volunteers will be handing out brochures at Laguna Creek and Scott Creek Beaches to assist in educating the public to the nesting birds.

June 12, 2000 - Agenda

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: Staff are working with the design consultant to revise the plans per the permit requirements. In addition, the Request for Funding Allocation form work has been reviewed by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and has been forwarded to the Caltrans District 5, Local Assistance Engineer for processing. To offset potential funding deficiencies for the project, staff submitted another grant application to the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission, requesting \$163,000 to augment the existing project budget. On May 4, 2000, the Regional Transportation Commission approved grant funding in the amount of \$155,000 toward the construction of the Scott Creek Beach Project.

Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: The breeding season for the birds is in full swing and approximately 10 nests have been protected, including a rare nest on the Corcoran Lagoon Beach. While some young have been lost to predation, there are healthy baby plovers at nests on Scott Creek Beach. The Corcoran Lagoon beach nest may have been deserted by the parent birds, as the parents were seen at Wilder Ranch recently.

Maintenance Division – Status Report

- ❖ **North County Parks** (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Probation, Michael Grey Field and the North Coast)

Maintenance personnel helped the Planning staff prepare for snowy plover protection on the North Coast.

July 2000 - No Meeting

August 21, 2000 – Agenda Director' Report

Good evening members of the Commission. It is a pleasure to report that the County Budget hearings went very well and we have a good budget for this fiscal year. There are many projects planned and several new programs. Currently the Anna Jean Cummings Park is under construction with a planned opening date in April 2001. We awarded the contract for the construction of the little league field at Pinto Lake County park and anticipate it will be ready for play by next April also. In addition we anticipate preparing plans for the construction of Hestwood Park, a new play structure at Brommer Park, a restroom at Greyhound Rock and the plans for the Scott Creek Beach project are out to bid. We have installed a new swing set at Seascape Park and next week will begin installing a new set of swings at Coffee Lane Park.

Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: Caltrans District 5, Local Assistance Engineer has given authorization to begin the bidding process for the project. Bids will be due for the access enhancement and dune stabilization project on September 12, 2000. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$486,655.

Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: The egg laying season for the birds is winding down and thus far this year the number of fledged new birds has been on the average to high side. No chicks survived at the unexpected Corcoran Lagoon site. Fencing removal and adjustments will follow in the coming two months with the season technically over in September.

September 11, 2000 - Agenda

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Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: The egg laying season for the birds has ended and thus far this year the number of nests has been high but the number of actual fledged new birds has been low. No chicks survived at the unexpected Corcoran Lagoon site. Fencing removal and adjustments will follow in the coming month with the season technically over at the end of September.

October 16, 2000 – Agenda Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: Caltrans District 5, Local Assistance Engineer has given authorization to begin the bidding process for the project. Bids were opened on September 12 with the low bid coming in at \$506,293 from Reber Construction. The engineers estimate for the project was \$505,977. The project is scheduled to be brought back before the Board on October 24, 2000 with the financing package and recommendation for award of contract.

Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: The egg laying season for the birds has ended and thus far this year the number of nests has been high but the number of actual fledged new birds has been low. No chicks survived at the unexpected Corcoran Lagoon site. Fencing removal and adjustments will follow in the coming month with the season technically over at the end of September.

November 13, 2000 - Agenda Park Planning - Status Report

Scott's Creek Beach: The Board of Supervisors approved the award of the contract in the amount of \$506,293 to Reber Construction on October 24, 2000. Parks Department staff are now setting up the support contracts, which include resident engineer, site archaeologist, and an environmental monitoring consultant. When the support contracts are in place, the pre-construction conference will be held.

Snowy Plover Protection Program 2000: The last plover "exclosures" have been removed and a perimeter fencing adjustment at Scott Creek and Laguna beach is forthcoming in early November. Season will start up again in March 2001.

December 2000 – No Meeting