

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: May 14, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 4, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Cecily Harris, Development Consultant

SUBJECT: Coyote Point Recreation Area – Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept informational report.

BACKGROUND:

The Coyote Point Recreation Area is a 687-acre regionally-important park destination located on the San Francisco Bay shoreline. The Recreation Area is comprised of 149 land acres and 538 water acres. These water acres have always been an important feature of the park. For over thirty years, this site has been used by beginning to advanced windsurfers on windy afternoons, typically from April to October. A growing population of sea kayakers and stand-up paddlers also use the site on less windy days. Today Boardsports, a park concessionaire, offers classes and rentals for windsurfing, kiteboarding and stand-up paddlers.

In 2007, County Parks launched a planning process to improve and repair the north-facing shoreline frontage bound by the Coyote Point headland to the east and the Airport Boulevard promontory to the west. A twelve-foot-wide Promenade Trail running along the frontage had been protected from coastal erosion by a variety of retaining structures since the 1920's. These structures had fallen into disrepair through storm-wave damage, causing parts of the Promenade to collapse. In 2010, the Promenade Project was further split into two projects to facilitate planning and construction, Western and Eastern Promenade improvements.

During September 2014, renovations to the Coyote Point Western Promenade were completed. The Project resulted in a completely rebuilt and armored promenade breakwater, rehabilitation of the trail and creation of three new access ramps into the Bay for park visitors. These improvements protected the adjacent shoreline area from

erosion and structural damage as well as parking area and other park amenities from permanent sea rise or periodic flooding during high tide events.

The Promenade Trail is a spur trail to the San Francisco Bay Trail and has been identified as a High Opportunity Site for inclusion as part of the San Francisco Bay Water Trail.

As the Western Promenade Project was complete, it was time to revisit the Eastern Promenade Project. The San Mateo County Park Foundation has secured the funding for the Eastern Promenade Project planning phase which will result in a biddable set of plans, permits and specifications.

DISCUSSION:

The Coyote Point Eastern Promenade is an equally important attraction for park visitors. As a result of a flat shoreline, gentle slope and relatively protected bay, the bay waters are easily reached for open water swimmers and beach goers. During summer months, many families can be seen enjoying the beach and bay. The large parking area, restroom with outdoor rinsing shower, meadow area and picnic tables complete the destination for part or all day visits.

During the prior Promenade design phase, the contractor studied the tidal and wind impacts to the beach and developed partial plans and permits for the Eastern Promenade. These plans help adapt the site for future climate change through shape, orientation and inclusion of natural habitat.

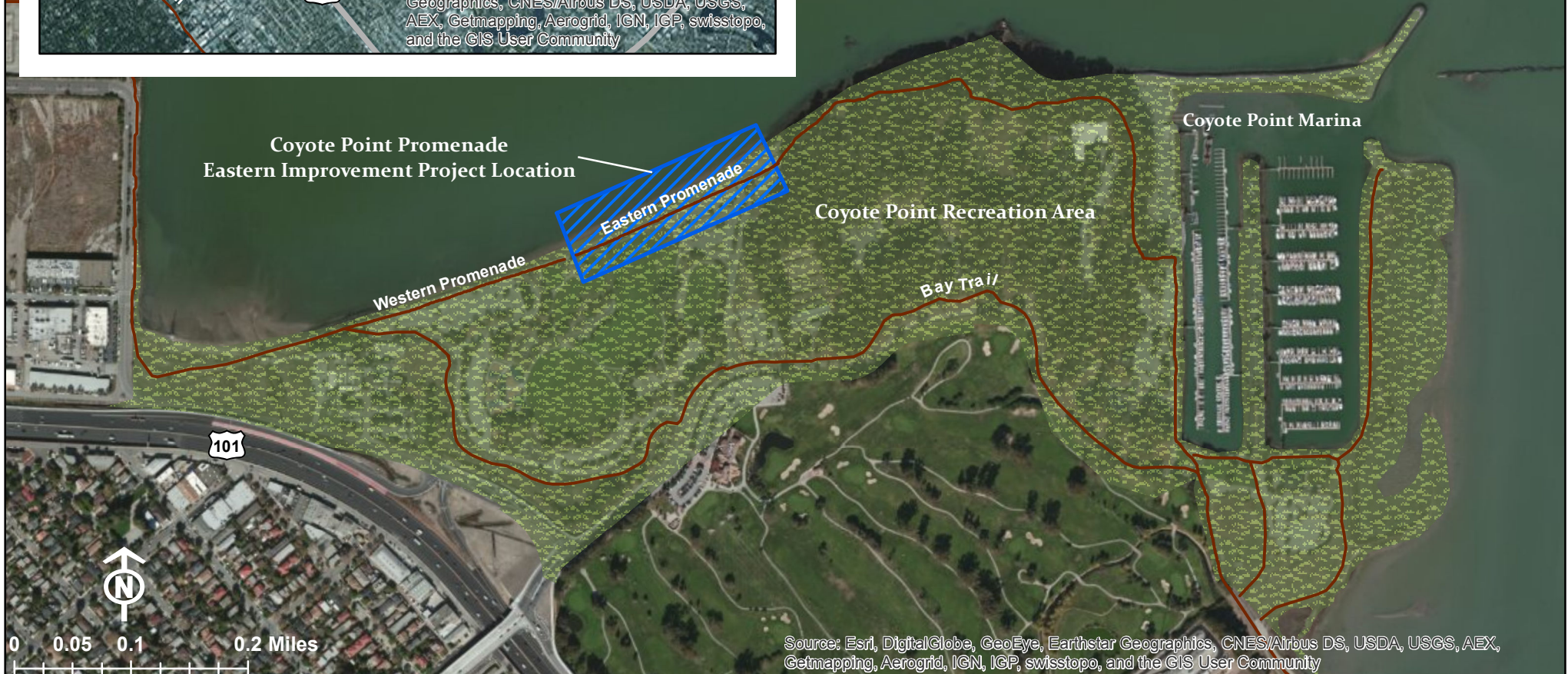
The Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project work scope includes creation of a new beach within a crenulate-shaped bay, new sand dune habitat that adapts the site to potential climate change, replacement of 75 parking spaces up the hill from the promenade, a new restroom building across the road from its current site, and relocation of utilities.

In April 2015, the County solicited proposals from the On-Call Agreement list of pre-approved contractors. Three qualified proposals were received. A team of County Parks and Public Works reviewed the proposals and selected one as the most qualified. We have recommended an award of agreement on the July 7 Board of Supervisors meeting.

At future Commission meetings, we will report upon the progress of this Project.



Coyote Point Promenade Eastern Improvement Project: Vicinity Map





Coyote Point Promenade Eastern Improvement Project: Project Site Map



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

LEGEND

- Eastern Promenade - New Route
- New Beach Area
- New Dunes
- Breakwater
- ♂
♀ New Restroom Location (Tentative)
- Additional Parking Area (Tentative)
- Eastern Promenade - Existing Route
- Western Promenade
- Coyote Point Recreation Area
- High Water Line