Coyote Point Promenade Western Shoreline: Final Programmatic Report (AMENDED)

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1. Summary of Accomplishments
San Mateo County Parks is pleased to report that the Promenade Western Shoreline Project is finished and in use. The Project resulted in increased, improved shoreline use through the re-building and re-arming of a shoreline levee which enabled restoration of the accessible pathway for walkers, joggers, roller skaters and anyone using mobility devices. The Project also created three new appropriately-engineered access ramps into the San Francisco Bay for non-motorized recreational use by windsurfers, kayakers and standup paddlers.

The new promenade pathway is a spur to the San Francisco Bay Trail and offers an opportunity for Coyote Point Recreation Area visitors to safely view the bay shoreline, recreate along the shoreline or access the bay on ramps exiting the pathway. Trail users can travel to/from the north from the City of Burlingame along the Bay Trail onto the Promenade at Coyote Point Recreation Area.

BoardSports, the watersports concessionaire, located in the Promenade parking lot can now offer its customers the full Promenade Western Shoreline for their classes and rentals.

2. Project Activities & Outcomes

Activities
This project used public and private funds to construct the Promenade Western Shoreline: Cosco Busan Recreational Use Program Grant, U.S. Coast Guard funds administered by the California Division of Boating and Waterways, and San Mateo County Park Foundation donations. The acknowledgment sign includes logos for all the funders.

The project, based on existing plans and permits was intended to re-open a popular shoreline recreational trail and heavily-used access ramps into the bay. A contractor was hired to use the approved construction documents and follow the approved permit requirements to improve the levee, pathway and access ramps. A project manager and the County Public Works Department managed and inspected the project while construction was underway. Biological monitors ensured that construction work was done when impacts to eelgrass wouldn’t occur.

There are no discrepancies between the approved plans and permits and constructed levee, trail and ramps.

Benefits
The project is 100% complete. All recreational benefits are achieved as the large number and wide variety of trail and access ramp users have returned and have begun using the Promenade again.
With this project, we achieved the three outcomes outlined as goals in our proposal. We have a rebuilt levee designed to withstand the impacts of high winds and waves. We have a new, safe accessible trail for all park users. We have three engineered ramps where non-motorized boaters can hand carry their boats or boards into the bay.

San Mateo County Parks has a popular commemorative bench program that allows friends, family and co-workers to honor or memorialize someone with a park bench. Four bench sites have been designated at the Promenade Western Shoreline. A family of a recently deceased windsurfer is very pleased to be able to honor their father with a commemorative bench that faces the bayshore. Park visitors will be able to take advantage of the new bench to relax and enjoy the view.

3. The Future
The current and future of this project is to maintain the shoreline levee, recreation trail, and access ramps. Coyote Point Park Rangers will maintain the trail and ramps per the design specifications and Park Department standards.

Stakeholders and users are being notified. Partners such as the San Francisco Bay Trail and San Francisco Bay Water Trail are updating their maps and websites. Stakeholder groups such as San Francisco Boardsailors Association, Bay Area Sea Kayakers and Western Sea Kayakers are being notified so they can plan for future individual or group use.

The next phase will be to secure the funds for rehabilitation of the adjacent Eastern Promenade which offers a pocket beach and trails through native coastal dune habitat.

4. Project Documents
   • Photos are attached
Image 1: Photo shows failed shoreline armoring prior to the project. Concrete blocks have separated from the Promenade pathway. Public access ramps for watersports are neither safe nor easy to use.
Image 2: Photo shows buckling of public access ramps and lack of revetment prior to the project.
Image 3: Prior to the project, revetment boulders were no longer in effective placement to protect the Promenade. In addition, Promenade trail users had no curb between the trail and revetment.
Image 4: Well-engineered access ramp is shown (post-project). The ramp has interlocking blocks, is flush with Promenade trail, is built down to the bay mud, and is well defined amidst the revetment.
COYOTE POINT RECREATION AREA
PROMENADE SHORELINE

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Image 5: Sign acknowledging contributors to the project.
Image 6: View of new access ramp from Bay at low tide (post-project). Shows easy access from the Bay to the Promenade for recreational users who carry boats, boards and sails.
Image 7: View of another new ramp and shoreline revetment built to withstand tides and wind (post-project).
Image 8: View of Promenade showing newly paved trail that links to other park pathways (post project). Photo shows new curb/seating wall and adequate revetment.